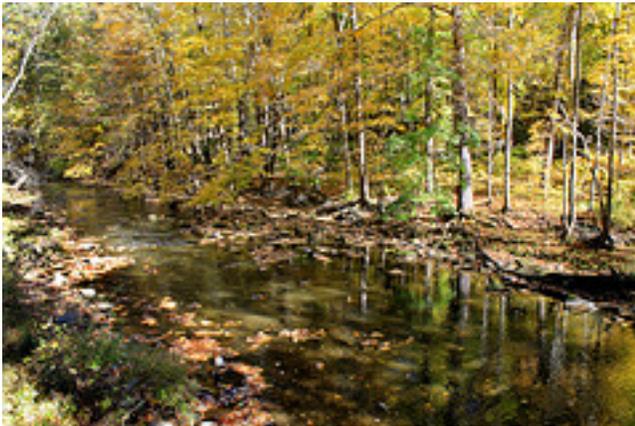


Stop the Attack on the Clean Water Rule

Protect Ohio's Drinking Water

The Clean Water Rule was recently finalized by the Obama administration after years of planning, 400 stakeholder meetings, and more than a million public comments. It safeguards our water and restores protections to the drinking water sources for 1 in 3 Americans. This includes the drinking water roughly 1 in every 2 Ohio residents. **The Clean Water Rule is a strong, commonsense policy that makes clean water a priority throughout the nation.** If Congress blocks the Clean Water Rule, at least 60% of Ohio's stream miles and millions of acres of wetlands nationwide will again be at risk from pollution and destruction from development, oil and gas production, and other industrial activities. Blocking this rule would imperil drinking water sources, as well as the small businesses and communities that rely on clean water.

Mill Creek in Youngstown, OH



- **46% of Ohio residents** get their drinking water from sources that rely on small streams that are protected by the Clean Water Rule.
- **Protections were restored to 6,978 miles of streams** that feed into Ohio's drinking water sources.
- **Thousands of acres of wetlands** that provide flood protection, recharge groundwater supplies, filter pollution, and provide essential wildlife habitat are safeguarded.

Rule Provides More Economic Benefits than Costs

- **This commonsense proposal restores, but does not expand, the historic coverage of the Clean Water Act.** EPA estimates that the rule will provide at least \$339 million and up to \$572 million annually in **benefits** to the public, including reducing flooding, filtering pollution, providing wildlife habitat, supporting hunting and fishing, and recharging groundwater.
- **Protecting small streams and wetlands supports fish and wildlife and Ohio's vibrant recreational industry.** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reports that in 2011, \$3.5 billion was spent on wildlife recreation in Ohio, including nearly \$1.8 billion on fishing, and more than 4.3 million people participated in these recreational activities in Ohio.
- **Ohio's thriving brewing industry relies on clean water.** Ohio breweries contribute approximately \$1.26 billion to our economy every year and support more than 10,700 jobs.

Ohio Clean Water Rule Supporters

- **Nearly 16,000 Ohioans, out of more than 800,000 Americans, support the rule.**
- Multiple watershed groups, representing thousands of Ohioans, support protections for clean water, in addition to craft brewers, fishing and hunting organizations and farmers.
- Ohio joined 34 other states in 2006 to urge the Supreme Court to uphold strong federal clean water protections.
- Recent polling shows that 79% of Americans want Congress to let EPA implement the Rule.

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