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MINUTES: Regular Session – August 23, 2022

This is a summary of actions and discussions of the meeting. You may view this meeting through our YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1ELh0jGpXd4VV2DTgsuqPA> or by contacting our office.

The Board met in regular session pursuant to adjournment of the August 16, 2022, meeting.

Tom Grossmann – present

David G. Young – present

Shannon Jones – present

Tina Osborne, Clerk – present

Minutes of the August 16, 2022 meeting were read and approved.

- 22-1263 A resolution was adopted to accept resignation of Tiffany Tuttle, Protective Services Caseworker III, within Warren County Job and Family Services, Children Services Division, effective August 26, 2022. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-1264 A resolution was adopted to rehire Theresa Reier as part time Office Assistant within the Warren County Water and Sewer Department to assist with office operations. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-1265 A resolution was adopted to authorize the internal posting of the “Maintenance Foreman” position within the Water and Sewer Department, in accordance with Warren County Personnel Policy Manual, Section 2.02 (A). Vote: Unanimous
- 22-1266 A resolution was adopted to hire Samantha Cozort as Protective Services Caseworker I, within the Warren County Department of Job and Family Services, Children Services Division. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-1267 A resolution was adopted to hire Andrea Rentz as Protective Services Caseworker I, within the Warren County Department of Job and Family Services, Children Services Division. Vote: Unanimous

- 22-1268 A resolution was adopted to hire Ashleigh Riffle as Emergency Communications Operator within the Warren County Emergency Services Department. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-1269 A resolution was adopted to rehire Emmaline Ritchie as Emergency Communications Operator within the Warren County Emergency Services Department. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-1270 A resolution was adopted to approve end of 365- day probationary period and approve a pay increase for Alex Mokrycki within the Warren County Telecommunications Department. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-1271 A resolution was adopted to approve end of 365- day probationary period and approve a pay increase for Ibrahim Dabdoub within the Warren County Facilities Management Department. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-1272 A resolution was adopted to approve end of 365- day probationary period and approve a pay increase for Nick Brewer within the Warren County Water and Sewer Department. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-1273 A resolution was adopted to approve notice of intent to award bid to Barrett Paving Materials Inc. for the FY22 Deerfield Township – Loveland Park Roadway Repair and Resurfacing CDBG Project. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-1274 A resolution was adopted to appoint a review committee for review of proposals for Purchase of Asset and Work Order Management Software System for Warren County Water and Sewer Department. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-1275 A resolution was adopted to approve Change Order No. 4 to the contract with Building Crafts Inc. for the RAR Water Treatment Plant Membrane Softening Upgrades Project, Purchase Order No. 21001689. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-1276 A resolution was adopted to authorize President of Board to sign the Installation Completion Certificate for Motorola Solutions on behalf of Warren County Telecommunications. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-1277 A resolution was adopted to authorize President of Board to sign the Task Completion Report #2, Sales Order Q-95691 for Central Square Technologies (FKA Trittech Software Systems) on behalf of Warren County Telecommunications. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-1278 A resolution was adopted to approve and authorize the Board to sign the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Local Workforce Development System Subgrant Agreement for Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessments (RESEA) Services January 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-1279 A resolution was adopted to approve agreements and addendums with various providers relative to home placement and related services on behalf of Warren County Children Services. Vote: Unanimous

- 22-1280 A resolution was adopted to enter into contract with the Warren County Educational Services Center on behalf of the Warren County Department of Human Services. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-1281 A resolution was adopted to acknowledge payment of bills. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-1282 A resolution was adopted to enter into a subdivision public improvement performance and maintenance security agreement with Grand Communities, LLC for installation of certain improvements in Shaker Run Subdivision, Section Eight, Phase B, situated in Turtlecreek Township. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-1283 A resolution was adopted to enter into street and appurtenances (including sidewalks) security agreement with Grand Communities, LLC for installation of certain improvements in Shaker Run, Section Eight, Phase B situated in Turtlecreek Township. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-1284 A resolution was adopted to approve various record plats. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-1285 A resolution was adopted to approve supplemental appropriation into Clerk of Courts Certificate of Title Administration Fund #2250. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-1286 A resolution was adopted to approve supplemental appropriations into Common Pleas Court Probation Supervision #2227 and Community Based Corrections #2289. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-1287 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustment from Commissioners' General Fund #11011110 into County Court Fund #11011283. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-1288 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustment within Juvenile Court Fund #11011240. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-1289 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustment within Sheriff's Office Funds #11012210 and #11012200. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-1290 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustments within Developmental Disabilities Fund #2205. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-1291 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustment within Workforce Investment Board Fund #2238. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-1292 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustment within Telecommunications Department Fund #4492. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-1293 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustment within the Sewer Revenue Fund No. 5580. Vote: Unanimous

- 22-1294 A resolution was adopted to approve requisitions and authorize County Administrator to sign documents relative thereto. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-1295 A resolution was adopted to authorize the County of Warren, Ohio to approve the issuance of Hospital Revenue Bonds of the County of Allen, Ohio; and authorizing other documents in connection with the issuance of such bonds. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-1296 A resolution was adopted to create rates and charges for the County Storm Water Management District No. 1 in accordance with Section 6117 of Ohio Revised Code. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-1297 A resolution was adopted to endorse and support the Source Water Assessment and Protection Plan for Franklin Area Public Water System and approve its submittal to the Ohio Environmental Agency for endorsement. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-1298 A resolution was adopted to authorize Warren County Sanitary Engineer or Deputy Sanitary Engineer to prepare and submit a nomination form to participate in Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) Program for 2023 and to execute contracts, as required, for the Richard A. Renneker Granular Activated Carbon Upgrades. Vote: Unanimous

DISCUSSIONS

On motion, upon unanimous call of the roll, the Board accepted and approved the consent agenda.

