



BUCKEYE LAKE REGION COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

ONE LAKE. ONE VISION. ONE VOICE.

ANNUAL REPORT 2022



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# CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Just as the Buckeye Lake Region continued to move through the residual impacts of post-pandemic life, the Buckeye Lake Region Community Foundation did so as well. Although the world around us experienced much change throughout 2022, we continued to hold fast to our guiding principles set forth in our founding document: the BLR 2036 Declaration. While always staying true to our mission to transparently engage with local political entities, our communities and our constituents.

This year, we dug deep to offer development assistance, funding and support for community traditions, responsible growth and critical initiatives to the sustainability of our Region. This includes a dedicated focus on water quality across our Region and in our watershed. We spearheaded several efforts to positively impact water quality in our watershed and were proud to report that we saw positive change as a result of those efforts and collaborations with other organizations and entities.



Our Annual Report highlights how the generous financial support of our donors enabled the Foundation to continue funding the strategic planning initiatives and projects executed by the Buckeye Lake Region Corporation. These pages are filled with an overview of our accomplishments for the year, highlights of our financials and a look ahead at our goals for the future. The Annual Report is also our opportunity to recognize our individual and Champion of the Lake donors.

I want to sincerely thank every donor, partner and board member for their time, commitment, support and dedication to the Buckeye Lake Region. Without you, the Buckeye Lake Region Community Foundation would not be able to execute on its mission and goals.

Your continued support will guide us on this important journey.

Yaromir Steiner  
CHAIRMAN

BUCKEYE LAKE REGION COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



# OUR MISSION AND WHO WE ARE

## OUR MISSION

The Buckeye Lake Region Community Foundation was founded to provide financial funding to the Buckeye Lake Region Corporation, which exists to implement the community vision adopted by the citizens of the Buckeye Lake Region

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## WHO WE ARE

The Buckeye Lake Region Community Foundation is part of a collaborative effort to transform the Buckeye Lake Region into the most popular year-round tourism destination in the Midwest.

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## WHAT WE DO

By securing donation and grants from individuals, businesses and foundations (public and private), the Buckeye Lake Region Community Foundation provides the financial assistance needed by the Buckeye Lake Region Corporation to execute on the community vision outlines in the BLR 2036 Declaration.

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## HOW WE DO IT

The Buckeye Lake Region Community Foundation reviews and approves grant funds for specific projects and operations requests from the Buckeye Lake Region Corporation. We depend on generous donations from individuals, businesses and foundations to help us transform the Buckeye Lake Region.



# BOARD MEMBERS

The Executive Committee and Board Members are integral to the success of the Buckeye Lake Region Community Foundation. Our Board is comprised of business and community members from across Central Ohio. They provide the strategic guidance and critical insights that are needed to ensure the Foundation remains on course, while strengthening donor relationships.

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**"The BLR 2036 Declaration and Community Vision serve as the Foundation's guiding principles."**

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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YAROMIR STEINER | CHAIRMAN

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KAREN COOKSTON | VICE CHAIRMAN

