

Buffer Initiative *Pilot Project*

Miami County Buffer Project

Project Profile

Landowner(s): Multiple
Location: Miami County
Focus Area: Stream & Riparian Area
Habitat Restoration: 10.1 acres of buffer
Project Year: 2004
Project Cost: \$5,500



This multiple landowner project was submitted to the KAWS Eastern I-70 Chapter. The Miami County Conservation District piloted the project that allowed landowners to increase the number of acres enrolled in the CCRP buffer program. The District was finding that landowners who had small fields that were eligible for the CCRP buffer program would sometimes not enroll in the CCRP program because they would be left with small, under three acre, fields that were not eligible. The project allowed the landowners, who granted KAWS an easement, to receive a payment equal to \$500 per acre for the life of the CCRP contract with a maximum enrolled acres per tract of 3 acres or \$1,500 per cooperator. Six landowners took advantage of this program with a combined 10.1 acres of enrolled buffers. The two photos pictured are the Anderson buffer project (top) and the Menefee buffer project (left). These areal photos show how the buffer initiative matched up with CCRP acres to provide an added benefit to streams and riparian areas that otherwise may not have been protected.

