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# Hocking River Channel Biodiversity

**Possible Academic Connections:** Environmental Studies, Plant Biology, Public Policy, Geography

**Project length:** Year or thesis/dissertation

[**Experiential Learning**](https://www.ohio.edu/academic-excellence/experiential-learning/overview)**?** Likely

[**Community Engagement**](https://www.ohio.edu/university-college/campus-community-engagement)**?** Likely

**Remote learning possible?** Yes

**Connection to** [**OHIO Sustainability & Climate Action Plan**](https://www.ohio.edu/sites/default/files/sites/sustainability/files/2021%20OHIO%20Sustainability%20and%20Climate%20Action%20Plan.pdf)**:** Grounds, Climate, Water

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1) Investigate process for updating the [Hocking Conservancy District](https://www.hockingcd.org/)'s charter to allow for less mowing and greater biodiversity. The deliverable from this project will be a roadmap documenting steps to update the charter, including times and locations for public meetings and avenues for meeting advertisement, as well as recommended changes to the charter.

2) Plant biodiverse plants along the Hocking River corridor.

**Resources available to students/faculty to complete project:**

* Meeting with Jasmine Facun and/or Alex Sines
* [Jasmine Facun's thesis](https://etd.ohiolink.edu/apexprod/rws_etd/send_file/send?accession=ohiou1597248243432497&disposition=inline)
* City of Athens Environment and Sustainability Commission support

**Project alignment to** [**OHIO Sustainability & Climate Action Plan**](https://www.ohio.edu/sites/default/files/sites/sustainability/files/2021%20OHIO%20Sustainability%20and%20Climate%20Action%20Plan.pdf)**:**

* [Climate](https://www.ohio.edu/sustainability/operations/climate) (goal #1)
* [Grounds](https://www.ohio.edu/sustainability/operations/sustainability-grounds) (goal #1)
* [Water](https://www.ohio.edu/sustainability/operations/water) (goal # 2)
* Engagement: Offer opportunities to participate in or contribute to sustainability initiatives

**Please send final project deliverables to****sustainability@ohio.edu****for tracking and reporting purposes.**