



## Receive funds for your efforts to protect groundwater

To recognize good stewards of the groundwater, and to encourage groundwater-friendly practices in our communities, the Aquifer Preservation Subdistrict (APS) of The Miami Conservancy District has funds to assist a limited number of non-profit organizations to pursue Groundwater Guardian (GG) Green Site designation and implement practices that protect groundwater. Eligible organizations can receive GG Green Site administrative fees and receive reimbursement for up to \$2000 for practices.

The GG Green Site program, sponsored by the National Groundwater Foundation, recognizes good stewards of groundwater by encouraging managers of managed green spaces (nature centers, education campuses, parks, farms, etc.) to implement, measure, and document their groundwater-friendly practices related to chemical use, water use, pollution prevention, water quality, and environmental stewardship.

To be eligible for designation, land managers document the environmental impact of their groundwater-friendly practices, such as pounds of fertilizer saved annually by using lower input plants, gallons of water saved annually by using low water/maintenance plant materials, amounts of toxic substances disposed of properly, and other related items. To see a GG Green Site in action, download this [Case Study](#) of Bayside Golf Course in Nebraska.

### Benefits

If awarded funding by the APS, the benefits include:

- Assistance in completing the GG Green Site application
- Administrative fees paid for two years
- Up to \$2000 (reimbursable) to implement groundwater-friendly practices

If awarded GG Green Site designation the benefits include:

- Public recognition for efforts to protect the groundwater
- Free signage to put on your property
- Monthly newsletter with water news, program information, funding opportunities, and more
- 10% discount on Groundwater Catalog products
- Discounted or free access to Groundwater Foundation webinars
- Opportunities to connect with other Green Sites, Groundwater Guardians, and water experts through social media and The Groundwater Foundation's National Conference

### Eligibility

1. Must be a non-profit organization who manages land within the Aquifer Preservation Subdistrict of The Miami Conservancy District (see Figure 1).

2. Attend Miami Conservancy District's GG Green Site Workshop on August 31, 2011 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
3. Be one of the first 15 eligible organizations to submit the GG Green Site application to Miami Conservancy District no later than September 23, 2011.
4. Implement practices that protect groundwater. Examples of practices that are eligible for funding include but are not limited to:
  - Annual soil tests
  - Purchase and plant lower input/native plants
  - Install proper fertilizer and pesticide storage – covered and on impervious surface
  - Create setback zones near surface water and wetlands (conservation easement)
  - Send employees to training to become licensed pesticide applicators
  - Create setback or no-application zone around active wells (conservation easement)
  - Perform annual test of private drinking water - on site
  - Inspect, pump or otherwise service on-site wastewater treatment systems
  - Install secondary containment for above ground fuel storage tanks
  - Inspect and monitor below ground fuel storage tanks for leaks
  - Create recycling program for toxic substances
  - Install porous surface or bioretention area to receive parking lot runoff
  - Increase habitat for wildlife