Chris Barnett, Little Miami Watershed Network, was present along with Hope Taft, to present the attached report of the finding of the Economic Study of the Little Miami River.

Ms. Barnett stated that only the northern section of the river was surveyed which included a portion of Warren County. She discussed the economics relative to the tourism for the river as well as the need to protect it.

Mrs. Taft discussed the importance of protecting the river with streamside setbacks as well as ensuring runoff from development does not impact the quality of the river.

The Board stated their concurrence with the asset that the river provides our County as well as their desire to protect it.

PUBLIC HEARING
CONSIDER ISSUANCE OF HOSPITAL FACILITIES REVENUE BONDS (BON SECOURS
MERCY HEALTH, INC.) BY ALLEN COUNTY, OHIO

The public hearing to consider the issuance of hospital facilities revenue bonds (Bon Secours Mercy Health, Inc.) by Allen County, Ohio was convened this 23rd day of August 2020, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Melissa Santiago, Dinsmore, was present to explain the need for Warren County to "sign off" due several Mercy health facilities being located within Warren County. She stated that Allen County will issue the bonds and that the issuance of these bonds will not obligate Warren County to any debt or liability.

Upon further discussion, the Board resolved (Resolution #22-1295) to authorize the County of Warren, Ohio to approve the Issuance of Hospital Facilities Revenue Bonds of the County of Allen, Ohio.

Neil Tunison, County Engineer, was present along with Kurt Weber, Deputy County Engineer, for the Board to consider the continuation of rates and charges for the County Storm Water Management District No. 1 in accordance with Section 6117 of Ohio Revised Code.

Bruce McGary, Assistant Prosecutor, stated that the rates and charges were not part of the Stormwater Regulations and therefore, a public hearing was not required, and the Board can proceed with approval of the resolution as presented.

Upon discussion, the Board resolved (Resolution #22-1296) to create rates and charges for the County Storm Water Management District No. 1 in accordance with Section 6117 of Ohio Revised Code.

Neil Tunison, County Engineer, presented the attached list of the federally funded transportation projects within Warren County, showing a total project cost of \$85,967,110.00

Chris Brausch, Sanitary Engineer, was present along with Chris Wojnicz, Assistant Sanitary Engineer, and discussed the following:

1. Sourcewater Protection Plan—Mr. Brausch presented the plan for consideration of approval by the Board relative to protection of the aquifer. He stated that the plan was created by Katherine Gilbert, Senior Engineer, and addresses the protection of the aquifer in the Franklin Area Water Treatment Plant area. He stated the plan includes water modeling and identifies any potential pollutants as well as a plan to educate the children on the importance of protecting the water within the local schools.

Upon discussion, the Board resolved (Resolution #22-1297) to endorse and support the Source Water Assessment and Protection Plan for Franklin Area Public Water System and approve its submittal to the Ohio Environmental Agency for endorsement.

2. Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) Program for 2023—Mr. Wojnicz presented a resolution for consideration that would allow the Sanitary Engineer to apply for funding to address the emergent contaminants discussed at a previous meeting relative to emerging Ohio Environmental Protection Agency requirements.

Mr. Wojnicz informed the Board that \$90 million has been set aside for five years in order to provide 100% grant money to use towards treating the contaminants. He stated the estimated cost of \$8 – 9 million to address the issue and the need to get the application in early in order to secure funding. He then stated that the first step in the process will be to amend the agreement with the consultant to study the treatment of the chemical during the water softening process.

Upon further discussion, the Board resolved (Resolution #22-1298) to authorize Warren County Sanitary Engineer or Deputy Sanitary Engineer to prepare and submit a nomination form to participate in Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) Program for 2023 and to execute contracts, as required, for the Richard A. Renneker Granular Activated Carbon Upgrades.

The Board requested an update on the water softening projects.

Mr. Wojnicz stated that the north water softening is online and that the estimated date for the RAR Water Treatment Plant to be 100% up and running is October 31, 2022.


The Board then discussed the level of softening being provided by the County and the feedback they are receiving from customers.

The Board stated their desire to hold the Thursday, September 8, 2022, 5 PM regularly scheduled Commissioner Meeting.

Martin Russell, Deputy County Administrator, stated that it is almost time to start the 2023 budget process and requested the Board to consider what the target percentage will be in the memorandum that will be sent to begin the process.

Commissioner Jones informed the Board that today is the 2022 United Way Campaign Kickoff lunch at Armco Park and invited the Commissioners to attend.


Upon motion the meeting was adjourned.



