

Fact Sheet: SCENIC RIVERS

Did you Know . . .

Out of the 14 scenic rivers in Ohio, Kingsville Township has 2 of them going through the township!

From the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Scenic River website (<http://watercraft.ohiodnr.gov/scenicrivers>):

Conneaut Creek

"Conneaut Creek . . . was officially designated a State Wild and Scenic River on October 6, 2005."

"Conneaut Creek offers an exceptional diversity of habitats that support outstanding wildlife populations. The stream corridor is home to 78 fish species and 32 species of amphibians and reptiles. The heavily wooded watershed harbors more than 30 unique plants and plant communities, many of which are listed as threatened or endangered."

"The stream passes beneath several picturesque covered bridges and some of its tributary streams feature waterfalls. It's a popular destination for anglers, particularly for its quality steelhead trout fishing. It also supports a variety of other fish, including smallmouth bass, walleye, and northern pike. Conneaut's name comes from an Indian word for 'place of many fish' or 'place where snow lays in spring.'"

Ashtabula River

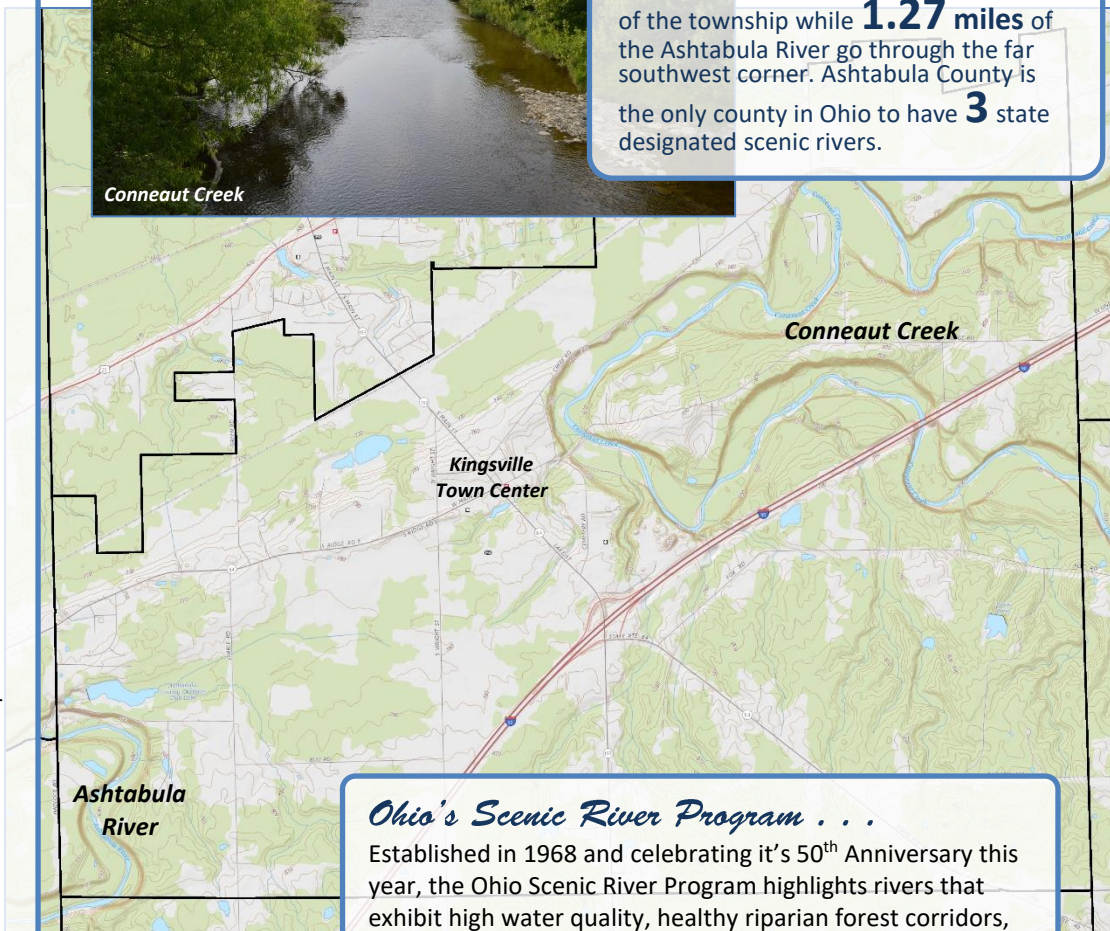
"Designated October 30, 2008"

". . . the Ashtabula River watershed supports an exceptionally beautiful river system. High-quality natural features include an outstanding wooded riparian corridor and diverse populations of wildlife and plants."

"The Ashtabula River watershed features a variety of plant communities including Great Lakes hemlock-beech hardwood forest, Lake Plain swamp forest, mixed oak, rich shrub fen, emergent deep marsh and northern rich mesic forest. Nearly 40 rare plant species have been documented in the area surrounding the Ashtabula State Scenic River."



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The Numbers . . .

2 of **14** scenic rivers in Ohio go through Kingsville Township. **7.5 miles** of the Conneaut Creek go through the east side of the township while **1.27 miles** of the Ashtabula River go through the far southwest corner. Ashtabula County is the only county in Ohio to have **3** state designated scenic rivers.

Ohio's Scenic River Program . . .

Established in 1968 and celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year, the Ohio Scenic River Program highlights rivers that exhibit high water quality, healthy riparian forest corridors, limited human intrusion, and high biological diversity.