

Dear Senator Timothy Shaffer,

I am an Ohioan that is opposed to HB 175 - Deregulation of certain ephemeral water features.

Headwaters of watersheds are important in maintaining water quality, preventing erosion and recharging groundwater. The predicted increase in the number and amount of excessive rainfall events will make protecting ephemeral water even more important in the future.

Ephemeral water features such as vernal pools are critical habitat for many amphibians such as salamanders and frogs that contribute to the healthy biodiversity of our planet.

Please oppose HB 175.

Sincerely,
Gail Reynolds