Tom Grossmann, President

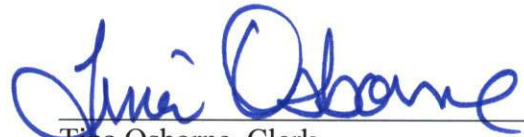


Shannon Jones

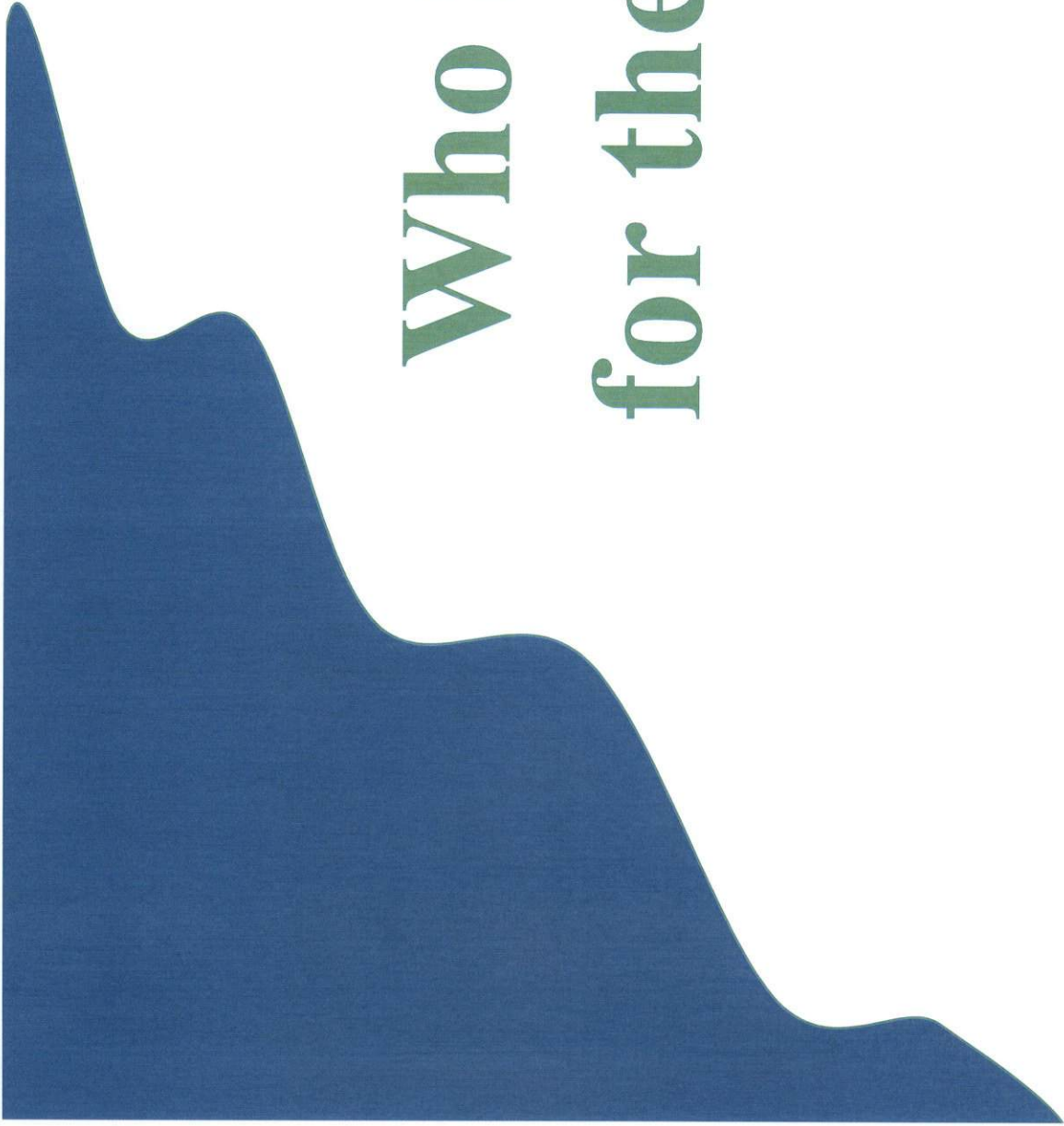


David G. Young

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held on August 23, 2022, in compliance with Section 121.22 O.R.C.



Tina Osborne, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
Warren County, Ohio

