



# LITTLE MIAMI CONSERVANCY

May 14, 2019

The Ohio Legislature  
c/o Director Mary Metz  
Ohio Department of Natural Resources  
2045 Morse Road  
Columbus, OH 43229-6693

Re: LMC Support for ODNR Division of Natural Area and Preserves (DNAP) and Ohio Scenic Rivers

Dear Legislator,

Currently there is a proposal from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to re-establish the Division of Natural Areas and Preserves (DNAP) with the Scenic Rivers Program and to provide additional funding for this division in the 2020-2021 biennium budget

The current budget bill (H.B. 166) would move the Scenic Rivers Program back to DNAP and increase DNAP's budget

The proposed increase in funding from the Ohio General Revenue Fund would allow an increase in many areas of management, education and general maintenance of Ohio's natural and unique ecosystems.

Returning the Scenic Rivers Program to the Division of Natural Areas and Preserves (DNAP) will also require that the existing waterways safety funds used to fund the Scenic Rivers Program be moved to DNAP in addition to the GRF funding.

Little Miami Conservancy and its 400 members are pleased to support this important proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Eric B. Partee', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Eric B. Partee  
Executive Director  
Little Miami Conservancy

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