



The Quarterly

The Little Miami River Partnership Newsletter

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Connecting People and Resources to Promote a Healthy Little Miami River Watershed

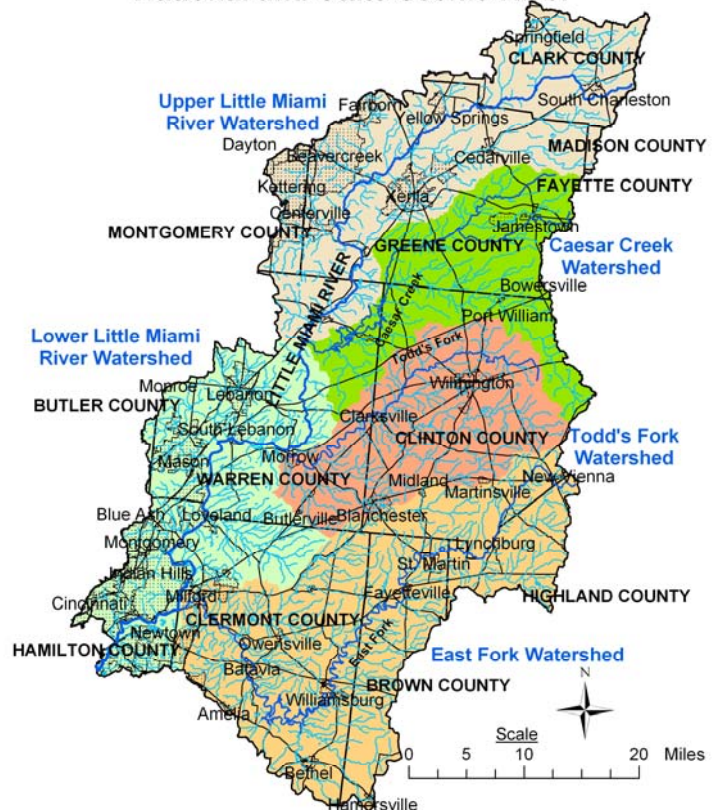
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**The Little Miami River Watershed
National and State Scenic River**





The Watershed Warble

A report on the activities of the Little Miami River Partnership

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Submitted Application for WRRSP Funds

Partnered with Warren County Water and Sewer District to develop a nomination packet and submitted an application for the 2007 Water Resource Restoration Sponsor Program (WRRSP). The proposed project targets Lick Run in the Todd's Fork watershed and requests \$2,000,000.00 dollars for riparian protection and \$1,200,000.00 for riparian restoration.

Twin Creek Watershed Action Plan and ODNR Grant

LMRP assisted ODNR, Three-Valley Trust and the Miami Valley RC&D to find a solution to completing the Watershed Action Plan for the Twin Creek Watershed and on how to get implementation completed on that plan. LMRP then assisted Miami Valley RC&D to apply for an ODNR Watershed Action Plan Implementation Grant so that they could hire a Watershed Coordinator and implement the Twin Creek Watershed Action Plan. The grant will be worth approximately \$95,000.00 spread over three years, if MVRC&D receives the grant.

Todd's Fork Implementation Meeting

LMRP meet with representatives of the City of Wilmington, Clinton County Open Lands, Inc., Clinton County Stream Keepers, and Clinton County Parks District to start the process for identifying specific projects that can improve water quality and possible funding opportunities. This should result in multiple implementation grant requests and grant applications in 2007.

Watershed Institute

In October, Dennis TenWolde, LMRP's Watershed Coordinator attended a 4 day workshop and training on the Watershed Institutes watershed management process.

New ODNR Watershed Action Plan Implementation Grant!

LMRP received a three year grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to implement the watershed action plans in the Little Miami River Watershed. This grant will provide \$90,000.00 for personnel costs over the next three years.

Livable Landscapes Conference

LMRP provided assistance to the Miami Valley RC&D on their Livable Landscapes Conference, held in Waynesville on November 16th, 2006. This conference, called "Putting Conservation Development on the Ground in Southwest Ohio" brought in nationally recognized leaders in the field of conservation development and attracted over 100 participants from all over the Midwest.

