

**Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner
John P. McCulloch Presents:
Dirt Doctors**



What is the Dirt Doctors Program?

The Dirt Doctors program is designed to teach children how individual actions affect our waterways. The program explains the connections between vegetation, soil erosion and water quality in a fun-filled, interactive program complete with squirt guns and a fair amount of dirt and mud. The Dirt Doctors debuted in September 2005 to rave reviews from both students and teachers.

Why Does Oakland County Need Dirt Doctors?

According to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, sediment is the number one storm water pollutant. To address this source, Oakland *Plus* obtained a grant from the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project to establish the Dirt Doctors. Under this grant, five OCWRC employees were trained as doctors, props were built and the equipment was purchased to successfully implement this program.



What's Next for the Dirt Doctors?

OCWRC is continuing the successful Dirt Doctors program in 2008 and beyond with presentations at local Water Festivals, elementary schools, and other special community events. Please contact the OCWRC Environmental Team at (248) 858-0958 or envreq@oakgov.com for more information.