

2018

ANNUAL REPORT





GLOBE Hydrology Investigation, Camp Nuhop
Cover: Forest Lookout, Camp Roosevelt Firebird

CHAIR & DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR LETTER

As we reflect on 2018, we cannot help but focus on the success of our grantmaking. 2018 was a milestone year for the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy Foundation (Foundation); in January, we awarded our 100th grant! The Foundation has awarded 111 grants totaling more than \$370,000. This year's annual report highlights our grants and the impact they have made throughout the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD). Through our grants, the Foundation furthers its mission of enhancing recreational opportunities and conservation efforts on Conservancy District lands and waters.

Our grant projects can be found throughout the MWCD. Each MWCD park has been impacted by the Foundation, from large, impressive facilities like the Messerly Recreation Center at Charles Mill Lake Park to smaller facilities like the Butch Heavilin Memorial Dog Park at Atwood Lake Park. The Foundation's impact can be seen in numerous recreational amenities like new playground equipment at Piedmont Lake and new basketball hoops at Tappan Lake Park.

Our grants have also significantly impacted youth camps around the MWCD lakes. The Board of Trustees awarded its third round of Mini Grants in 2018. Four youth camps received grants for environmental education and outdoor recreation projects. Since 2016, the Foundation has awarded 13 Mini Grants totaling over \$15,000. As our cover photo illustrates, the Mini Grant program helps give children opportunities to learn and take memories with them. The Foundation is honored to support the inspiring work of the youth camps along MWCD lakes, and we look forward to continuing to fund great projects each year through our Mini Grants.

All these successes would not be possible, though, without the generous support from our members, donors, and event sponsors. Your contributions have supported great recreation and conservation projects throughout the watershed, not only at Conservancy District facilities, but also for communities, nonprofit groups, youth camps, and local emergency service departments.

With your continued support, we will be able to fund our next one hundred projects and continue to make an impact for decades to come.

