



The Quarterly

The Little Miami River Partnership Newsletter

Volume 9 Number 4
December 2007

Vision

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

Mission

Promote a Healthy Little Miami River Watershed through Collaboration, Planning, Education and Action

In this Issue of the Quarterly:

The Watershed Warble – Updates on the Little Miami River Partnership and its activities

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





The Watershed Warble

A report on the activities of the Little Miami River Partnership

Vision

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

Mission

Promote a Healthy Little Miami River Watershed through Collaboration, Planning, Education and Action.

Little Miami River Watershed CREP (Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program)

Over the past months, the possibility of developing a 20,000 acre, \$50 million CREP for the Little Miami River watershed has been finalized. The LMRP in partnership with Greene County Sanitary Engineering and Rick Shamblin has led this effort through:

- Holding a meeting with Cincinnati MSD to garner their support
- Addressed consultant and capacity issues with several POTW's (Publicly Owned Treatment Works)
- LMRP submitted a proposal to the POTW's to write the CREP Application for \$185,000.
- LMRP has started to undertake contract negotiations with the POTW's.
- LMRP has started to undertake contract negotiations with Rick Shamblin.
- All POTW's are currently on board with finding the project except one, who is undecided.

Because of all of this work, LMRP hope to start the CREP application process in January, 2007.

1st Annual Little Miami River Watershed Photo Contest and the Dayton Art Institute

The Photo Contest has ended for this year and a number of great photos were selected as winners. These can be seen soon on our website at www.littlemiamiriver.org. On March 2nd, 2007, the winning photos will go display for over five weeks at a gallery in the Dayton Art Institute. This professional level exhibition will bring a lot of attention to our river! Plus, LMRP is in the process of working on a Opening Night Event for the exhibit which should occur on March 1st, 2007. Details will be forth coming soon!!

Lower Little Miami River WAP (Watershed Action Plan)

Work has been completed on the latest version of the LLMR WAP. It has been sent out to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for review and approval. LMRP will hold public meeting and reviews of the document in the early new year.

Equipment Purchases

Because of receiving the 2007 OEEF Grant from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, LMRP was able to purchase several needed pieces of equipment. LMRP purchased a Dell laptop, software bundles, Dell power point projector, all-in-one HP Printer and ink, and a very nice PA system. The PA system is a wireless, cordless, 2 speaker system designed to reach crowds of over 500 people. It runs off rechargeable batteries and includes a wireless mike, wireless headset and wireless label pin. ANY partners of LMRP can use the PA system for events or field days – just call and reserve it!

ESRI Donation

LMRP requested and received over a \$5,000 donation of ArcGIS software from ESRI in December. This software will enable LMRP employees to actively work on environmental issues with the most cutting edge GIS technology. Thank you ESRI!!

Enviorthon

LMRP is participating in the Southwest Ohio's Enviorthon for 2008. We have provided research materials and questions for competition. In addition, we are working with the core planning group to move the whole project forward.