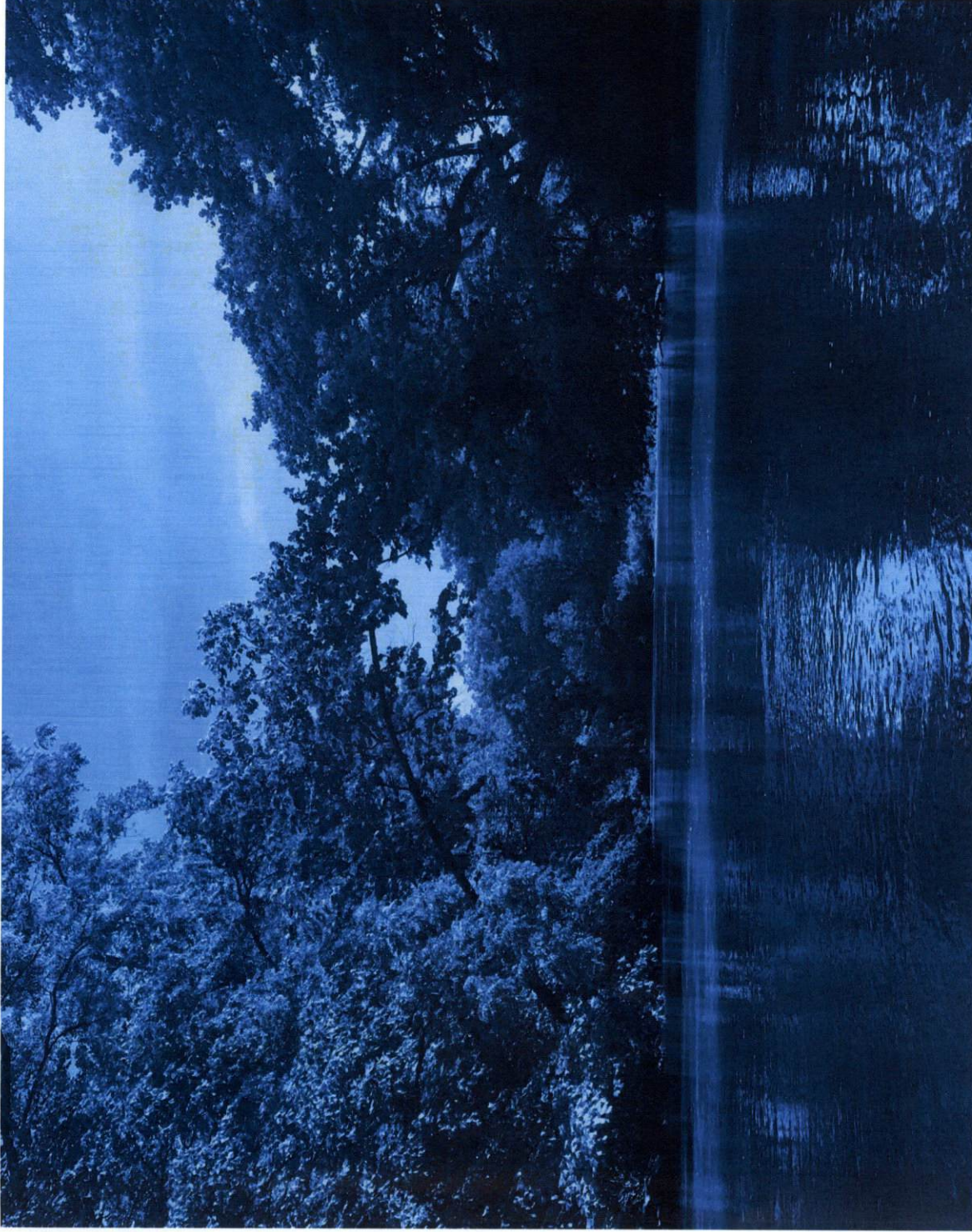


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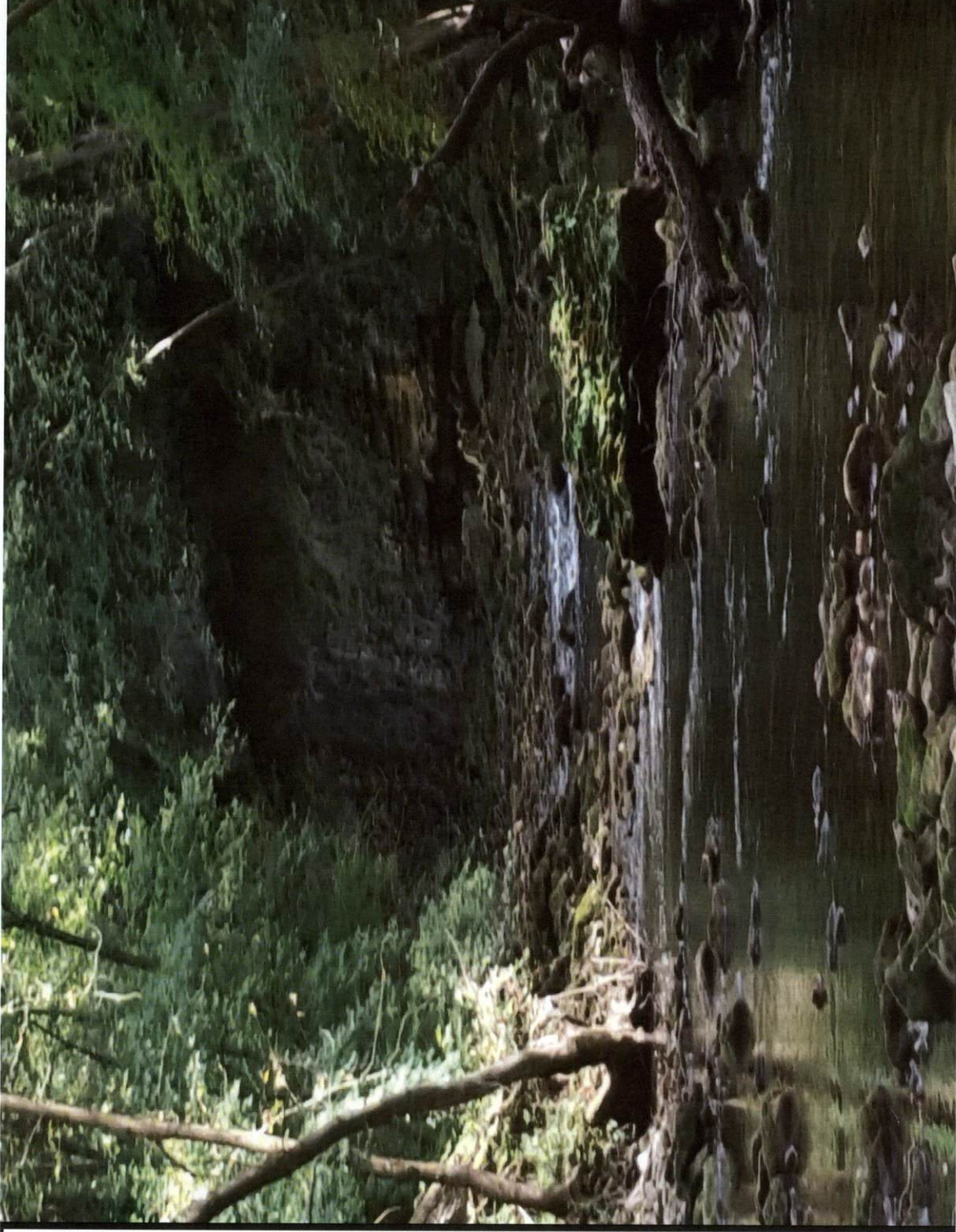
Anytime we've sought her out, the Little Miami River has been there.