Sincerely, Jim and Nick



JAMES SCHOCH

Chair, Board of Trustees



NICK LAUTZENHEISER

Development Coordinator

2018 GRANTS

Safe Boating & Fishing Festival

Pleasant Hill Lake Park

\$2,850

Pleasant Hill Lake Park Fund

Muskingum Watershed Education Experience

Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District

\$2,015

Crossroads RC&D Conservation Fund

History Project

Pleasant Hill Lake Park

\$500

Pleasant Hill Lake Park Fund

Ice Rescue Equipment

Mifflin Community Vol. Fire Department

\$1,491

Charitable Endowment Fund

Clendening Lake Campground AED

Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District

\$1,596

Charitable Endowment Fund

Fall Festival Inflatables

Atwood Area Fall Festival

\$2,640

Atwood Lake Park Fund

Tappan Lake VFD AEDs

Tappan Lake Volunteer Fire Department

\$4,437

Charitable Endowment Fund

Trail Information Kiosk

Friends of the Lower Muskingum River

\$548

Crossroads RC&D Conservation Fund

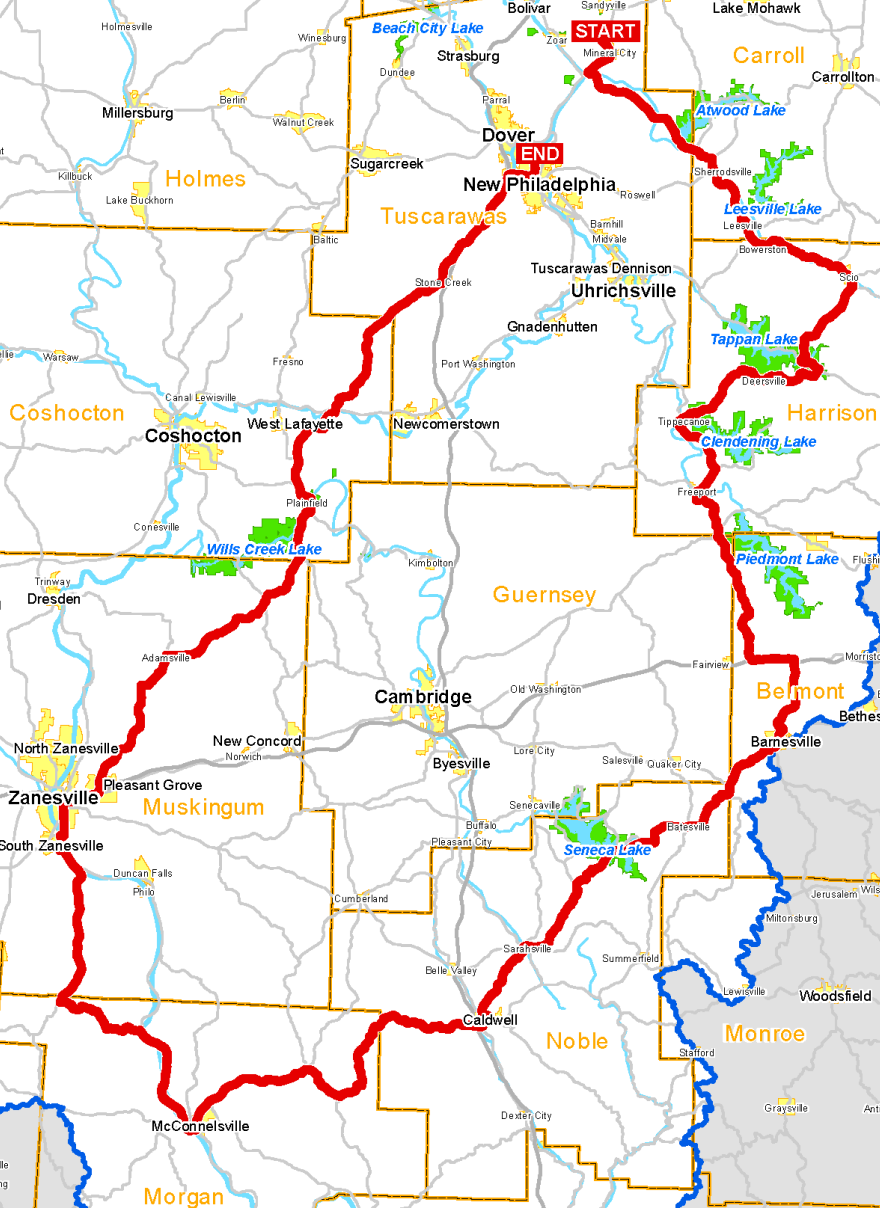


Safe Boating & Fishing Festival



Fall Festival Inflatables





TOUR DE MWCD

On July 8 Nick Lautzenheiser, Foundation Development Coordinator, completed the third annual Tour de MWCD. This fundraiser supports the Bike and Hike Fund, which was established by Nick and his wife, Marissa, in 2016 to support bicycle and trail projects in the Muskingum Watershed, including trails in parks and communities, bike lanes and signage on roads, and trailhead amenities.

The 2018 Tour was a one-day, 214-mile bicycle ride, starting at Nick's home near Mineral City and finishing at the MWCD Main Office in New Philadelphia. The route highlighted the southeastern portion of the watershed and visited Tippecanoe, Barnesville, Caldwell, McConnelsville, Zanesville, Plainfield and six MWCD lakes. The ride took 12 hours and 30 minutes.

"This was the hardest of the three Tours de MWCD, even though last year's ride was 25 miles longer," said Lautzenheiser. "The route included over 11,000 feet of climbing through some of the hilliest parts of the watershed. I really enjoyed the section through Morgan County, which traveled through the AEP ReCreation Lands, McConnelsville, and along a portion of the Muskingum River."

The Tour de MWCD started in 2016 as an idea to raise funds for the newly established Bike and Hike Fund. The success and enjoyment of the ride helped turn the Tour into an annual fundraiser. "I hope to continue this ride each year," said Lautzenheiser. "I'm already planning the 2019 Tour de MWCD, which will likely travel through the western portion of the Muskingum Watershed."

