

## **Millcreek Valley Conservancy District (MVCD)**

### **Conservancy Board Member**

The Millcreek Valley Conservancy District welcomes Hamilton County residents to apply to serve on its three member board. The MVCD has one current board vacancy and is also accepting expressions of interest to serve on the board in the future.

### **Background:**

The Millcreek Valley Conservancy District was established in 1961 when nine local governments petitioned to form a Conservancy District under Ohio Revised Code 6101 (Conservancy Act) to address chronic and severe flooding issues in the Millcreek Valley. In 1975, the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the MVCD entered into an agreement for the construction of a 17-mile channel and other related improvements to mitigate flooding of the Millcreek. The USACE will soon complete the project and turn it over for MVCD to manage as the owner and local partner.

MVCD is governed by a board of three directors appointed by the Hamilton County Judge for the Conservancy Court, Judge Amy L. Searcy. The MVCD is seeking a new member to serve as one of its three board members.

In preparation for taking on the responsibilities for the project, the MVCD board will oversee the work of an Executive Director charged with: 1) building the MVCD's organizational capacity to manage the organization and the flood project, and 2) seeking approval of assessment revenue to fund the operations of the MVCD and the flood improvements from the Conservancy Court in accordance with the R.C. 6101 process. In addition, board will support the Executive Director in collaborating and communicating with local governments, including the City of Cincinnati, public agencies, civic groups, elected officials, community groups, and the US Army Corps of Engineers.

### **Responsibilities:**

A Conservancy District board member governs, sets strategic direction, and ensures fiduciary oversight for land/water conservation efforts. Key duties include adopting annual budgets, setting policy, ensuring legal compliance, managing resources (land/personnel), hiring executive staff, and representing the district to the public, as outlined by Ohio Laws (<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-6101.15>).

- **Governance & Strategy:** Establish the district's mission, goals, and strategic plans, focusing on long-term sustainability rather than daily operations.

- **Fiduciary Oversight:** Review and approve the annual budget, monitor financial reports, and ensure sound fiscal management.
- **Legal Compliance:** Ensure the district complies with state and local regulations, including public records laws and environmental requirements.
- **Resource Management:** Acquire, manage, or dispose of real/personal property and secure insurance for the district's assets, according to Ohio Laws.
- **Policy Formulation:** Develop and enforce rules and regulations for the protection of property and public safety.
- **Leadership Development:** Hire, evaluate, and support the Executive Director and ensure active community leadership, according to National Association of Conservation Districts (<https://www.nacdnet.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/03-NACD-Board-Member-Job-Description.doc>).
- **Advocacy & Community Engagement:** Act as a representative of the district, attending board meetings and engaging with the public, note National Association of Conservation Districts.

**Requirements and desired attributes:**

- Must be a resident of Hamilton County.
- Commitment to natural resource conservation.
- Knowledge of local environmental issues.
- Strong communication and leadership skills.
- Commitment to fiduciary duty
- Board experience is a plus

Interested individuals may email a letter of interest and resume to:

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