

# Coalition puts forward plan to protect and restore Ohio River basin waters

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A coalition representing universities, environmental conservation nonprofits and more has released what it says is a roadmap to protecting and conserving waterways in the Ohio River basin.

The 96-page draft plan released recently details numerous challenges ranging from industrial and coal mining pollution to the proliferation of invasive species and extreme flooding driven by climate change.

The report also calls for more funding for water infrastructure and water quality monitoring and for more collaboration among the federal government and local, tribal and state governments.

Jordan Lubetkin, the senior director of Ohio River restoration at the National Wildlife Federation, during a Thursday press conference said trying to fix “serious and complex environmental problems across vast geographies” is hard, expensive and takes time.

“This report is premised on a concept that has proven wildly successful in other parts of the country. That is namely, when local, state and tribal governments partner with the federal government to restore large landscapes, good things happen,” Luketkin said.

The coalition points to coordinated efforts that have worked to restore waters and wetlands such as the Chesapeake Bay, the Everglades, the Great Lakes and Puget Sound as examples of what could be possible. Democratic U.S. Rep. Morgan McGarvey of Louisville introduced a bill last year, co-sponsored by Republican U.S. Rep. Erin Houchin of Southern Indiana, that sought to create a new federal office overseeing the restoration of the Ohio River basin.

The plan was released by the Ohio River Basin Alliance, the University of Louisville’s Christina Lee Brown Envirome Insti-



The Ohio River (Wikimedia Commons photo)

tute and the National Wildlife Federation but had contributions from hundreds of people across West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, Illinois, Tennessee and other states. The plan also pulled feedback from community listening sessions in the Ohio River Basin over the course of 2022 and 2023.

The problems facing waterways and wetlands across the 204,000 square miles of the Ohio River basin are multifold: Waterways have been altered through the digging of ditches, drainage of wetlands and construction of dams and levees. Wastewater, stormwater and drinking water infrastructure is complex, aging and failing. Pollution into waters comes from acid mine drainage, agriculture, fracking and other industries.

Ted Smith, director of the Center for Healthy Air, Water and Soil at the University of Louisville’s Christina Lee Brown Envirome Institute, said hundreds of toxic Superfund sites in the Ohio River basin have yet to be fully remediated.

“We’ve all experienced more extreme weather events, and here in Kentucky we’ve had regular, significant flooding, 100 year floods every few years,” Smith said. Not cleaning up those Superfund sites, he said, puts “the whole water system at significant risk every year.”

“The future of the country is really going to hang on our ability to address the integrity of these water systems and do it in a way that’s going to work for generations to come,” Smith said.

Despite waters throughout

Kentucky and the Ohio River basin already being impaired by pollution, Smith said he’s optimistic that “this is something that can be addressed.”

The report also notes the need to strengthen and enforce water quality regulations.

“The failure to update and enforce clean water protections threatens to not only undermine restoration progress (e.g., investing in wetland restoration while allowing wetlands to be filled and destroyed), but also jeopardizes public health, restricts outdoor recreation activities, and suppresses economic growth,” the report states.

When asked how the current weakening of federal and state water quality regulations played a role in the coalition’s plan, Ohio

River Basin Alliance chair Chris Lorentz said “regulations to couple with these recommendations are absolutely necessary.”

“We’re focusing on showcasing the benefits that these investments will result in and hopefully gain stronger support for tighter regulations,” said Lorentz, a professor of biological sciences at Thomas More University in Northern Kentucky.

Kentucky state lawmakers passed a law this year that significantly limited the state’s ability to regulate water pollution, and the Trump administration is looking at scaling back oversight of waters and wetlands under the Clean Water Act.

The coalition is seeking public comments on the draft plan through July 7.

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DOWFloodplain@ky.gov Kentucky Division of Water, Floodplain Management Section, 3300 Sower Blvd, Frankfort, Ky 40601. Call 502-564-3410 with questions.