Since 2016, the Tour de MWCD has raised over \$6,300 for the Foundation's Bike and Hike Fund.



Lautzenheiser at the Big Muskie bucket in Morgan County

MINI GRANT PROGRAM

2018 was the third year of the Foundation's Mini Grant Program. The Mini Grant Program is open to the thirteen youth camps along Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District lakes and funds projects and programs supporting recreation, natural resource conservation, and outdoor and environmental education. Since 2016, the Foundation has awarded 13 Mini Grants, totaling more than \$15,000.

The Mini Grant Program evolved as a way to support the programs and projects of the youth camps. All of the proceeds from the Foundation's Annual Meeting fundraiser support the Mini Grant Program.

"The Mini Grant Program was established to help support the great work of these camps by providing additional resources to enhance the educational experience and increase recreational opportunities for these youth," said Development Coordinator Nick Lautzenheiser. "The Mini Grant Program has supported some really great projects that may not have otherwise been possible," added Lautzenheiser.

"The Mini Grant Program has been extremely successful," said Foundation Board of Trustees Chair Jim Schoch. "We cannot thank our generous Annual Meeting sponsors and attendees enough for helping make this program possible."

2018 MINI GRANT AWARDS

GLOBE Hydrology Investigation

Camp Nuhop (Pleasant Hill Lake)

\$1,000

Forest Lookout

Camp Roosevelt Firebird (Leesville Lake)

\$2,000

Natural Playground & Music Walls

Camp Wakonda (Leesville Lake)

\$1,000

Educational Weather Station

Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum (Leesville Lake)

\$1,590



2018 Mini Grant Award Recipients





Natural Playground & Music Walls, Camp Wakonda



GLOBE Hydrology Investigation, Camp Nuhop



Forest Lookout, Camp Roosevelt Firebird

GOLF OUTING

The 20th Annual Golf Outing was held on August 9 at Oak Shadows Golf Club in New Philadelphia. The event was the Foundation's second-largest fundraiser ever, netting more than \$26,000. There were 19 major sponsors, including three Platinum Sponsors, three Gold Sponsors, and 13 Silver Sponsors. There were also 28 Hole Sponsors.

"Our golf outing continues to be a great fundraiser," said Board of Trustees Chair Jim Schoch. "We cannot thank our major sponsors and participants enough for making the 2018 outing so successful!"

The 21st Annual Golf Outing is scheduled for August 8, 2019 at Oak Shadows Golf Club.



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Silver Sponsors





1st Place: Team WesBanco



2nd Place: Team AECOM



3rd Place: Team USGS



4th Place: Team OHM Advisors

Proximity Contest Winners

Long Putt, Hole 1: Chris Nye

Closest to Pin, Hole 8: Errick Flinner

Longest Drive, Hole 10: Eric Snodgrass

Closest to the Pin, Hole 15: Waseem Khalifa

Skins Winners

Team AECOM, Hole 14 (Eagle)

Team Byrom, Hole 17 (Eagle)



CHARITABLE FUNDS

Charitable Endowment Fund

Established to support projects and programs throughout the Conservancy District.

Thomas W. Hudson Endowment Fund

Established in memory of Thomas W. Hudson, this fund supports conservation projects at Atwood Lake.

Crossroads RC&D Conservation Fund

Established to continue the legacy of the former Crossroads RC&D Council, this fund supports natural resource conservation, environmental education, and outdoor recreation projects.

Atwood Lake Park Fund

Established through an agreement with the Atwood Area Fall Festival, this fund supports capital improvements to Atwood Lake Park.

Bike and Hike Fund

Established to support bicycling and trail infrastructure projects throughout the Muskingum Watershed.

Boating Safety and Education Fund

Established to support programming for boating education and safety at Atwood Lake. Donations to this fund support programs such as the Junior Sailing Program.