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

Professor Brent Sohngen
OSU Department of
College of Food,
Agricultural, and
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 Warren
County**

- **96,195** trips took place to **9 sites** along the Little Miami River.





The Warren County Community included:

- Bowman Park
- Clint Fultz Parks (2 parking lots)
- Red Barn/ODNR bike path parking
- Hisey Park
- Caesar Creek river access
- Caesar Creek State Nature Preserve
- Bike Path parking on County Hwy 12
- Mathers Mill ODNR river access

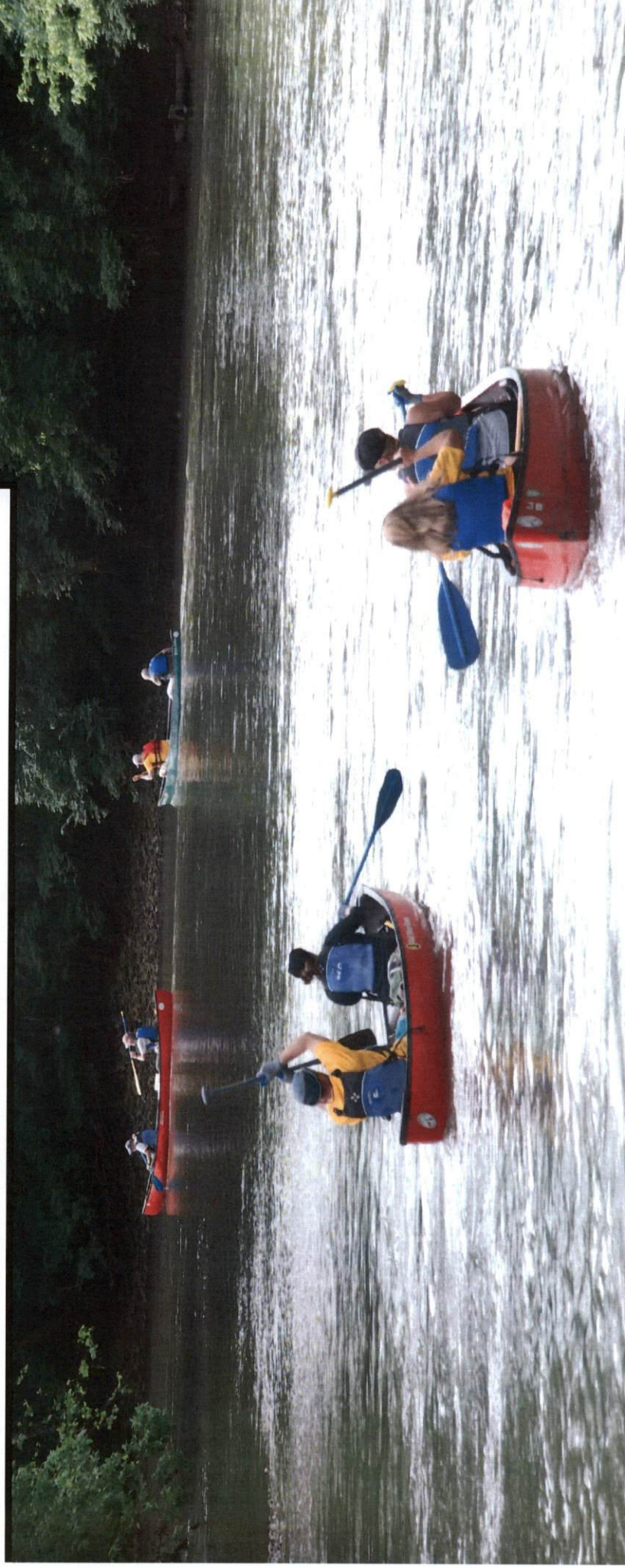
DESTINATIONS

- The largest number of trips occurred in May and June.
- The Corwin bike parking lot had the highest recreational value for biking.