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**APPLICATION**

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**ABANDONED VEHICLES STORAGE FACILITY DENALI TOWING LLC 604 BIZZELL DR. LEXINGTON KY 40510 859-241-3031**

2018 Ford Edge 2FMPK3G99JBB88785 Lienholder Ele Funding Llc Owner Gelco Fleet Trust

Jessamine Journal: June 5, 12 and 19, 2025  
**AV/18 FORD**

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Nicholasville Planning Commission meeting for Tuesday June 24 has been cancelled. John Quinn, Chairperson Nicholasville Planning Commission

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**CANCELLED MEETING**

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### Notice of Public Hearing:

Under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (Public Law 88-578), citizens are afforded the opportunity to express their views concerning the recreational needs of their community. To provide a forum for discussion, the City of Nicholasville will be hosting an open meeting on:

6/23/2025

5:00 pm

**Nicholasville Police Station Conference Room 717 N Main St, Nicholasville, KY 40356**

The specific purpose of this meeting is to discuss the planning and design of John Preece Park.

The public is invited to review and voice their opinion on the proposed activities and potential impacts of the project. Anyone wishing to support or oppose the proposed project can also submit written comments to **Grants Administrator, 517 N. Main Street, Nicholasville, KY, 40356 by 6/22/2025.**

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**HEARING**

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEYS OFFICE – SEEKS JANITORIAL SERVICES**

The local Commonwealth's Attorneys' Office is seeking bids for janitorial services to begin by July 1, 2025, as follows:

**1.00 Purpose and Background** Offeror will provide janitorial services to the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney,

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13th Judicial Circuit located at 104 Richmond Ave. Nicholasville KY 40383.

### 2.00 Scope of Work

**Bimonthly:** Around the 15th and 30th of the month, offeror shall dust furniture, desks, chairs, credenzas, and cabinets. Empty waste containers and remove trash to the designated area and replace trash liners. Clean entrance and interior glass doors. Vacuum carpeted areas. Sweep and mop ceramic and resilient floors. Disinfect tabletops, counters, and break room. Clean and sanitize bathroom sinks, toilets, and bathroom floors. Restock toilet paper, paper towels, hand soap. As needed, the offeror will dust high reach areas including shelves, ledging, vents and grill covers. Dust venetian blinds, remove cobwebs, clean baseboards, and corners. Damp wipe exterior and interior of microwave ovens. Wipe the exterior of the refrigerator.

**Site Evaluation:** Offeror may schedule a walk-through of the approximate 2,805 sq ft space by calling 859-873-4797 during normal business hours prior to the deadline of June 27, 2025.

### 3.00 Evaluation Criteria

The Prosecutors Advisory Council will evaluate the proposals based on the following evaluation factors: Cost: Bidder with lowest price receives highest score – maximum 50 points. Vendor shall provide the weekly rate for which they shall provide the aforementioned services. Bidder with most years of cleaning experience shall receive maximum 25 points. Bidders shall submit 2 references for a maximum 25 points.

### 4.00 Bid Sheet

Offerors shall submit the following to the Prosecutors Advisory Council before the due date, via email to - mwise@prosecutors.ky.gov. Questions for clarification can be sent to the same email address. Only bids submitted to mwise@prosecutors.ky.gov by the due date of June 27, 2025 will be considered. Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Remit to address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tax ID or Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_

Bimonthly cost (cleaning will be done twice monthly): \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Does your bid include cleaning supplies? Circle One: Yes or No Do you agree to a background check? Circle One: Yes or No Bidder Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**BIDS**

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**PROPOSED USE HEARING: LOCAL GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE (LGEA) PROGRAM / MUNICIPAL ROAD AID (MRA) PROGRAM**

A public hearing will be held by the City of Nicholasville at the Nicholasville Police Department's Community Room

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located at 717 North Main St. on June 23, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of obtaining written and oral comments from citizens regarding possible use of funds to be received from the Local Government Economic Assistance Program and Municipal Road Aid Program.

All interested persons or organizations in Nicholasville are invited to the public hearing to submit written and oral comments on the possible use of the referenced funds. Any person(s) whom cannot submit written statements or attend the public hearing, but wish to submit comments, should call the City Clerk at 885-1121 so that arrangements can be made to secure their comments.

All proposed projects for the use of these funds for fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, are identified below and will be reiterated at the hearing:

**Local Government Economic Assistance (LGEA) Program**  
Estimated Revenues\* \$ 28,000  
Proposed Uses:  
Nicholasville-Jessamine County Parks & Recreation \$ 28,000

*\*Any resources above the estimated amount may be used for Nicholasville-Jessamine County Parks & Recreation.*

**Municipal Road Aid (MRA) Program**  
Estimated Resources Available for Appropriation\*\* \$700,000  
Proposed Uses:  
Street Paving & Milling \$700,000  
Total Proposed Uses \$700,000

*\*\*Any resources above estimated amount may be used for paving.*

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**HEARING/LGEA-MRA**

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE

Please take notice Prime Storage - Nicholasville Etter located at 251 Etter Dr. Nicholasville, KY 40356 intends to hold a public sale to sell the property stored in the following units stored at the Facility. The public sale will occur at an Online Auction via [www.storage-treasures.com](http://www.storage-treasures.com) on 6/17/2025 at 12:00PM. Unit #222; Unit #237; Unit #238; Unit #388; Unit #561. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions may apply.