Butch Heavilin Memorial Dog Park Fund

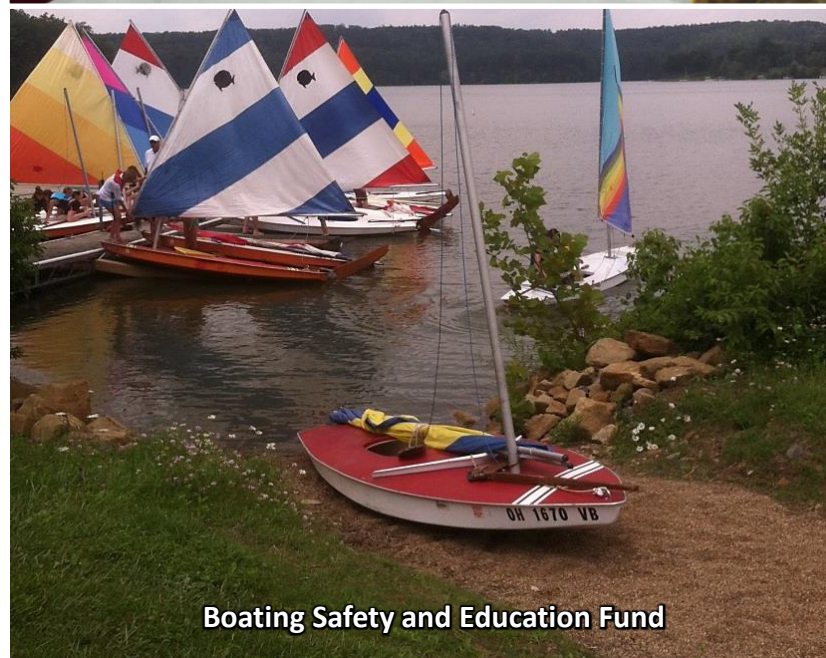
Established in memory of Butch Heavilin, this fund supports the development and operation of a dog park at Atwood Lake Park.

James R. Pitney Law Enforcement Fund

Established in memory of former MWCD Ranger, James R. Pitney, this fund supports training and education for MWCD rangers and peace officers in Ashland and Richland counties.



Crossroads RC&D Conservation Fund



Boating Safety and Education Fund



Butch Heavilin Memorial Dog Park Fund



CHARITABLE FUNDS



Joey Moffitt Tappan Lake Park Fund

Atwood Lake Park Amphitheater Fund

Established to support the development of the amphitheater site at Atwood Lake Park.

Regis Wissler Endowment Fund

Established in memory of Regis Wissler, this fund supports improvements and enhancements at Seneca Lake Park.

Piedmont Lake Fund

Established by the Belmont Better Hunting and Fishing Club, this fund supports improvements at Piedmont Lake, particularly increasing fish populations.

Messerly Recreation Center Fund

Established by respected Ashland University professor and current Charles Mill Lake Park Activities Leader, Donna Messerly, this fund supports the development and operation of the Messerly Recreation Center at Charles Mill Lake Park.



Messerly Recreation Center Fund

Joey Moffitt Tappan Lake Park Fund

Established in memory of Joey Moffitt, this fund supports projects at Tappan Lake Park.

Pleasant Hill Equine Fund

Established to support equestrian trail development and maintenance in and around Pleasant Hill Lake Park.



Pleasant Hill Equine Fund

Pleasant Hill Lake Park Fund

Established to support educational and recreational projects at Pleasant Hill Lake Park

General Fund

Established to support projects throughout the Conservancy District.

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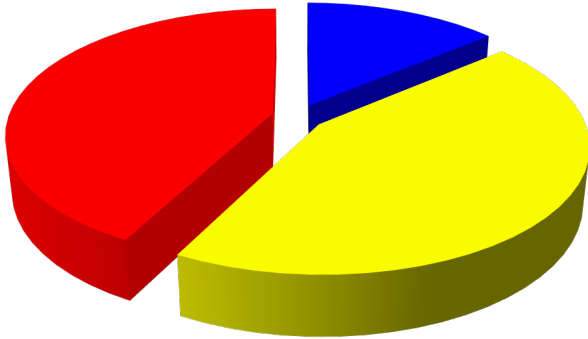
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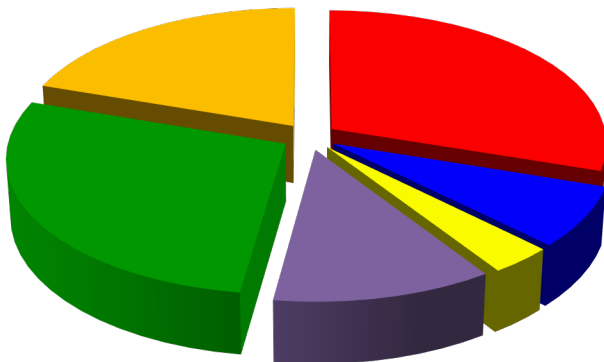
FINANCIAL SUMMARY