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RICHARD SMITH | TREASURER

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MIKE FORNATARO | SECRETARY

## BOARD MEMBERS

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MATT BAUMANN

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AMY EYMAN

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TOM JOHNSON

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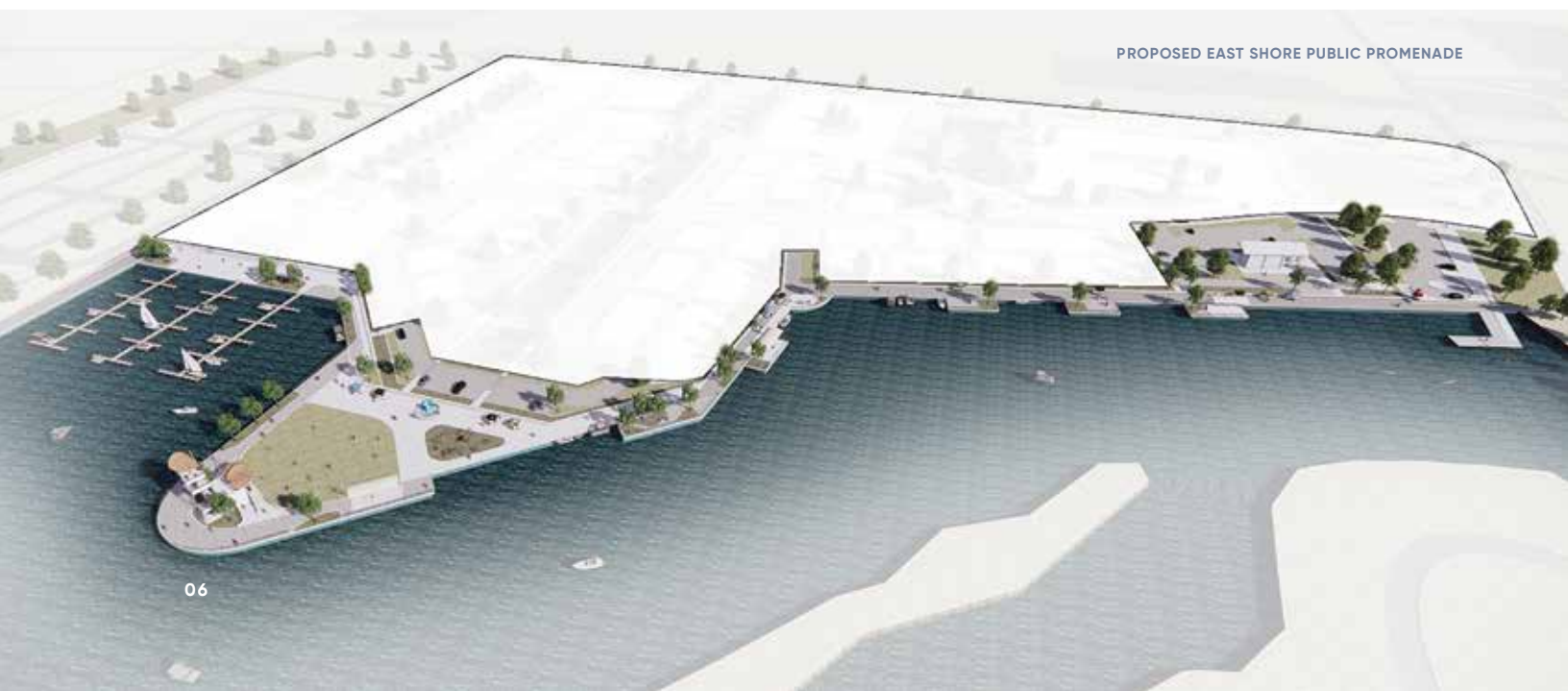


# HIGHLIGHTED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Since its founding, the Buckeye Lake Region Community Foundation has achieved many significant milestones. Below is a highlight of major BLRCF accomplishments achieved over the past four years:

## BUCKEYE LAKE REGION COMMUNITY FOUNDATION: MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT-A-GLANCE 2016 TO 2022

- Established the Buckeye Lake Region Corporation, providing continuous monetary and organizational support
- Serve as the primary funding resource to execute the vision of the BLR 2036 Declaration
- Funded the Gruen + Gruen Economic Impact Study
- Funded the EMH&T Buckeye Lake Watershed and Feeder Channel Water Quality Study
- Established charitable giving funds at the Licking, Fairfield and Perry County Foundations
- Coordinated and funded the Buckeye Lake Region Hospitality Plan executed by MKSK
- Coordinated and funded the Public Access Crystal Lagoon Economic Study executed by VenuBlue
- Coordinated and funded the Thorn Township Advisory Task Force
- Coordinated \$1,200,000 in grants for Feeder Channel restoration
- Secured \$200,000 for dredge recommissioning.
- Successfully advocated for the purchase of a new dredge for Buckeye Lake
- Secured \$392,000 for the Phase 1: Design and Concept to support the Buckeye Lake Region Corporation’s efforts to re-imagine the North Shore Park
- Secured \$75,000 to support the Buckeye Lake Region Corporation’s efforts to bring a public access crystal lagoon to Buckeye Lake
- Secured \$250,000 to begin structural and amenity upgrades to Canal Drive in Millersport
- Established the Thorn Township Taskforce along side Buckeye Lake Region Corporation to fund design support for possible development options along Honey Creek
- Worked collaboratively with Buckeye Lake Region Corporation to facilitate community focus groups and surveys to identify the top priority projects to be funded; water quality topped the list across all of the options
- Provided support to Buckeye Lake for Tomorrow installation of aerators across the Region to improve water quality
- Took over financial and organizational support for BLASST



PROPOSED EAST SHORE PUBLIC PROMENADE



# 2022 GOALS AND PROJECTS

The Buckeye Lake Region Community Foundation seeks to achieve its mission by funding approaches that contribute to the transformation of the Buckeye Lake Region. Below is an overview of projects the Foundation was focused on in 2022 along with funding goals and project status.

## MILLERSPORT CANAL RESTORATION

Capital Grant requests resulting in \$425,000 to initiate restoration improvements to the Millersport Canal. Work to begin in 2023.

