



Who Speaks for the River?



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Anytime we've sought her out, the Little Miami River has been there.

She has flowed through our history, peaceably. She is the thread that has woven the people, places and stories of the Little Miami Watershed into a bright and colorful tapestry of legacy and hope for the future.

ABOUT THE LITTLE MIAMI RIVER

The Little Miami River originates near Clifton Gorge State Nature Preserve and National Natural Landmark. Flowing through a deep gorge, wooded bluffs, and rolling farmlands, it is located between Dayton and Cincinnati, placing it within an hour's drive of more than **THREE MILLION PEOPLE.**





THE LITTLE MIAMI WATERSHED NETWORK

strives to enhance the quality of life on the private and public lands along the Little Miami River through promoting protection, stimulating public interest, and encouraging the preservation of the heritage, cleanup and restoration.

We've worked to promote stewardship, facilitate communications and build partnerships across the watershed, while envisioning a sustainable, high quality Little Miami watershed for people and wildlife now and in the future.

Recreational Economic Study

Seven months long

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Environmental Sciences

43 miles of river

24 volunteers conducted
the study



TOTAL RECREATIONAL IMPACT

- **836,000** trips took place to **45 sites** along the Little Miami River.



RECREATIONAL IMPACT

within the
Bellbrook/Sugarcreek Twp.
area

- **32,919** trips took place to 2 **sites** along the Little Miami River.

Sites

- Mill Bridge Launch
- Morris Reserve



TOTAL RECREATIONAL IMPACT

- Recreational value is estimated to be **\$14.9 million per year.**





RECREATIONAL IMPACT within the Bellbrook/Sugarcreek Twp. area

- Recreational value is estimated to be **\$596,381 million per year.**

Little Miami River
Economic Study
Data by Community

General

836,000 trips to 45 sites

14.9 million recreation value

GREENE COUNTY

Greene County

Visits – 684,849

of sites - 37

Recreation Value - \$12,703,726

Beavercreek/Beavercreek Twp

Visits – 125,787

of Sites – 4

Recreation Value – \$2,317,575

Bellbrook/Sugarcreek Twp

Visits – 32,919

of Sites – 2

Recreation Value – \$596,381

Clifton

Visits – 59,930

of Sites – 3

Recreation Value – \$1,100,426

Spring Valley/Spring Valley Twp

Visits – 45,998

of Sites – 7

Recreation Value – \$833,206

Xenia and Xenia Twp.

Visits – 119,317

of Sites – 5

Recreation Value – \$2,191,291

Yellow Springs/Miami Twp.

Visits – 300,898

of Sites – 17

Recreation Value – \$5,664,847

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CLARK COUNTY

Clark County
Visits – 25,402
of Sites – 1
Recreation Value – \$464,674

WARREN COUNTY

Warren County

Visits – 96,196
of Sites – 9
Recreation Value – \$1,804,456

Waynesville/Corwin/Wayne Township

Visits – 91,461
of Sites – 7
Recreation Value – \$1,572,335

Oregonia/Washington Township

Visits – 12,673
of Sites – 2
Recreation Value – \$232,121

RECREATIONAL IMPACT

- Across **43 river miles** studied, recreation generates **\$346,500 per mile per year** in benefits.



WHAT DO WE DO WITH THIS INFORMATION?

The results were astounding. We, of course, knew what an asset to the region the Little Miami River always has been. Having access to such a comprehensive study is an opportunity to inform and engage local governments and the public of the need to invest in and promote this valuable asset.





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This effort is important from both an economic and an environmental point of view, helping us to protect the river and its corridor. Having the Little Miami River as a focal point in this region will help communities attract young families, retain the younger generation and build a connection with the environment and local citizens.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Now more than ever, the river needs someone to speak for her. Someone to look out for her and protect her. Protecting the floodplains and enhancing the riparian buffers are two ways that we can stand up for this asset. The Little Miami River needs someone to stand for her now, so she can continue to stand at our sides for generations to come.

Can we count on you to stand for the Little Miami River?





**JOIN US IN GIVING THE
LITTLE MIAMI RIVER A
VOICE.**

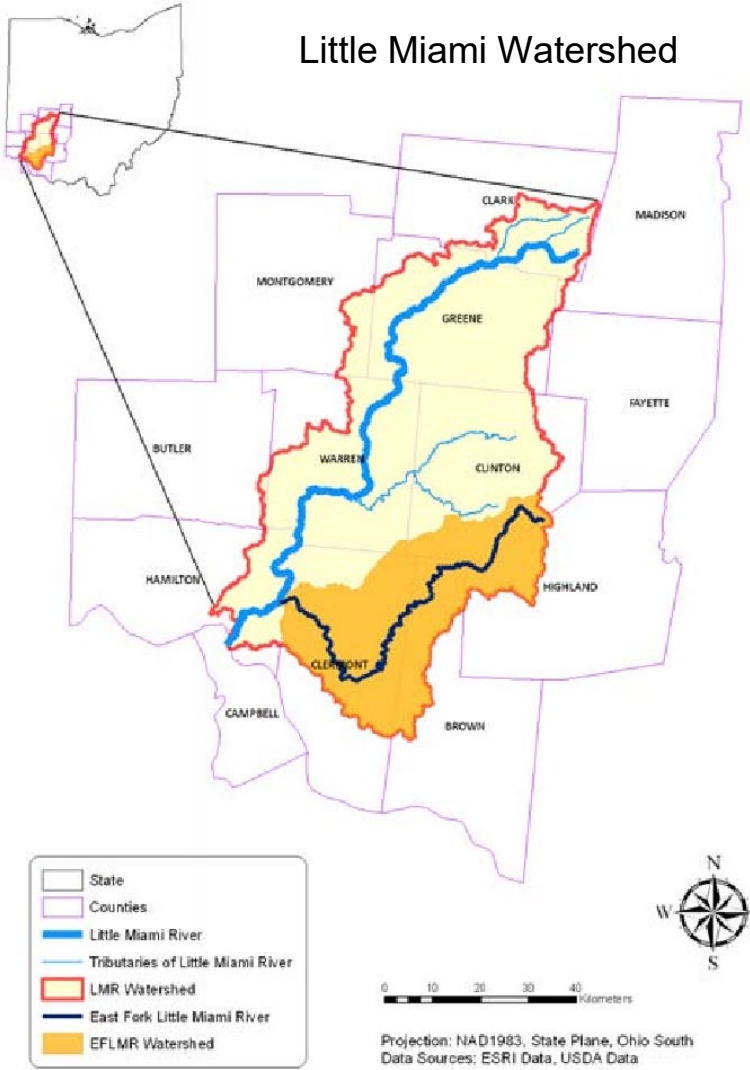
Will you stand with us.

**Lend your voice to the cause,
and help us speak for the
river?**

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Little Miami Watershed



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