



December 2010

Dear Friend of the Great Miami River Watershed,

You are invited to join us in a bold new venture. We believe the Great Miami River Watershed has untapped potential for our cities and farmland. As an individual, organization or government entity, you have demonstrated an awareness of the river's potential to revitalize our watershed communities. So we ask that you consider becoming a sponsor, organizational member or individual member by answering our invitation to help create an association of private and public partners to be known officially as **Friends of Ohio's Great Corridor Association**.

Our mission is to create or seize river-related opportunities for urban and rural communities to cooperate to bring vitality to Ohio's Great Corridor by leveraging the assets of its communities. We will cooperate to make Ohio's Great Corridor a destination for local and national river visitors that adds value to the regional economy.

We do not intend to create a new nonprofit organization. As an association, we will be governed as described in the enclosed Association Profile. The **Friends of Ohio's Great Corridor Fund** is a component fund of The Dayton Foundation. All contributions will be acknowledged and are tax deductible. Annual reports of income and expenses and activities undertaken will be provided. We will not engage in partisan politics or support candidates for office. We will, when merited, endorse grant proposals of member organizations.

We are seeking corporate sponsors to serve as initial supporters of our mission and vision. These are described on the enclosed Pledge and Membership Request form. Corporate sponsorships will be solicited annually. Sponsors will receive one year corporate membership and will be recognized in our promotions. Additionally, sponsors will each receive a wall sign indicating sponsorship of Ohio's Great Corridor Association.

We are also soliciting memberships. There will be five membership categories with corresponding membership fee levels. These are described on the enclosed Pledge and Membership Request form. Members will receive a quarterly newsletter and invitations to quarterly meetings. Members are admitted at no charge to the **Annual River Summit on March 31, 2011 at the University of Dayton**.

Government, nonprofit and business members may request endorsement of grant proposals of their organizations. All members will be listed in the Annual Membership Directory of Ohio's Great Corridor Association. Additionally, institutional members will each receive a wall sign indicating membership in Ohio's Great Corridor Association.

Both sponsorships and memberships are tax deductible. All monies contributed through sponsorship or membership will be entrusted to the Friends of Ohio's Great Corridor Fund and be managed by The Dayton Foundation.

Please e-mail questions to Stan Kegley at the City of Troy stan.kegley@troyohio.gov or call 937-339-2641.

Sincerely,

Nan Whaley
Commissioner
City of Dayton

Tom Kendall
City Councilman
City of Troy

Stan Kegley
Project Manager
City of Troy

Charlie Case
City Councilman
City of Miamisburg

With continued staff support from Miami Conservancy District, Five Rivers MetroParks, Miami County Park District, and the University of Dayton Fitz Center for Leadership in Community and Rivers Institute





Sponsor Pledge and Membership Request

Listed below are the options for participation in Ohio's Great Corridor Association. Both contributions and dues should be made payable to *Friends of Ohio's Great Corridor Fund of The Dayton Foundation*. Mail to The Dayton Foundation, *Friends of Ohio's Great Corridor Fund*, 500 Kettering Tower, Dayton, OH 45423. Contributions may be made by credit card on-line at www.daytonfoundation.org

I wish to be a **Corporate Sponsor**. Please specify level of sponsorship.

- Founding Corporate Sponsor** \$10,000 for first year (beginning January 1, 2011)
- Corridor Corporate Sponsor** \$5000 for first year (beginning January 1, 2011)
- Sustaining Corporate Sponsor** \$1500 annually (beginning January 1, 2011)

Sponsors will be recognized by placing their corporate logos on all promotions of Ohio's Great Corridor Association. Sponsors will be acknowledged as such at the Annual River Summit. Additionally, sponsors will each receive a wall sign indicating sponsorship of Ohio's Great Corridor Association. Contributions will be acknowledged and are tax deductible. Sponsors will receive one year corporate membership.

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I wish to be a **Member**. Please specify membership type.

- Governments, institutions and large businesses (more than 500 employees)**—annual membership fee is \$1000, includes 10 memberships (beginning January 1, 2011)
- Nonprofit organizations and small businesses (fewer than 500 employees)**—annual membership fee is \$500, includes 5 memberships (beginning January 1, 2011)
- Businesses with fewer than 10 employees**—annual membership fee is \$300, includes 3 memberships (beginning January 1, 2011)
- Individuals**—annual membership fee is \$25 for 1 membership (beginning January 1, 2011)
- Students**—annual membership is free for 1 membership (beginning January 1, 2011)

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Organization Name _____
Contact Person _____
Mailing Address _____
City, State, Zip Code _____
E-mail address _____
Telephone _____

Register all memberships with individual names on the reverse side.

MEMBERS (Check Only One) Organization _____ Individual _____ Student _____ membership(s) for

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