## FEMA GRANT APPLICATION

Initiation of the FEMA grant application to alleviate flooding on I-70 and the South Fork Licking River. The project has been handed off to Licking County. Application to be submitted in early '23, grant awards to be announced summer 2023.

## BLASST COMMUNITY EVENT

Assumed all production and fundraising duties for the Buckeye Lake Area Star Spangled Tradition Independence Day Celebration.

## BUCKEYE LAKE WATER QUALITY

Partnerships with other community organizations to positively impact water quality. Impact to date: Approx. \$80,000, with \$40,000 coming directly from the BLRC in a "1-1" match against donations raised.

## THORN TWP DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

Provided visionary design work to Thorn Twp for properties proposed for development. While the township paid the BLRC \$1,000, it cost the BLRC over \$10,000 to conduct community outreach and provide this service.

## NORTH SHORE PARK & PIER

Successfully applied for \$550,000 in Capital funds for community outreach, design and engineering.

## CRYSTAL LAKE

Grant applications totaling approximately \$125,000. Currently working on activating the grants to begin siting and design options.

## BLRC NORTH BANK MEETING FACILITY

Retained a professional, private facility available for community organizations across the region to conduct meetings and other community events.

## FORMATION OF THE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION

This entity will have the authority to possess properties and manage development. The first property to be managed by this CIC will be a public shoreline park that stretches over 2400' along the easternmost edge of the lake. This park will transform public lake access in an area where nearly none exists.



# 2022 FINANCIALS AT-A-GLANCE

In 2022, the Buckeye Lake Region Community Foundation received generous donations from a range of individual contributors and Champion of the Lake donors.

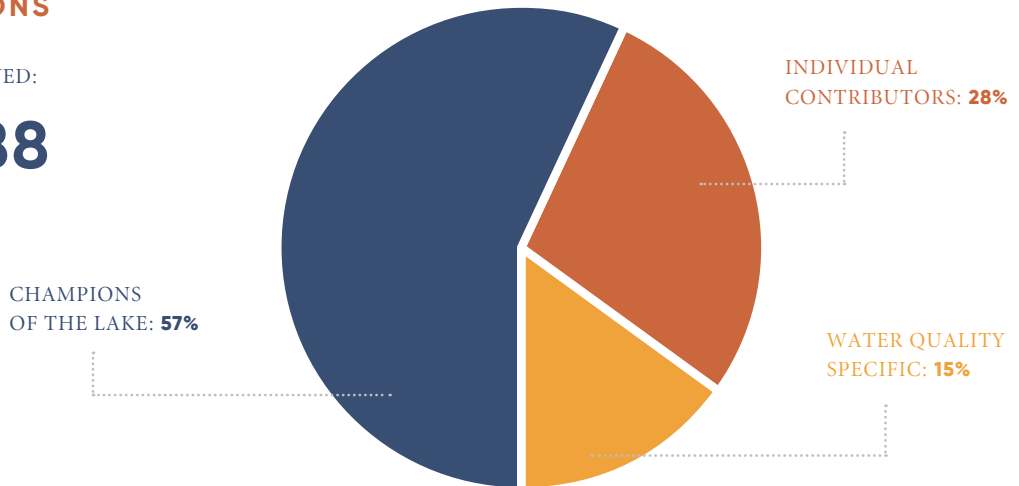
In 2022, the Foundation also received financial support from individual donors that participated in the Columbus Foundation Big Give 2021 event; these individual donations were matched by the Columbus Foundation. In addition, both the Fairfield County Foundation and the Licking County Foundation provided matching funds to donations made by donors during annual Giving Tuesday events, such as the Fairfield County Foundation 30-Hour Give event. This year, a significant portion of donations were earmarked – by donors – to support water quality initiatives.

These financial contributions were utilized to continue forward momentum on critical, regional projects as well as to maintain the operations of the Foundation and the Buckeye Lake Region Corporation.

## 2022 DONATIONS

TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED:

