



Rush Run Your Stream Report Card

Volunteer Stream Quality Monitors from the Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed (FLOW) have sampled 11 Olentangy tributaries in 21 locations over the past 2 years. The Cumulative Index Value (CIV) is a score assigned based on the **number of different** organisms found in these streams. Increased diversity leads to a high CIV, but a score of 9.5 in Rush Run reflects the absence of many species due to poor water quality and a stream that would benefit from some improvement

Adena Brook-16.0

Kempton Run-12.5

Bill Moose-11.6

← Rush Run - 9.5

Glen Echo-7.3
Sivh Run-6.9

The Causes for your score....

- Fertilizers and Pesticides
- Road Salt
- Pet Waste
- Deeper Channels
- Oil and Fuels

How You Can Help Improve Your Stream Quality...

- Consider that **all local drains lead to your stream**- they are not filtered so anything you can do to prevent pollution will help
- Reduce **fertilizers and pesticides** used in lawn care
- **Do not mow up to the edge** of your stream- leaving a barrier will help filter rain runoff
- Clean up **pet waste and litter**
- **Wash vehicles on your lawn**
- Plant **native species**- Consider a prairie or pollinator garden and a tree



For more information and ways you can get involved in your watershed please visit
FLOWohio.org
 Email: info@olentangywatershed.org
 Phone: (614)-267-3386.

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Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed

Address Box

Hello Neighbor,

The Olentangy River struggles to maintain its natural health and beauty. Our urban progress stresses the rivers ability to remain healthy. Trash, fertilizer, and unabated run-off conspire to overwhelm the rivers defenses.

The Olentangy needs your help!

Postage

Please visit our website to discover more about Rush Run including how we are helping to improve its health. Information you will find includes:

- + Volunteer events to remove invasive species and host litter cleanups
- + The Landowner's toolkit will help navigate through best management practices based on your property type
- + Pollinator Site Plan will help you create a pollinator patch which will be upheld by Code Enforcement
- + The OSU capstone assessing Best Management Practice to help reduce soil erosion and flash flooding
- + The restoration of Rush Run at Park Boulevard Park
- + Lists of invasive species and excellent native replacements for them

Join the Stream Quality Monitoring Team by expressing interest to info@olentangywatershed.org

Can't join us in volunteering, but still want to help? Please consider supporting FLOW work with a one-time donation of **\$25** to become a member or consider creating an **automatic continuous monthly donation of \$5**. Visit flowohio.org for details on how to set it up and to read about the other great things Flow supports.



**Volunteer,
Manage your
property,
Contribute to a
better Olentangy!**