REVENUES



- Memberships 13.9%
- Fundraisers 43.8%
- Other Contribution 42.3%

EXPENSES



- Fundraiser Expenses 30.0%
- Professional Fees 7.3%
- Insurance 3.3%
- Office Expenses 11.5%
- Grants 27.9%
- Asset Transfer 19.8%

FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS

Current Assets*	2018	2017
Checking	\$237,120.90	\$168,976.35
High-Yield Savings	\$46,516.47	\$46,493.26
Total Current Assets	\$283,637.37	\$215,469.61

Investments**

Charitable Endowment Fund	\$207,327.99	\$224,325.53
Thomas W. Hudson Fund	\$269,201.40	\$294,696.49
Crossroads RC&D Fund	\$124,692.50	\$136,640.04
Total Investments	\$601,221.89	\$655,662.06

Total Assets	\$884,859.26	\$871,131.67
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NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	\$95,509.86	\$74,690.80
Temporarily Restricted	\$787,849.40	\$794,904.87
Permanently Restricted	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Total Net Assets	\$884,859.26	\$871,131.67

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

REVENUES

	2018	2017
Memberships	\$15,007.00	\$15,085.00
Fundraisers	\$47,232.00	\$63,565.76
SCF Reimbursement***	\$0.00	\$5,852.26
Other Contributions	\$45,670.05	\$10,464.03
Total Revenues	\$107,909.05	\$94,967.05

EXPENSES

Grants	\$11,113.85	\$23,937.00
Fundraiser Expenses	\$11,939.82	\$17,653.77
General Administration	\$8,820.50	\$9,958.57
Asset Transfer	\$7,890.33	\$7,937.79
Total Expenses	\$39,764.50	\$59,487.13

*Balances as of December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017; 2018 balances unaudited.

**Endowment funds held by the Stark Community Foundation (SCF).

***Reimbursement from Stark Community Foundation for grants awarded from Charitable Endowment Fund, Thomas W. Hudson Fund, and Crossroads RC&D Fund.



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OUR MISSION

The Muskingum Watershed Conservancy Foundation is dedicated to supporting the mission of the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District by providing financial resources that enhance facilities, programs and conservation efforts on or adjacent to District lands and waters.

ABOUT US

The Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD) Charitable Endowment Fund was established in 1996 as a component fund of the Stark Community Foundation to provide donors an opportunity to make tax-deductible contributions to support the mission of the MWCD. The Muskingum Watershed Conservancy Foundation was officially incorporated in February 2001 as a 501(c)3 nonprofit charitable organization with the mission of providing financial resources to enhance facilities, programs, and conservation efforts on or adjacent to Conservancy District lands and waters.

There are currently 16 charitable funds within the Foundation, which support conservation, water quality, recreation, and environmental education projects throughout the Muskingum Watershed. Since 2004, the Foundation has funded 111 projects totaling over \$370,000.

In addition to supporting worthwhile conservation and recreation projects, the Foundation was created to help donors meet their charitable goals. The Foundation has helped a number of individuals realize dreams and honor loved ones by establishing charitable funds in their memory.

If you are in need of assistance in developing a charitable contribution plan or establishing a new charitable fund, please contact Nick Lautzenheiser, Development Coordinator, at 330-556-4831 or nick@mwcd.org. For more information, please visit muskingumfoundation.org.





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