



Friends of the Crooked River: Programs

Dams of The Cuyahoga, A River Unbound

Dams had a fascinating role in the history of Northeast Ohio. As most dam functions have become obsolete, the Cuyahoga River community is focused on removing and modifying the negative impact of dams on water quality of our river. Over the last 10 years, the Cuyahoga River has made great strides in returning to a free flowing river. Through pictures, maps and music, the presentation highlights these topics:

- History and Overview of Dams on Cuyahoga
- Impacts of Dams; Benefits of Restoration
- 4 Restoration Successes: Kent dam modification, Munroe Falls and Cuyahoga Falls dam removal
- The potentialities and challenges of removing the Brecksville Dam and the BIG DAM, Ohio Edison Dam

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The Cuyahoga River Water Trail: From Burning River to Recreational Resource

Nowhere is the dramatic improvement in the Cuyahoga's water quality more evident than in the hoards of kayaks and canoes floating on nearly every stretch of the river. Regional planners, park officials and recreational stakeholders are capitalizing on this newly rediscovered paddling resource and working together to put the Cuyahoga River Water Trail on the map. From the flat water of the Scenic Section that is appropriate for beginners and families to the Class V rapids in the Gorge that are suited only to most advanced kayakers, from the wilderness of the headwaters to the industry of the Navigation Channel, the Cuyahoga has something for everyone. Learn about how the Cuyahoga River Water Trail will advance quality of life and economic development in the region. Get a glimpse of how the trail will focus attention on our own iconic Cuyahoga River.

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The Cuyahoga River, State of the Resource

It's been 45 years since the last time the Cuyahoga River caught fire, and 42 years since the Clean Water Act became the law of the land. Explore the Cuyahoga's remarkable progress toward becoming a fishable, swimmable river. Learn about the heroes and villains in this tale of the struggle for ideas, the big dollar stakes and cutting edge technologies. Find out how improved sewers are transforming water quality. Discover the benefits of clean water investment and the real, although often hidden, cost of pollution-supporting policies. Contact, Elaine Marsh (330) 666-4026 or ohgreenway@gmail.com, www.cuyahogariver.net

Elaine Marsh, currently Conservation Director for Friends of the Crooked River, has been active in river issues for nearly 40 years. In 1989, she co-founded Friends of Crooked River, a grassroots group dedicated to the Cuyahoga River. From 1996-2008, she served as Project Director for Ohio Greenways. Elaine sits on many boards and has received numerous recognitions, including 2005 Life Time Achievement Award from Ohio Environmental Council.