Lower Little Miami River Watershed Action Plan

In the past few months the Evaluation and Project Identification sections of the Watershed Action Plan have been completed. All that remains to be completed before the Watershed Action Plan can be submitted to the ODNR and OEPA for endorsement is a final public meeting to get public comments on the plan. The WAP should be turned in for endorsement in early 2007.

Watershed Coordinator Meeting

On November 3rd, LMRP's watershed coordinator attended a training and meeting put on by the association of Ohio watershed coordinators. This meeting was to design to allow the watershed coordinators share methods and possible implementation strategies when working with the OEPA, ODNR and utilizing the written Watershed Action Plans.

The Watershed Warble, continued

Working with Funding Partners

Over the past three months, LMRP has been to several meetings of the Clermont, Hamilton, and Greene Soil and Water Conservation Districts to discuss with them future funding of LMRP and its projects. By this process we were able to provide our funders with evidence of the work we accomplish and to learn from them priorities that need to be addressed in their counties.

Green Acres

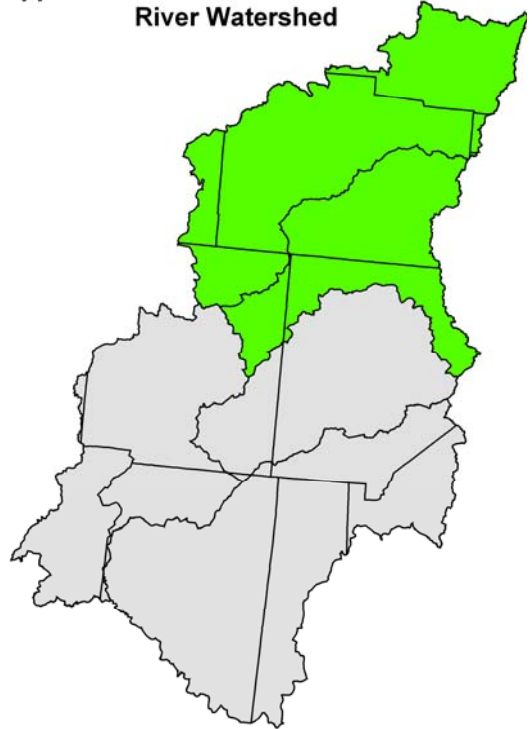
LMRP met with representatives from Green Acres to discuss and provide them assistance with development and redevelopment issues concerning their property in Cincinnati.

The Upper Little Miami River and Caesar's Creek Watershed

Upper Little Miami and Caesar's Creek
River Watershed

Little Miami River Watershed Water Quality Festival

On October 21st, the Warren SWCD and Green Health Department with the help the US Corp of Engineers held a festival on water quality at the Caesar's Creek State Park. Over 100 people attended.



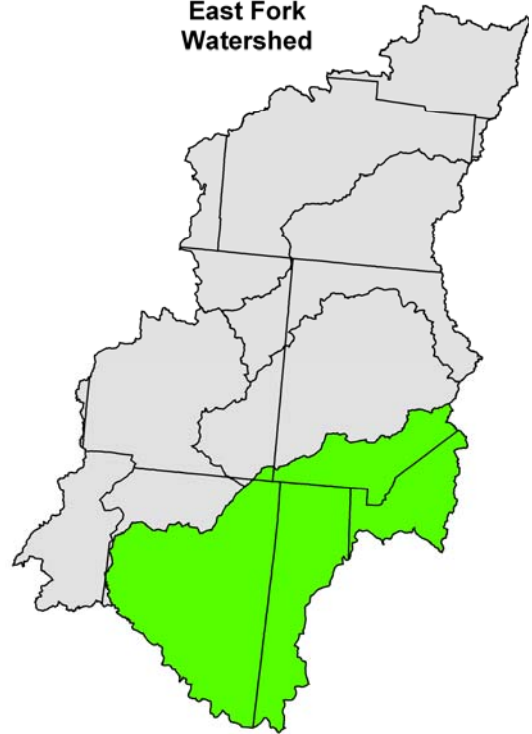
The East Fork Watershed (provided by Jason Brown)

Two Watershed Action Plans Completed!

