



# RCP Membership Application

A local partnership working towards conservation, stewardship, and restoration of the watershed for a healthier stream and community

### Individual Membership

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yellow Warbler	\$15
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wood Duck	\$30
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kingfisher	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/>	Great Blue Heron	\$500

### Organizational Membership

<input type="checkbox"/>	Channel Catfish	\$50
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grass Pickerel	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/>	Spotted Bass	\$500
<input type="checkbox"/>	Muskie	\$1000

Yes, I (we) would like to help protect Raccoon Creek

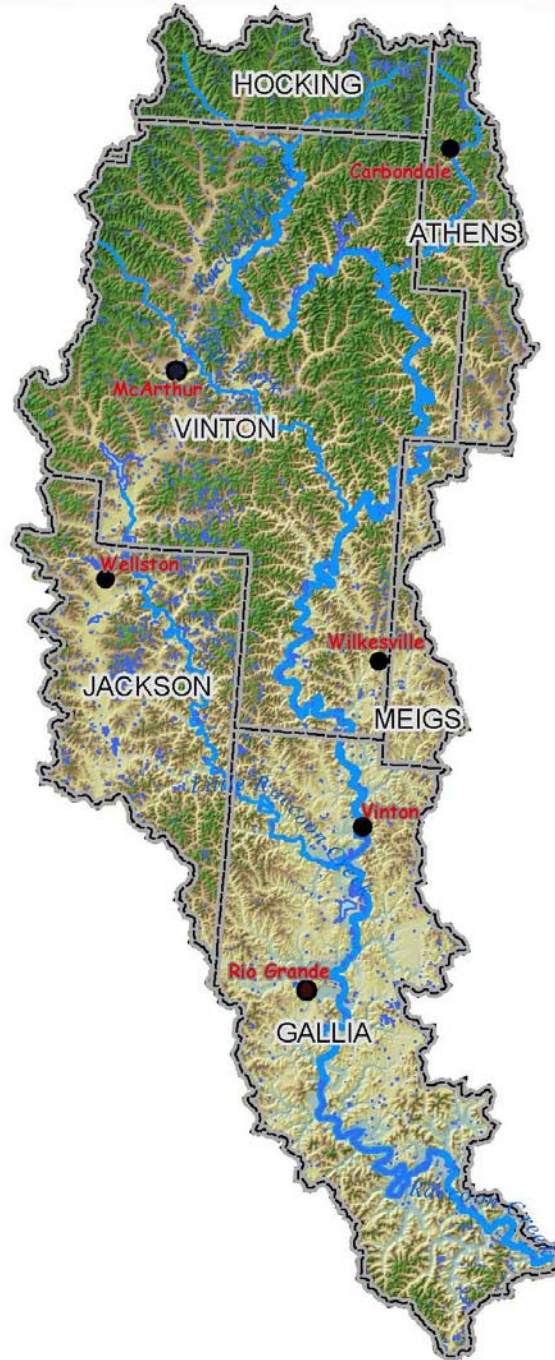
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**Raccoon Creek Watershed Shaded Relief Map**



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The Raccoon Creek Partnership is a non-profit organization that formed to improve and protect water quality in the Raccoon Creek Watershed. Located in southeastern Ohio's hill country, this 683 mi<sup>2</sup> watershed is a treasure trove of natural wonders including more than 60,000 acres of national forest, state forest, state parks, and wildlife management areas. We advocate the responsible use of this scenic waterway as a destination for outdoor recreation activities such as canoeing, kayaking, hunting, fishing, swimming, and wildlife viewing.



Our partners include agencies, organizations, communities, and individuals with a shared interest in preserving and enhancing the Raccoon Creek Watershed for generations to come.

## What are the Problems?

For more than a century, the Raccoon Creek Watershed has been at the center of mining in the Ohio coalfields. Prior to the enactment of environmental regulations in the 1970s, thousands of acres of underground and surface coal mines were abandoned resulting in sustained releases of sulfuric acid, heavy metals, and excess sediment. Other stream impairments include habitat alteration and home septic.



## Many Accomplishments



Over the last decade, the partners have completed 11 abandoned mine land projects with state and federal grants totaling \$9 million. These projects are directly responsible for the recovery that is taking place across the watershed. Restoration efforts will continue as we strive towards our goal of a fishable and swimmable stream.

## Becoming a Member

The Raccoon Creek Partnership (RCP) relies on its members for volunteer and financial support. We invite individuals, agencies, organizations, educational institutions, local governments, and businesses to become members. Please indicate your area(s) of interest from the list of current Raccoon Creek projects and activities:

- Raccoon Creek Forum** — This technical advisory committee is responsible for developing water quality improvement projects.
- Board of Directors** — A volunteer board of directors is elected by the membership to lead the RCP.
- Water Trail Association** — This group of local paddlers is developing Raccoon Creek into a state-sanctioned water trail. A very fun group!
- Waterloo Aquatic Educational Center** — A hands-on nature center is being developed at Waterloo Wildlife area in western Athens County.
- Raccoon Creek Newsletter** — RCP members receive periodic newsletters. We welcome submissions from all you budding nature writers.
- Outreach Committee** — This committee is responsible for developing watershed activities such as stream cleanups, watershed tours, volunteer monitoring, and festivals.