#### **Priority will be given to projects that:**

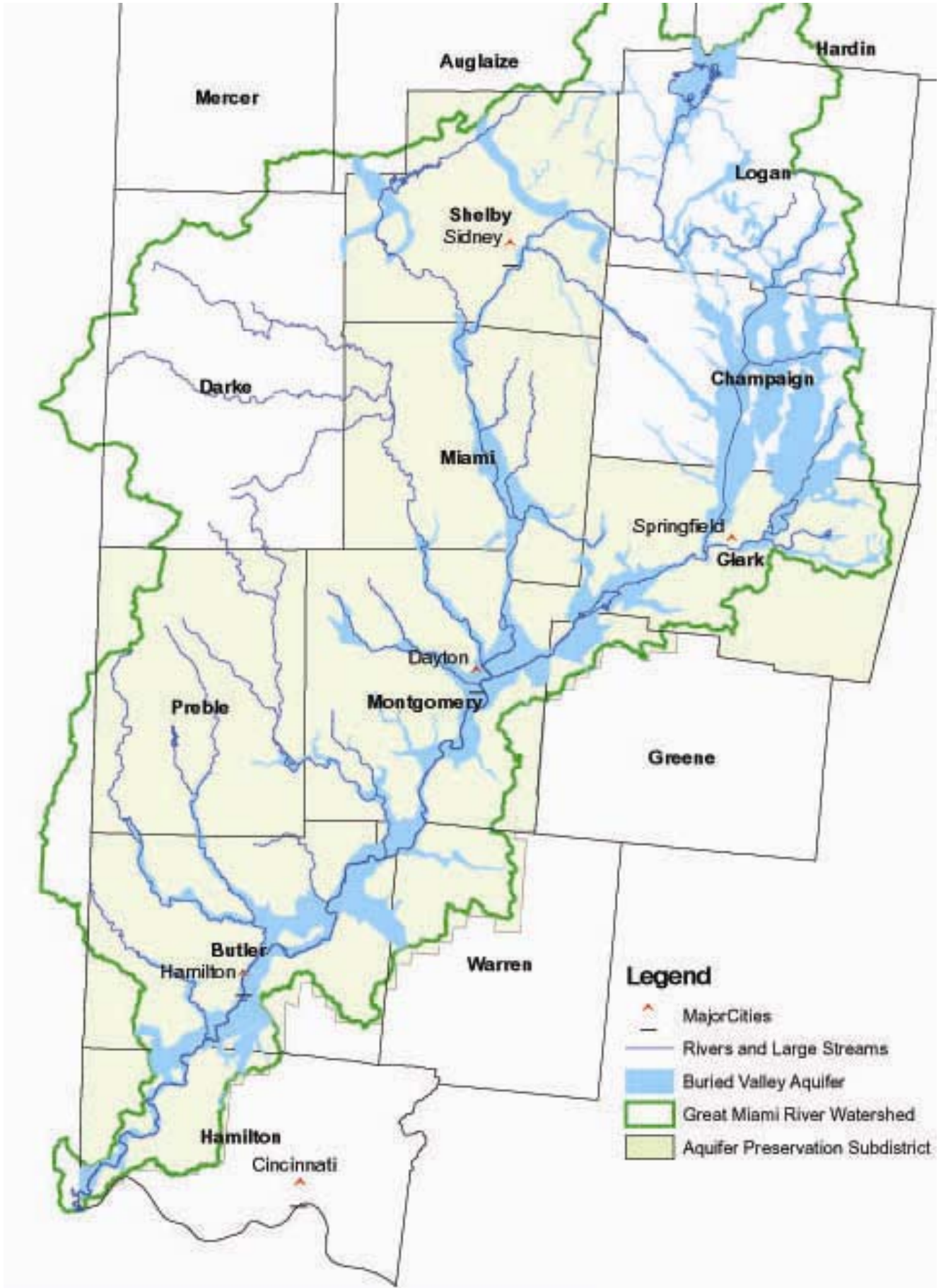
- Are located within the boundaries of the Aquifer Preservation Subdistrict.
- Are located over the Buried Valley Aquifer (See Figure 1).
- Protect land inside a Source Water Protection Area or in close proximity to a wellfield's time of travel boundaries.
- Show measurable results such as number of acres protected, amount of fertilizer not used, size of area monitored.
- Function over a long period of time.

#### **Deadline**

To be eligible for the APS funds, please RSVP no later than Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup> for the August 31<sup>st</sup> workshop.

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# Groundwater Guardian Green Site Workshop

**Wednesday, August 31, 2011**

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

## **Fernald Nature Preserve**

7400 Willey Road, Harrison, Ohio 45013

There is no fee to attend, but pre-registration is required.

Materials and lunch provided.

## AGENDA

8:45... Registration

9:00... Introduction to Groundwater Guardian Green Site Program

9:30... Review of Groundwater Green Site Application

10:00... Funding possibilities

11:00... Tour of Fernald (optional)

12:00... Lunch (provided)

1:00... Adjourn

**RSVP by August 24<sup>th</sup> to**

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