

The Ohio Scenic Rivers Association (OSRA) is the primary advocate for Ohio's 17 Scenic Rivers and is looking to expand to other rivers, especially in SE Ohio. WE also advocate for ALL of Ohio's rivers and watersheds.

OSRA is also the primary supporter of the ODNR, Division of Natural Areas and Preserves (DNAP's) Scenic Rivers Program.

OSRA members are kayakers and canoers, fly-fishermen and anglers, "creekers" that take children out in streams, ecologists, environmentalists, hikers, outdoorsmen, etc.

We are specifically asking for the below items in DNAP. Budget to be restored:

- GRF to increase payroll to fully staff DNAP to take on challenges of managing our rivers, protecting them from invasive plants and waste dumping, improving access and facilities and creating educational and outreach programs especially for Ohio's youth and school children.
- Expanding Scenic Rivers to include other streams meeting the criteria, especially in SE Ohio.
- Be able to hire qualified stream professionals and retain these professionals by adequately compensating them.
- Also, I would like to briefly speak as the retired former Chief of the ODNR, Division of Geological Survey and as past State Geologist that funding is needed for DNAP to preserve outstanding geologic features that are not currently in State Parks or Preserves. It is easy to think about the Glacial Grooves and Kelley's Island or the Hocking Hills, but there are many other sites and features that need to be preserved before they are lost to development or completely obscured by growth of invasive plants.



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