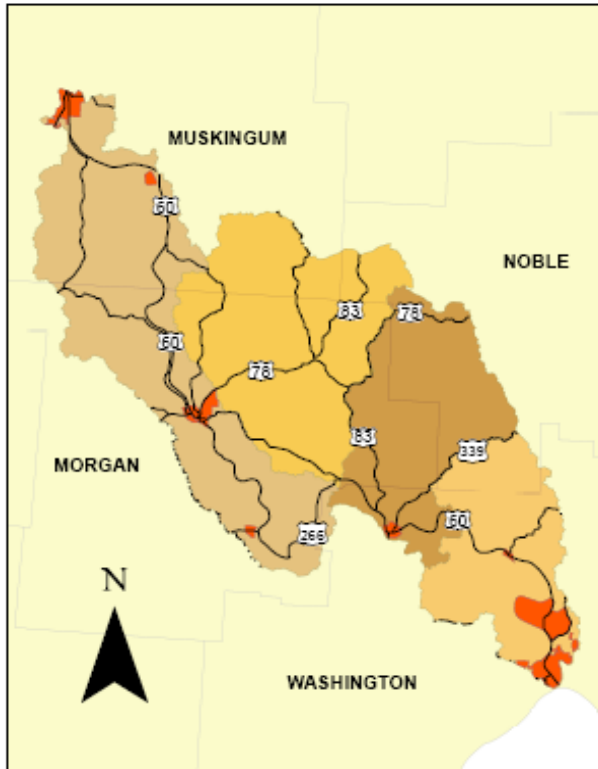


The Lower Muskingum Watershed



Everyone lives in a watershed. A watershed is all of the land, from the ridge tops to the valleys, which drains to a common body of water, like a creek, river or lake.

The Muskingum River drains the eastern third of the state of Ohio, and is the largest watershed within the state.

The Lower Muskingum River is arbitrarily defined as that portion of the river from Philo to Marietta, which is 68 river miles. The Lower Muskingum Watershed contains a drainage area of 638.1 square miles and includes parts of Morgan, Muskingum, Noble and Washington counties.

Mission

FLMR is committed to improving water quality in the river, and co-operating with other organizations and individuals to achieve sound watershed management to protect the river while promoting economic development and recreational use.

Our educational outreach programs address the need to improve water quality, promote the use of best management practices, and encourage sustainable development along the river and its tributaries.

As a land trust, we are involved in acquiring land as well as land preservation agreements (conservation easements) from concerned landowners. Our objective is to restore, preserve and protect natural areas and farmland along the lower Muskingum.

To pursue this mission, Friends of Lower Muskingum River, Inc. was established as a 501(c)(3) IRS-qualified non-profit corporation.



Volunteers are at the heart of our organization. If you are interested in sharing your skills, or learning new ones, please contact FLMR

Meetings

FLMR holds monthly meetings to discuss issues pertinent to the watershed. Guest speakers often lead discussions about the Muskingum River and its surroundings. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

Meetings are held the 4th Thursday of the month at 7 pm at Washington State Community College, 710 Colegate Drive, Marietta, Ohio. Meeting times and locations may vary, so call FLMR at 740-374-4170 or Marilyn Ortt at 740-373-3372 for information.

Membership

Name: _____

Address: _____

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- Please send announcements by **email**
- Please send announcements by **mail**
- I DO NOT** wish to receive announcements

<u>Membership Level</u>	<u>Annual Dues</u>
Individual	\$15
Family	\$25
Copper	\$50
Silver	\$100
Gold	\$250
Platinum	\$500
Non-profit Organization	\$50
Corporate	\$100

Dues _____
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 Total enclosed _____

Please make checks payable to:
 Friends of Lower Muskingum River
 Mail to: Quincy Robe, FLMR Membership
 Chair, P. O. Box 31, Malta, OH 43758



A Local Land Trust

Land Trusts Have A Variety Of Functions:

- Work with landowners interested in conservation and preservation of natural areas.
- Acquire land through land donation, life estate plans, transfer-on-death deeds, direct purchase, or bargain sale.
- Hold and enforce conservation easements, which permanently limit how the land can be used, as directed by the landowner who created the easement.
- Serve as a tool for those private landowners who want to be stewards of the land, who understand the value of natural areas, and who want to leave an enduring legacy.

Friends of Lower Muskingum River, Inc. is a land trust. For more information, or to discuss the future of a piece of property, please contact Quincy Robe at 740-962-6511 or Marilyn Ortt at 740-373-3372.



The Muskingum River contains some of the largest and most diverse mussel beds in the United States. Photo by USFWS.

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Achievements

In cooperation with the Institute for Local Government Administration and Rural Development (ILGARD), helped to create a management plan for the Meigs Creek watershed, one of the largest subwatersheds of the lower Muskingum River.

Received Ohio EPA grant to partner with four Public Water Systems to develop Source Water Protection Plans and to implement management practices to reduce nitrate levels in groundwater.

Host & conduct educational programs; fish population sampling demonstrations by means of electro-shocking, by Ohio EPA; Muskingum River Parkway presentation on the design and history of the Muskingum River locks; River Adventurers Watershed Day Camp for area youth; presentations for local fairs, festivals, schools, youth & civic organizations; and watershed tours highlighting different areas of the watershed.

Coordinate annual River Sweep and trash clean-up events in communities along the Muskingum River.

Received an Ohio EPA Environmental Education Fund grant, partnering with AEP and ODOT. The project provided training & equipment for 'Stream Team' volunteer monitoring and for installation of identifying signs in the Meigs Creek watershed.

Hold donated conservation easements protecting over 600 acres of forest, farmland and river frontage.

Clean Ohio Conservation Fund purchase and management of over 65 acres of river frontage properties.

Development of Luke Chute Conservation Area, 60 acres along the Muskingum River with several miles of volunteer developed walking trails.

Open to the public

.Acquired land that contains a breeding population of eastern spadefoot toad, which is designated as Endangered in Ohio.

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