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**L2L-58350**

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**MASTER COMMISSIONER'S SALE FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2025, AT 10:00 A.M. JESSAMINE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, SECOND FLOOR COURTROOM 101 NORTH MAIN STREET, NICHOLASVILLE, KY**

In order to comply with the or-

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ders of the Jessamine Circuit Court, the Master Commissioner will sell the property described in actions found and described below in the Jessamine County Courthouse, Second Floor, 101 North Main Street, Nicholasville, Kentucky. Said property shall be sold to raise the amounts set forth below plus interest and other costs as stated in the actions referenced. The sale of said property will be subject to the following terms and conditions: At the time of sale the successful bidder shall either pay full cash or make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on credit for 30 days. If the purchase price is not paid in full, the successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond at the time of sale with sufficient surety approved by the Master Commissioner prior to the sale to secure the unpaid balance of the purchase price. The bond shall be for the unpaid balance of the purchase price and bear interest at the rate the judgment bears, from the date of the sale until paid, and shall have the force and effect of a judgment. If the purchaser fails to pay the deposit or post a sufficient bond, the property will immediately be resold. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all taxes and assessments upon the property for the current tax year and all subsequent years. The sale of the real estate shall be made subject to such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America or the defendant(s), and all zoning and building regulations, restrictions, ordinances, easements, covenants, and rights-of-way, of record, or otherwise. The property shall be sold "As Is" "Where Is" and without warranty. Risk of loss shall pass to the purchaser upon execution of bond of sale or payment of the purchase price in full whichever occurs first. Possession of the real property will be given to the purchaser upon confirmation of the report of sale by the Jessamine Circuit Court, full payment of the purchase price plus any interest due, and delivery of a Commissioner's Deed to the purchaser. The property addresses contained herein are for convenience only. All properties will be sold pursuant to the legal description contained in the actions referenced herein. Further information regarding these sales, past sales, upcoming sales and FAQs can be found at [www.JessamineMC.com](http://www.JessamineMC.com).

**SALE 1-111 Keenesway Lane, Versailles, 24-CI-163, Judgment amt. \$94,578.92, Parcel# 020-40-05-004.00 and 020-40-05-003.00**

**SALE 2-109 Wood Street, Wilmore, 23-CI-589, Judgment amt. \$217,694.98, Parcel# 024-10-25-013.00**

**SALE 3 -1763 Kissing Ridge Road, Nicholasville, 24-CI-27, Judgment amt. \$10,318.10, Parcel# 085-00-00-029.02**

**SALE 3 - 426 Hartley Drive, Nicholasville, 24-CI-690, Judgment amt. \$7,485.52, Parcel# 088-30-24-088.00**

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**ORDINANCE 6.17.25**

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**Ellen L. Miller, Master Commissioner**  
102 West Maple Street  
Nicholasville, KY 40356  
859-885-1550

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**JUNE 2025 COMM SALE**

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**L2L-58351**

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### NOTICE OF ORDINANCE

Jessamine County Fiscal Court Notice is hereby given that the Jessamine County Fiscal Court will consider on June 17, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. in the Jessamine County Courthouse, Circuit Court Room, Nicholasville, Kentucky 40356 an Ordinance, a copy of which is available for public inspection at the Office of the Jessamine County Clerk, Jessamine County Courthouse, Nicholasville, Kentucky 40356. The title and summary of said Ordinance: An Ordinance relating to: Budget Amendment pertaining to revenues for Ambulance Runs (Insurance) in the amount of \$586,000.00 and appropriations for Reserve for Transfers in the amount of \$586,000.00 JESSAMINE COUNTY FISCAL COURT

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**ORDINANCE 6.17.25**

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**ORDINANCE/CANNABIS**

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**ORDINANCE/REVENUES**

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**ORDINANCE/ZONING**

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