

## **Little Miami Watershed Network**

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Wendy Dyer, the chair of the POW [Protect Our Water] project for the Little Miami Watershed Network just released some exciting news!

She estimates volunteers spent between 80-100 volunteer hours placing about 1400 medallions in the Bellbrook and Sugarcreek Township area this summer. So the area should be completely covered with prevention messages.

This was made possible through the efforts of many volunteers and sponsors of the Watershed Hoopla, held on July 26 at the Bellbrook Middle School. Adult and school –age teams played in a round robin basketball game to raise the money to purchase the medallions to place on storm drains in Bellbrook and Sugar Creek Township. The Bellbrook United Methodist Church, the Islamic Society of Greater Dayton, and the Little Miami Watershed Network joined together to host this fun evening.

Community members were part of the 35 volunteers who helped place the medallions on drains with the reminder that 'only water goes down the drains."

Gasoline, motor oils, medicines, leaves, grass clippings, fertilizers, pesticides, animal wastes, etc. are all pollutant to the creeks and stream the storm drain empty into.

Hope Taft, co-chair of the Little Miami Watershed Network says," we could think of storm drains as the mouth to underground rivers encased in concrete and have no way to purify or slow down the flow of water like nature does."

The Little Miami Watershed Network hopes to cover the upper watershed with these medallions. We have an educational Envroscape program available for presentations to groups and are always looking for volunteers to help place the medallions on storm drains and raise money to make that possible.

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