MISSION STATEMENT

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.

Photo: Rain garden installation at Kids Conservation Camp, Muskingum Soil & Water Conservation District
Dear Friends,

2014 was a fantastic year for the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy Foundation. The Foundation funded twelve projects throughout the watershed, including a rapid deployment craft for the Tappan Lake Volunteer Fire Department, ice rescue equipment for the Piedmont Lake Marina, several environmental education programs for children, and a number of improvements to the Messerly Recreation Center at Charles Mill Lake Park. Since 2004, the Foundation has funded 60 grant projects totaling nearly $300,000. Without the support from our generous donors, none of this would be possible.

The 16th Annual Golf Outing, held on August 14, 2014 at Oak Shadows Golf Club in New Philadelphia, was the Foundation’s largest fundraiser ever. The Foundation raised over $16,000 from this event, doubling last year’s record-breaking year! Because of this tremendous support, the Foundation will be able to fund even more grant projects next year and make a bigger impact in our watershed. We cannot thank our sponsors enough for making the 2014 outing so successful! Our Gold Sponsors included Hull & Associates; DLZ Ohio; W.E. Quicksall & Associates; Beaver Excavating; Chesapeake Energy; Pissocra-Mathias Realty; Hammontree & Associates; ms consultants; URS; Stantec Consulting Services; KeyBank; Kyler, Pringle, Lundholm & Durmann; Antero Resources; David Bodo & Associates; and WesBanco. Please mark your calendars for the 17th Annual Golf Outing, which will be held on Thursday, August 13, 2015 at Oak Shadows Golf Club!

2014 was also an exciting year for the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District. The MWCD began implementing its Master Plan of improvements at its parks and marinas. Nearly $200 million in capital improvements have been planned for campgrounds, utilities and infrastructure, and new recreational amenities. It will be exciting to watch these facilities become modernized and the parks and marinas transformed to better meet the recreational needs of the public.

As the Conservancy District invests into its future, it will be even more critical that the Foundation supports this growth. It will be more important than ever to build our endowment to insure in the District’s future. And, it will be more important than ever to spread our philanthropic scope to support conservation and recreation projects throughout our watershed community.

In this first ever Annual Report of the Foundation, we highlight the Messerly Recreation Center and the extraordinary donor who established the fund and is in large part responsible for this beautiful building, which graces the shores of Charles Mill Lake and the cover of this report.

We thank all of our donors for their generous support and look forward to furthering our mission in 2015!

Sincerely,

James R. Schoch
Chair, MWCF Board of Trustees

Nick L. Lautzenheiser
MWCF Development Coordinator
2014 GRANTS

Ice Rescue Equipment – Piedmont Marina
MWCD
$3,225
Charitable Endowment Fund

Tree Workshop
Harrison Soil & Water Conservation District
$511
Crossroads RC&D Conservation Fund

Fragile Waters Community Education Programming
Massillon Museum
$2,500
Charitable Endowment Fund, Crossroads RC&D Conservation Fund

AED and Picnic Table for Messerly Center
Charles Mill Lake Park
$2,861
Messerly Recreation Center Fund

Rapid Deployment Craft
Tappan Lake Volunteer Fire Department
$2,250
Charitable Endowment Fund

OMP Educational Brochure
Ohio Mineland Partnership
$600
Crossroads RC&D Conservation Fund
Window Treatments and Planters, Messerly Recreation Center
Charles Mill Lake Park
$1,848
Messerly Recreation Center Fund

Kids Conservation Camp
Muskingum Soil & Water Conservation District
$1,000
Crossroads RC&D Conservation Fund

Roll-up Doors for Messerly Recreation Center
MWCD
$9,000
Messerly Recreation Center Fund

James R. Pitney Monument at Charles Mill Lake Park
MWCD
$1,000
James R. Pitney Fund

Ranger Binoculars
MWCD
$1,079
James R. Pitney Fund

Steps for Activity Stage at Messerly Recreation Center
MWCD
$498
Messerly Recreation Center Fund
Donna Messerly had a vision for Charles Mill Lake Park. Ms. Messerly is the long-time activities leaders at Charles Mill Lake Park and a retired professor from Ashland University. Ms. Messerly has long desired a facility at Charles Mill Lake Park that could host the numerous activities held throughout the year.

Ms. Messerly established the Messerly Recreation Center Fund in 2010 through an agreement with the Foundation. Her fund was set up as a new fund within the Foundation that could accept charitable donations. Ms. Messerly stipulated that donations would specifically support the construction and maintenance of a future activity center at her beloved Charles Mill Lake Park.

