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Help Monitor the Chagrin River

Ohio's landscape is changing rapidly. The health of our rivers and streams is closely linked to their surrounding watersheds. Responsible planning and continued monitoring can reduce the impact of inappropriate development along Ohio's waterways.



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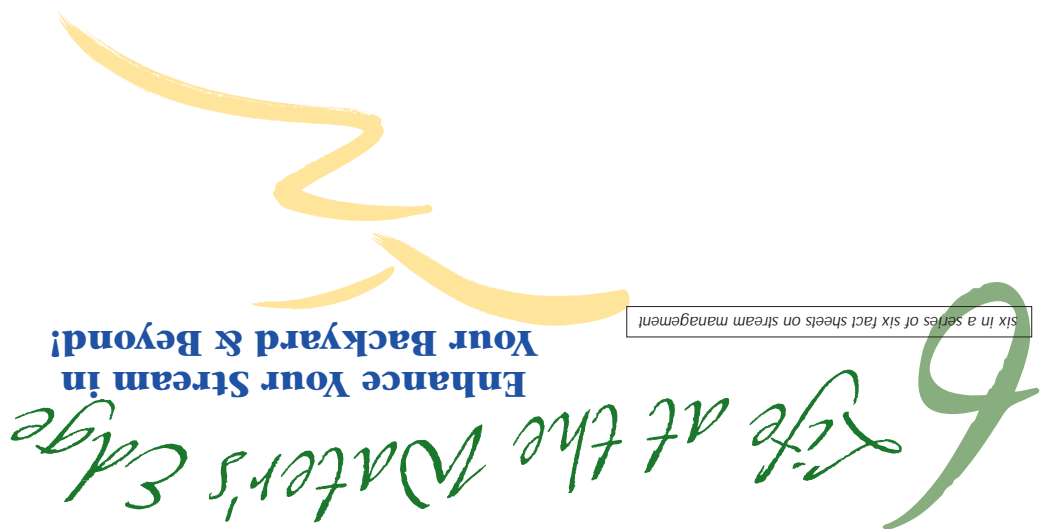
Biological monitoring is a proven way of determining the quality of rivers and streams. Developed in 1983 by the Division of Natural Areas and Preserves, Ohio's Stream Quality Monitoring (SQM) Project uses a variety of biological testing techniques to compile information on the quality of the state's scenic rivers and streams. With the help of volunteers, the Ohio SQM Project maintains data on 20 state scenic river segments. Biological monitoring can be performed year-

round, but most volunteers participate during warmer weather months, usually April through October. Ongoing monitoring is essential to protecting the health of Ohio's scenic rivers. Abnormal changes can

indicate potential pollution problems, which would prompt further investigation.

Being an SQM volunteer is easy, fun and doesn't take a large commitment of time or any prior experience. Volunteers range from individuals and organizations to teachers and their entire classes. For more information, please call ODNR, Natural Areas and Preserves at (330) 265-6453 or look on ODNR website at <http://www.ohiodnr.com/dnap/monitor>.

Acting today to maintain the Chagrin River Watershed



six in a series of six fact sheets on stream management

Enhance Your Stream in Your Backyard & Beyond!

Life at the Water's Edge

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