Jason Brown, the Clermont Soil and Water Conservation District's East Fork Watershed Coordinator has completed, submitted and received State endorsement for the two Watershed Action Plans, seen below. Congratulations!

Both Watershed Action Plans (WAP's)'s can be viewed and downloaded at; www.clermontswcd.org and www.oeq.net

East Fork Watershed



Headwaters WAP endorsed on September 25th, 2006

Lake Tributaries WAP endorsed on November 7th, 2006



East Fork Little Miami River
Watershed Action Plan

East Fork Headwaters Watershed Management Plan

August 2005



Picture of the West Fork, East Fork Headwaters Watershed



East Fork Little Miami River
Watershed Action Plan

East Fork Lake Tributaries Watershed Management Plan

September 2006



East Fork Little Miami River entering William H. Harsha Lake

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The East Fork Watershed, continued

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Grant Application Submitted

Applied for \$2500 US Fish & Wildlife, Fish Habitat Restoration (FHR) Grant to restore 2 acres of riparian and floodplain habitat along the East Branch of Avey's Run in the Lower East Fork watershed.

ODNR Implementation Grant Received!

Clermont Soil and Water Conservation District received the 3 year ODNR Watershed Coordinator Implementation Grant, to implement WAP's in East Fork, beginning in January 2007. Congratulations!

Source Water Protection

Partnering with Clermont County Water and Sewer District to develop a Source Water Protection Plan for the Bob McEwen Water Treatment Plant. This plan will be the first Source Water Protection Plan that concentrates on surface water, to be submitted to the Ohio EPA's Division of Drinking and Ground Waters.

Submitted Application for WRRSP Funds

Partnered with Clermont Office of Environmental Quality, Clermont County Water and Sewer District and Clermont County Park District to develop a nomination packet and submit an application for the 2007 Water Resource Restoration Sponsor Program (WRRSP). The proposed project targets over 400 acres of riparian and floodplain land for protection in the Lower East Fork watershed. It also targets three potential stream restoration projects in Hall and Salt Run's.

New Information of Streams!

Just received *Geomorphic Assessment of Hall and Shayler Runs* (located in the Lower East Fork watershed) conducted and written by personnel from the Environmental Management Program (EMP) at the Voinovich Center for Leadership and Public Affairs at Ohio University. This assessment identifies over a dozen potential stream restoration and enhancement projects in Hall and Shayler Runs and provides geomorphic data for over one hundred sites within Hall Run and Shayler Run watersheds.

Upcoming Events

Greenacres Saturday Stream Snapshot Citizen Monitoring Program will hold its 4th annual Data Sharing Brunch Potluck at the Izaak Walton League Lodge January 13th from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Dr. Michael Miller, Biology Professor at University of Cincinnati and Anne Lyon, Water Quality Project Director at Greenacres Foundation will summarize the 2006 data by sub-basin and compare it to the 2003-2005 data to see what we learned from our sampling. In addition an Ohio EPA team member from the Lower Little Miami TMDL Study will discuss the upcoming TMDL study that will be taking place in the Lower Little Miami Watershed starting in Spring 2007. Please bring a covered dish to share. Table service and beverages will be provided. For more information, contact Anne Lyon at (513) 891-4227 or alyon@green-acres.org. All are welcome!

A Woodland Management Seminar for Landowners is scheduled for Saturday, March 3, 2007, at Sharon Woods Centre from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. This seminar will cover the threat of Emerald Ash Borer, Owner Liability, Protecting the Environment and Natural Resources During Timber Harvest, Chain Saw Safety, Using a Service Forester vs. a Consultant, Habitat Diversity, How to become a Certified Tree Farmer and CAUV vs. Ohio Forestry Tax Law. These sessions will speak to both absentee land owners as well as small woodlot owners.

This seminar is sponsored by the Hamilton & Butler County Soil & Water Conservation Districts, Ohio Division of Forestry and Natural Resources Conservation Service. For more information and registration, call 513-772-7645.