TOTAL RECREATIONAL IMPACT

- Recreational value is estimated to be **\$14.9 million per year** combined for the 45 sites.



RECREATIONAL IMPACT

within Warren County

- Recreational value is estimated to be **\$1,176,830 million per year.**



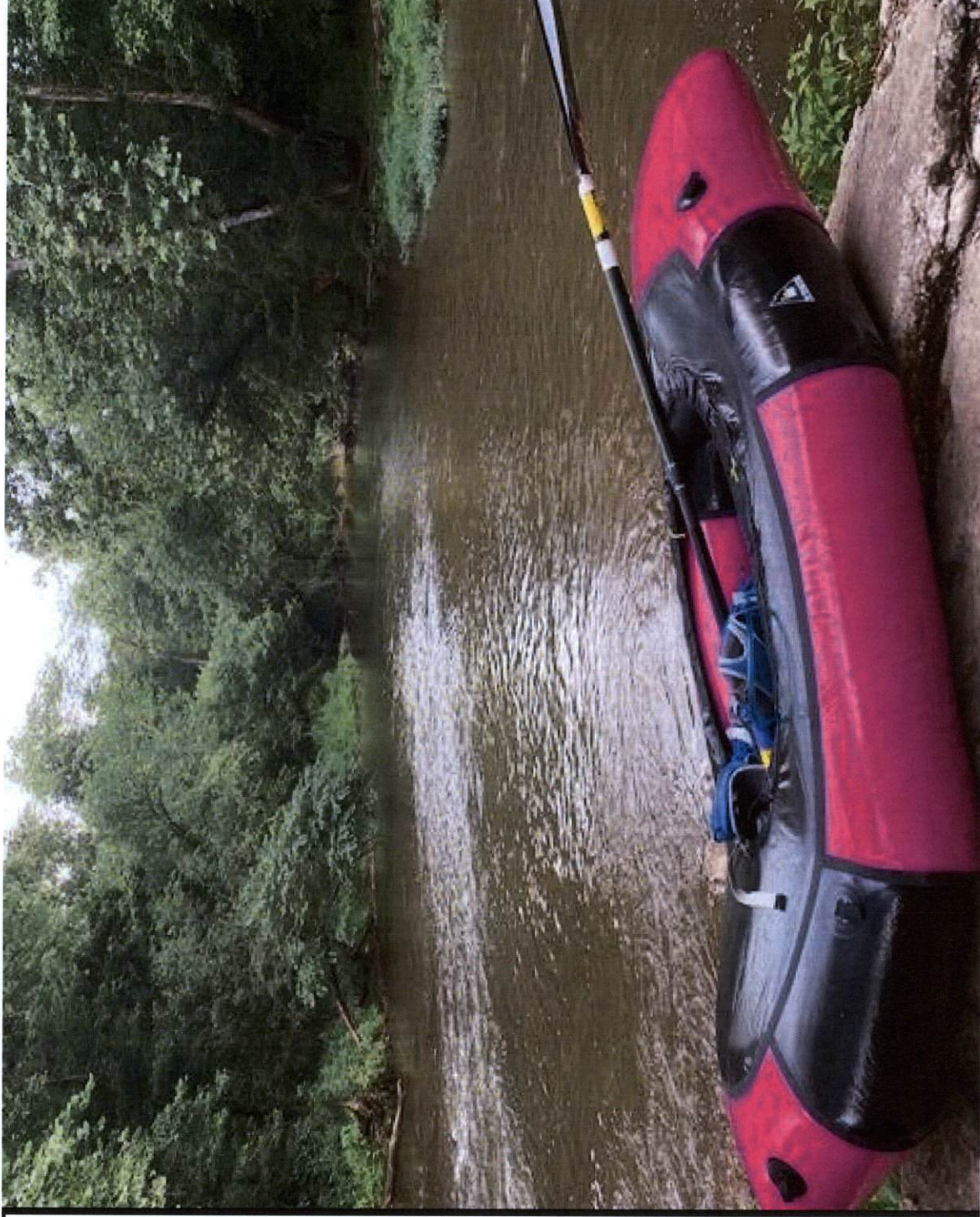
RECREATIONAL IMPACT

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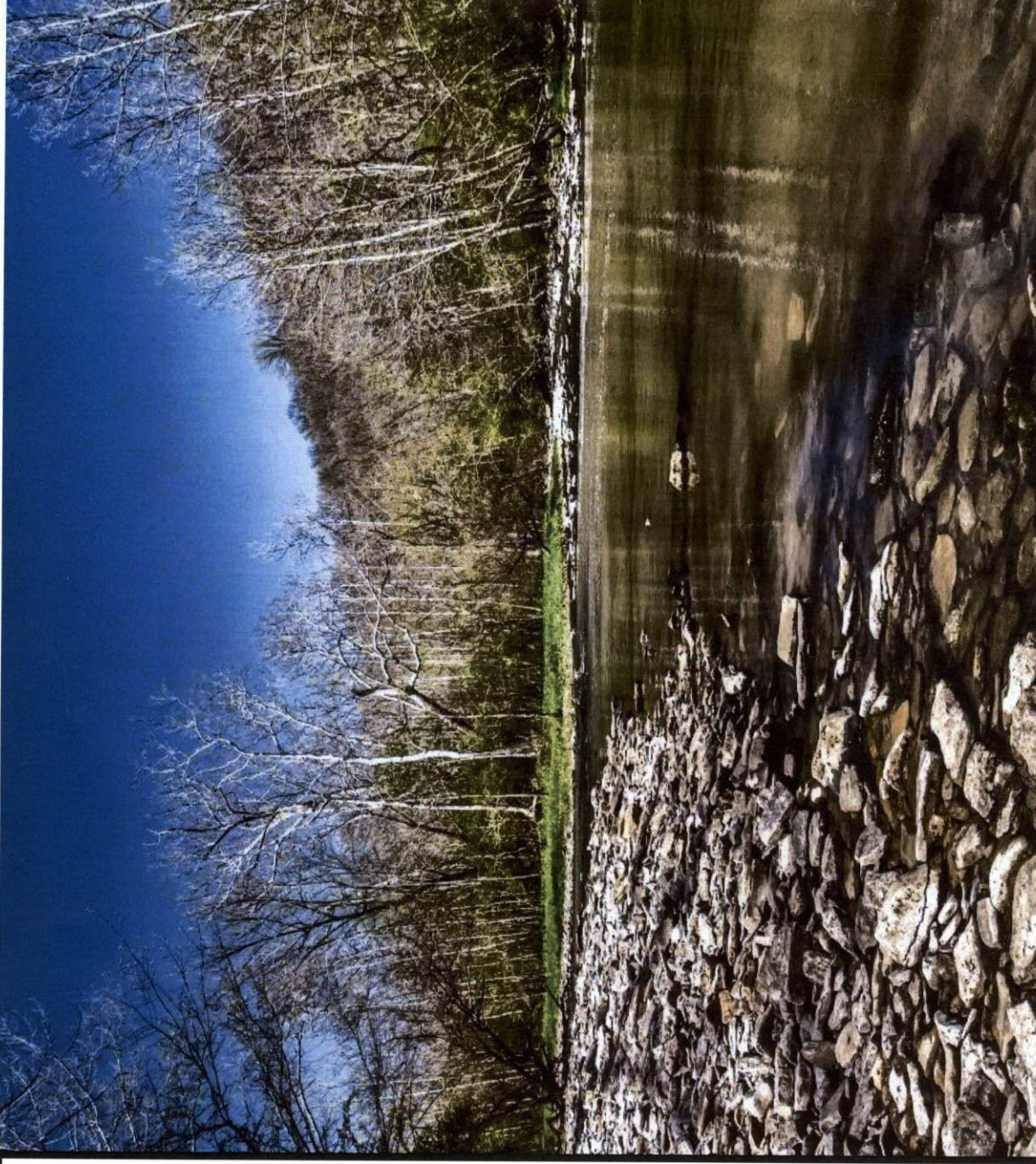
This effort is important from both an economic and an environmental point of view, helping us to protect the river and its corridor. Having the Little Miami River as a focal point in this region will help communities attract young families, retain the younger generation and build a connection with the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

