

You Don't Have to Be in the Military to Serve Your Country



Volunteer!

Strong Communities Build a Strong Country

Serving the community you live in as a volunteer *protects local natural resources, strengthens neighborhoods and builds community support.* Each of us can help make our country strong by taking local action.

Being active in your community is also about protecting your own backyard

Volunteering for an organization that watches over local water quality is an excellent way to keep your community strong. However, having good water quality isn't the only thing that makes a community strong. There are many great non-profits that need help with pursuing their goals and ***everyone has a talent or resources they can contribute.***

Many organizations need help with general things like bookkeeping, fundraising, working a weekend booth, recruiting new members, stuffing envelopes, answering phones, performing professional services, website management, organizing events, etc. Find an organization that has a mission you are interested in supporting and ask how you can help. Even small contributions make a big difference!

General Volunteer Resources:

1. Participate in township and city council meetings
2. dayton.com/what-to-do/volunteer/volunteer-opportunities
3. eco-usa.net/orgs/oh.shtml
4. VolunteerMatch.org

Local Water Quality Volunteer Opportunities:

Stream or groundwater monitoring

Rivers Unlimited 513-761-4003, Miami Conservancy Dist. 937-223-1271, OEPA's Healthy Water, Healthy People Program 614-644-2048

River Clean Up

Miami SWCD 937-335-7645 or Rivers Unlimited 513-761-4003

Litter clean up-

Keep Ohio Beautiful 330-338-8328 or Warren ODOT 513- 932-3030

Local conservation efforts

Five Rivers MetroParks 937-275-PARK, BW Greenway 937-867-5212 or Beaver Creek Wetland Association 937-320-9042, Little Miami Conservancy 513.965.9344, Warren County Park District- 513-695-1109

Sustainable Living

Dayton Regional Green 937-225-6423

Information on these and many other local organizations can be found online. Life is very busy for all of us these days and it can be hard to find extra time to volunteer, but ***no one cares about what happens to your backyard more than you do....might as well have a say in what happens.***