

## INTRODUCTION

The natural systems chapter focuses on several important elements to maintain and preserve Clermont County's natural systems.

- Soils
- Erosion Prone Areas
- Landslides
- Water Sources
- Storm Water/Watersheds
- Floodplains
- Wetlands
- Conservation Projects
- Land Conservation
- Wildlife and Forestry Conservation



### Goals & Objectives

1. Continue to regulate floodplain development in accordance with state requirements and to protect life and property.
2. Minimize impervious surface coverage where practical.
3. Support county, state, and federal efforts to preserve plants and animal species and unique natural communities.
4. Consider the impacts on air quality and recognize its connection to land use and transportation planning.
5. Encourage the management of the county's natural resources so that environmental quality is maintained and enhanced for future generations.
6. Encourage for development/redevelopment in a manner that protects the county's natural resources and environment.

### The Middle East Fork Balanced Growth Plan

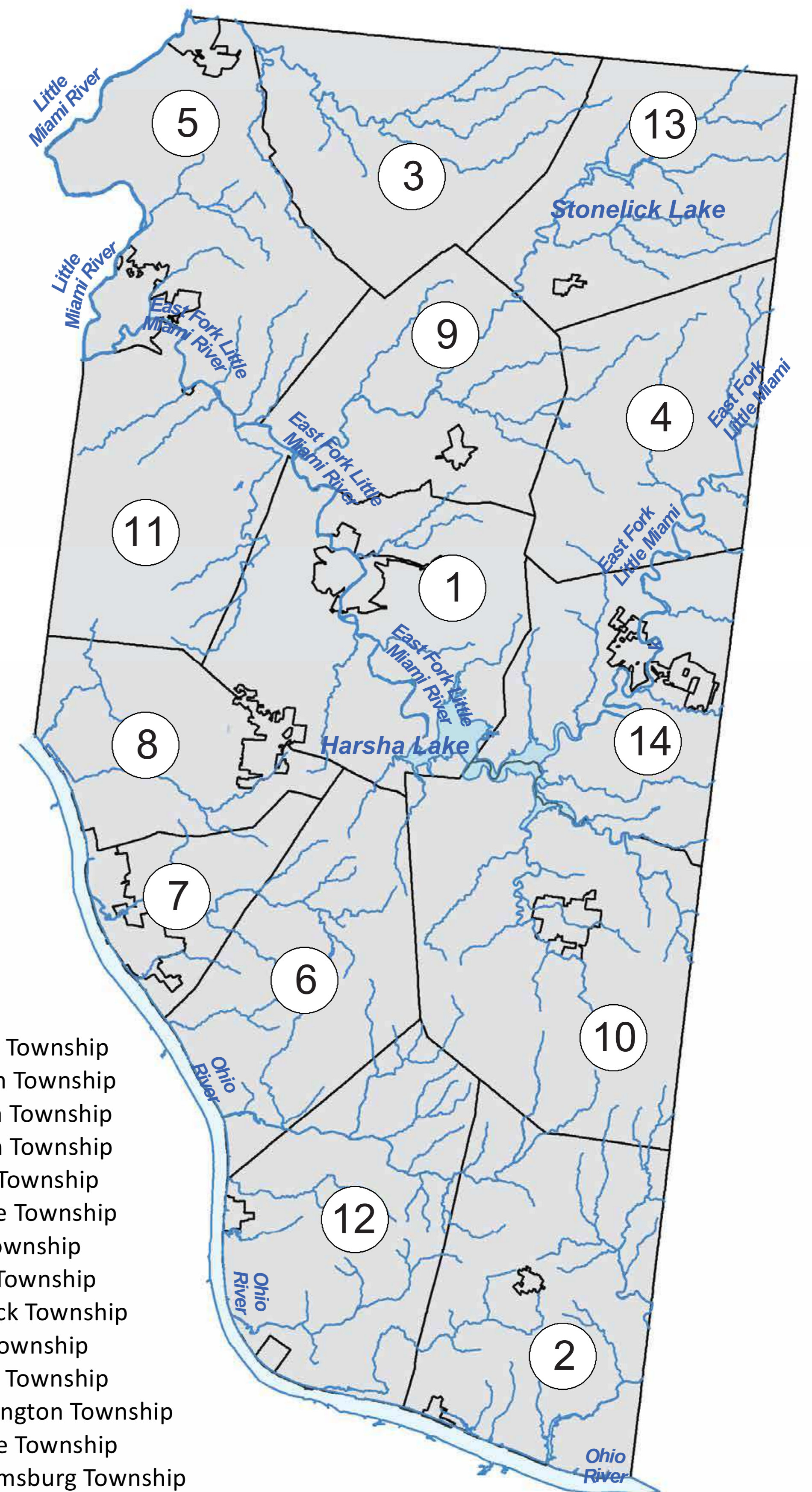
The Clermont Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and the Clermont County Planning Department collaborated with the Middle East Fork watershed communities to develop the Middle East Fork Watershed Balanced Growth (MEF BG) Plan.

This Plan helps to achieve the goals and objectives of the Ohio Balanced Growth Program, the Middle East Fork Watershed Action Plan, and promotes the development and conservation goals of the Middle East Fork communities. The Ohio Balanced Growth Program is a voluntary, incentive-based strategy to protect and restore Ohio's watersheds to assure long-term economic competitiveness, ecological health, and quality of life. The goal of the program is to link land-use planning to the health of watersheds and major water bodies.

The MEF BG Plan was designed to be used as a guide for jurisdictions to make informed land use decisions with the aim of balancing economic development with conservation goals. The MEF Watershed Planning Partnership will work with watershed communities to implement the recommendations of the Balanced Growth Plan, including the use of best local land use practices.



### Clermont County Water Bodies Lakes, Rivers and Streams



1. Batavia Township
2. Franklin Township
3. Goshen Township
4. Jackson Township
5. Miami Township
6. Monroe Township
7. Ohio Township
8. Pierce Township
9. Stonelick Township
10. Tate Township
11. Union Township
12. Washington Township
13. Wayne Township
14. Williamsburg Township