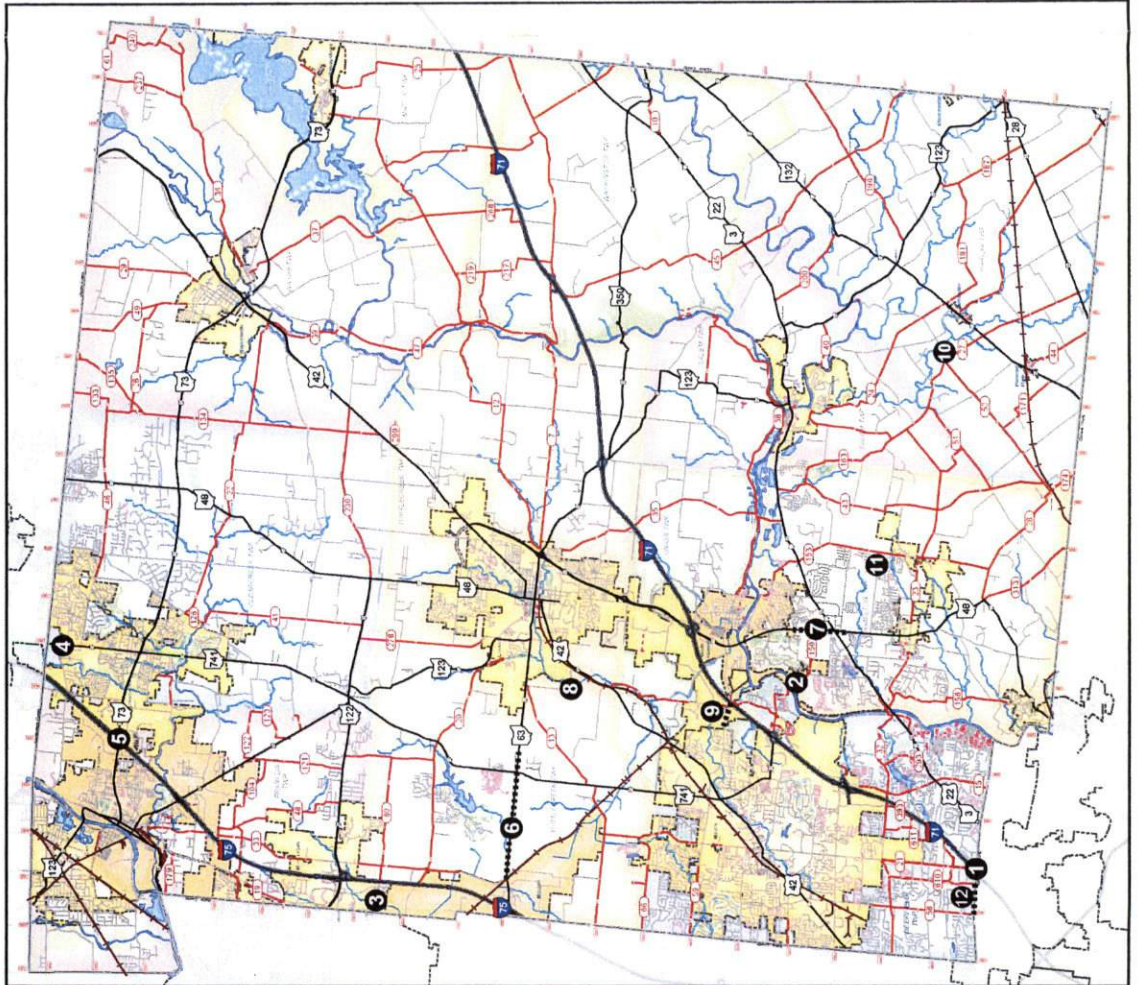
Lend your voice to the
cause, and help us speak for
the river?

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Summary: Federal Funding of Transportation Projects
Warren County 2022-2024



Ref	Project Name	Type	Federal Funding Source	PID	Project Cost	Federal Funding Share	Construction Year	Sponsor
1	HAM/WAR 71 19.40/0.00 - SB Mason- Montgomery Road to I-71 SB	Ramp Addition	STBG	104644	\$7,150,000	\$5,000,000	2022	WCTID
2	King Ave. Bridge over the Little Miami state and National Scenic River	Bridge Replacement	CEAO LBR, OKI STBG	106724	\$22,070,000	\$11,570,000	2022-2023	WCEO
3	WA 80-0019 - Hendrickson Road over Dicks Run	Bridge Replacement	CEAO BFP	TBD	\$475,000	\$475,000	2023	WCEO
4	WAR 741 at Remick Boulevard Turn Lanes	Intersection Improvement	ODOT Safety	113721	\$1,860,000	\$1,860,000	2023	WCTID
5	WAR 73 at I-75 - Westbound to southbound dual left turn lane	Intersection Improvement	ODOT Safety	113717	\$3,773,252	\$3,773,252	2023	WCTID
6	WAR 63 Improvement - Union Road to State Route 741	Widening	TRAC, Community Project	112121	\$20,000,000	\$12,000,000	2023-2024	WCTID
7	WAR 48 - Willow Pond Blvd to Ridgeview Lane	Widening	OKI STBG	112903	\$14,000,000	\$6,000,000	2023-2024	WCTID
8	WA 71 - 0039 - McClure Road over Turtle Creek	Bridge Replacement	CEAO LBR	115793	\$670,000	\$636,500	2024	WCEO
9	Mason-Morrow- Milgrove Road Curve Realignment	Safety Improvement	ODOT Safety	113722	\$1,982,875	\$1,982,875	2024	WCTID
10	WA 52-0092 Roachester- Cozadale Road over First Creek	Bridge Replacement	CEAO LBR	110993	\$475,000	\$451,250	2024	WCEO
11	WA 158 - 0092 - Stephens Road over tributary of Bear Run	Bridge Replacement	CEAO BFP	TBD	\$375,000	\$337,500	2024	WCEO
12	Fields-Ertel Widening between Snider Road and Wilkins Blvd	Widening	OKI STBG	114606	\$13,135,983	\$5,400,000	2024	WCTID
	Total				\$85,967,110	\$49,486,377		

CEAO BFP – Bridge Formula Program through ODOT allocation of funding to counties from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
 CEAO LBR – Local Bridge Replacement Program through ODOT allocation to counties of Federal Transportation Funding
 Appropriations
 OKI STBG – OKI allocation of Surface Transportation Block Grant funds
 Community Project Fund – Passed by Congress in 2021
 TRAC – Transportation Review Advisory Council – a funding arm of ODOT for significant projects
 ODOT Safety – ODOT allocation of Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program Funds to counties