Her overwhelming generosity prompted the MWCD to begin the design and construction of an activity building. When the Messerly Recreation Center opened on May 17, 2014, Donna’s dream became a reality.

The Messerly Recreation Center Fund has already funded several grants for upgrades to the facility, including a picnic table, planters, an automated external defibrillator, and roll-down doors to permit year-round use.

“The Messerly Recreation Center is a true testament to Ms. Messerly’s generosity and the culmination of her charitable goals,” said Muskingum Watershed Conservancy Foundation Development Coordinator Nick Lautzenheiser. “She is truly grateful that everyone enjoys the new facility and is happy that she helped make it possible.”

Ms. Messerly had the vision and generosity that helped shape an MWCD park; the Foundation helped her realize this dream.
16th Annual Golf Outing
August 14, 2014 | Oak Shadows Golf Club, New Philadelphia

1st Place: Team Byrom

2nd Place: Team WesBanco

3rd Place: Team Pissocra-Mathias

4th Place: Team Bible

Proximity Contest Winners
Long Putt, Hole 1: Brandon Tylka
Closest to Pin, Hole 8: Chris Treml
Longest Drive, Hole 10: Josh Weirich
Closest to the Pin, Hole 15: Jeff Kerr

Skins Winners
Team Byrom (2 Skins)
Team WesBanco (2 Skins)
**MWCF Charitable Endowment Fund**
Established to support projects and programs throughout the entire Conservancy District that further the mission of the Foundation.

**Thomas W. Hudson Endowment Fund**
Established in memory of Thomas W. Hudson, an avid sailor on Atwood Lake, this fund supports conservation projects at Atwood Lake.

**Crossroads RC&D Conservation Fund**
Established to continue the legacy of the former Crossroads Resource Conservation and Development 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.

**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.
Atwood Lake Park Amphitheater Fund
Established to support the development of and improvements to 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.

Joey Moffitt Tappan Lake Park Fund
Established in memory of Joey Moffitt, this fund supports projects at Tappan Lake Park in appreciation of all of the memories made at Tappan Lake for Joey and many generations of the Moffitt family.

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

General Fund
Established to support the general administrative and operating costs of the Foundation and projects throughout the Conservancy District.
2014 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

**SUPPORT & REVENUE**

- Corporations - 43.8%
- Individuals - 44.5%
- Other - 11.7%

**FINANCIAL POSITION**

- **ASSETS**
  - **Current Assets***
    - Checking $62,718.57
    - High-Yield Savings $46,424.13
    - **Total Current Assets** $109,142.70
  - **Investments**
    - Charitable Endowment Fund $174,083.00
    - Thomas W. Hudson Fund $236,367.33
    - Crossroads RC&D Fund $115,294.56
    - **Total Investments** $525,744.89
  - **Total Assets** $634,887.59

- **NET ASSETS**
  - Unrestricted $9,515.21
  - Temporarily Restricted $623,872.38
  - Permanently Restricted $1,500.00
  - **Total Net Assets** $634,887.59

**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

- **REVENUES**
  - Individuals $30,418.10
  - Corporations $27,716.00
  - Other $9,058.08
  - SCF Reimbursement*** $12,859.98
  - Fall Festival Fundraiser $5,465.64
  - **Total Revenues** $85,517.80

- **EXPENSES**
  - Grants $24,538.39
  - Fundraiser Expenses $10,153.36
  - General Administration $9,455.91
  - Fund-to-Fund Transfer $3,150.00
  - Asset Transfer $11,338.82
  - **Total Expenses** $58,636.48

*Balances as of December 31, 2014; unaudited.
**Endowment funds held by the Stark Community Foundation (SCF). Totals through 3rd Quarter 2014.
***Reimbursement from Stark Community Foundation for grants awarded from Charitable Endowment Fund, Hudson Fund, and Crossroads RC&D Fund.
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The 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 Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD). In February 2001 the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy Foundation was officially incorporated as a 501(c)3 nonprofit charitable organization dedicated to supporting the mission of the MWCD.

There are currently 14 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 60 projects totaling nearly $300,000.

In addition to supporting worthwhile conservation and recreation projects, the Foundation was created to help donors meet their charitable goals. If you are in need of assistance in developing a charitable contribution plan or establishing a new charitable fund, please contact Nick Lautzenheiser, MWCF Development Coordinator, at 330-556-4831 or nick@mwcd.org. For more information, please visit www.muskingumfoundation.org.