**\$104,788**

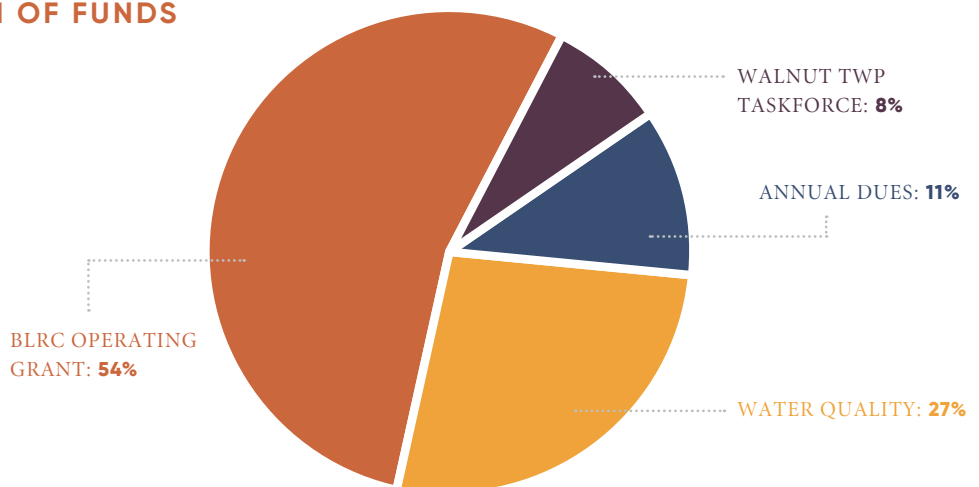


## 2022 DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

TOTAL EXTERNAL GRANTS DISTRIBUTED:

**\$57,000**

\*Operating funds are distributed to the Buckeye Lake Region Corporation which is responsible for the execution of initiatives that support the BLR 20236 Declaration and Community Vision.



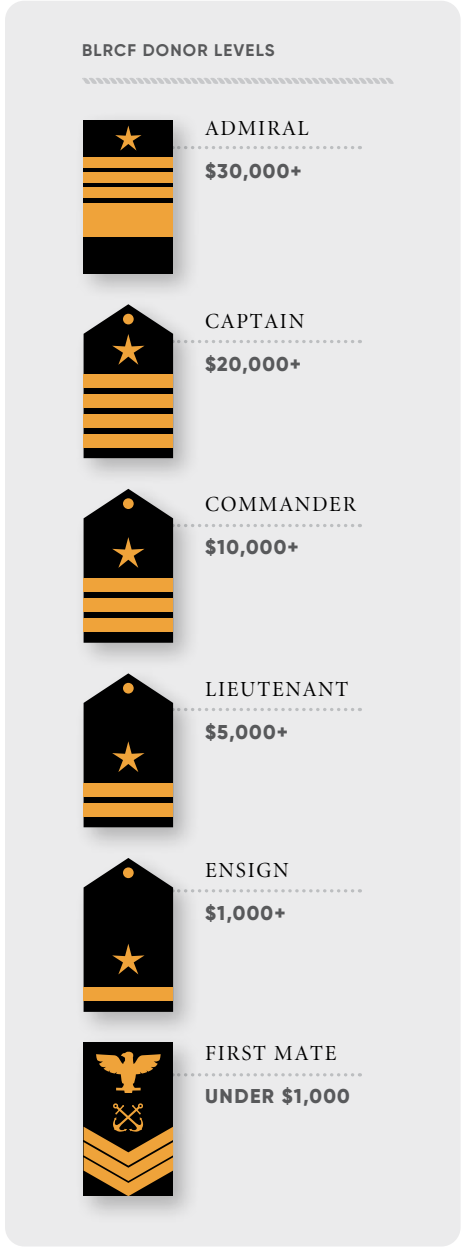


# 2022 FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTORS

The efforts of the Foundation would not be possible without the financial support of our donors. We would like to recognize the following individuals and business entities for their generous donations provided in 2022.

| DONOR NAME                 | DESIGNATION LEVEL |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| CASEY CLARK                | LIEUTENANT        |
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| RICHARD TUCKER             | FIRST MATE        |
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| ZWICK FAMILY TRUST         | FIRST MATE        |

**BLRCF DONOR LEVELS**



- ADMIRAL**  
\$30,000+
- CAPTAIN**  
\$20,000+
- COMMANDER**  
\$10,000+
- LIEUTENANT**  
\$5,000+
- ENSIGN**  
\$1,000+
- FIRST MATE**  
UNDER \$1,000



# HALL OF FAME CONTRIBUTORS

Foundation Hall of Fame contributors are those donors that have generously supported the Foundation through monetary contributions. We would like to recognize and thank our Hall of Fame donors, included below.

## ADMIRAL (\$30,000+)

The Columbus Foundation  
Ken Morris  
Robert F. Wolfe and Edgar T. Wolfe Foundation

## CAPTAIN (\$20,000+)

Buckeye Lake Marina Inc  
Karen Cookston, Ameriprise Financial  
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Pinnell Dance Center  
Saul Schottenstein Foundation  
Pat and Yaromir Steiner

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# CHAMPIONS OF THE LAKE

## OUR IMPORTANT CORPORATE DONORS

The Foundation currently recognizes seventeen businesses as Champion of the Lake donors. This donor designation status is awarded to businesses that have committed to a three year reoccurring donation of \$5,000. The Foundation is grateful for the continuous financial support of these business donors.





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