

H2Ohio Rivers Program

Monitoring & Data Collection

Restoring River Health

Preserving Healthy Rivers

The new H2Ohio Rivers program will maintain and improve the health of Ohio's large rivers. H2Ohio Rivers will ensure community health, support economic development, and provide opportunities for recreation across the state.

**\$47M INVESTMENT
FY24-25**

KEY STEPS



Monitoring & Data Collection

Expand survey of contaminants in Ohio's rivers and expand monitoring of Ohio's fish and mussel populations.



Restoring River Health

Clean and restore Ohio's waterways in need.



Preserving Healthy Rivers

Preserve Ohio's high-quality riparian areas to maintain healthy waterways for the future.



PFAS Prevalence Study

Ohio will undergo a statewide survey to measure its large rivers for the existence of PFAS substances, which will help Ohio remediate any contamination.



Dam Removal

Removing deteriorating dams that have outlived their intended use will improve water quality and wildlife habitat.



Aquatic Species Survey

A statewide survey of Ohio's aquatic species including freshwater mussels and fish, which are important indicators of water quality, will inform future strategies to improve healthy river ecosystems.



Land Conservation

A new Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program in the Great Miami River Watershed will incentivize farmers to voluntarily set aside acreage into conservation practices to reduce nutrient and sediment runoff and protect water quality.



Road Salt Reduction

Local municipalities can receive funding for equipment upgrades that prevent the overapplication of salt on Ohio roads and reduce the amount of salt running off into Ohio's waterways.



Litter Prevention

A strong litter prevention and clean up program will improve the quality of Ohio's waterways that have been historically plagued by harmful waste and debris.



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