

2011 CLINTON COUNTY GREEN ALLIANCE
CANDIDATES SURVEY

ELECTION DAYS:

Primary Election May 3rd General Election Nov. 8th

RACES AND CANDIDATES:

City of Wilmington

Mayor - David Raizk (D), Randy Riley (R)

President of Council - Fred Ertel (R), Scott Kirchner (R)

Council Member at Large - Mark McKay (R), Sandy Mongold (R), Bob Mead (R), Bryan Siebenaller (R), Linda Gallagher [D]

Council Member for 1st Ward - Mike Wallace (R)

Council Member for 2nd Ward - Loren Stuckert (R)

Council Member for 3rd Ward - Don Wells (R)

Council Member for 4th Ward - Rob Jaehnig (R)

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM, SAVE IT AS A .doc or a .pdf FILE AND RETURN TO THE GREEN ALLIANCE (info@greenalliancecc.com). DEADLINE FOR RETURN: MARCH 25, 2011. It will be posted on the GREEN ALLIANCE_website at www.greenalliancecc.com by March 28, 2011.

Name of Candidate: Randy Riley

Candidate website: www.randyriley.com (currently in development)

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Born in: Dayton, OH

High School: Germantown High School Yr of Graduation: 1968

Other education: Miami University, 1968-69, Journalism Major

Miami Valley Hospital, Respiratory Therapy, 1970-72

Are you or have you been a member of a Green Alliance organization? Yes.

I have also been a financial contributor to, 1) The Lytle Creek League of Conservators, 2) Clinton County Open Lands, and, 3) Clinton County Streamkeepers, and, 4) Friends of the Park,

Clinton County Parks Commission (CCPC), Lytle Creek League of Conservators(LCLC), No Child Left Indoors (NCLI), Clinton County Trails Coalition (CCTC), Wilmington Garden Club (WGC), Wilmington Tree Commission (WTC), Clinton County Streamkeepers (CCS), Clinton County Open Lands, Inc. (CCOL), Energize Clinton County (ECC).

The information you supply will be provided to the public and the Green Alliance group members for their consideration during your candidacy. The Green Alliance members do not endorse candidates.

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

What do you consider to be your most important "green" accomplishment(s) or contribution(s) during your lifetime?

I supported the development of the Green Enterprise Zone in the city of Wilmington and, as President of the Clinton County Board of Commissioner, supported and passed the resolution to create an Alternative Energy Zone throughout Clinton County.

When we discovered the level of contamination present in the streams and waterways in south-central Clinton County, we worked to establish a waster water treatment facility for Martinsville, Midland and Westboro. Since that facility has been complete, I have served on the board of the facility oversight committee. Those waterways have been cleaned up significantly in the past few years. Future generations will be able to enjoy clean streams and waterways in that area of Clinton County because of the actions we have taken. I am proud of that.

What are the most important environmental or outdoor educational challenges facing the City of Wilmington and Clinton County in the next four years?

With the budgetary constraints placed on state and local governments, it is going to be a challenge to continue supporting parks and recreation without the active and direct support of the citizens who directly benefit from these projects and programs.

Government will need to continue providing as much support as possible, but more of the responsibility for parks and recreation will fall on the shoulders of groups and individuals who utilize the facilities and have a passion for them.

Getting more people involved in conservation, preservation and support of the parks and programs we have use in this community will be group effort of government, partner organizations and dedicated citizens of the community.

What is your understanding of the concept of a Lytle Creek Greenway?

The primary purpose of the Lytle Creek Greenway, as I understand it, is the protection, preservation and improvement of the waterway for the enjoyment of future generations.

This is a vital function. I recall when my sons were young and we spent hours playing along Lytle Creek behind the hospital. I taught Josh and Danny to catch minnows and crawdads as we waded through the creek. When they got older, they would spend entire days playing along the creek. I remember a day when they ran home to get me and took me to see the fort they had built on a small island in Lytle Creek. While we were there it started to rain and we had a great time pretending that we were frontiersmen and that the shelter it was our home.

I hope and pray that my grandchildren and great grandchildren have this same opportunity. That's why I support the efforts of the Lytle Creek League of Conservators and the Clinton County Green Alliance.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements. Please feel free to make short comments in each box:

Question	Agree	Disagree
It is important to offer outdoor programming in City, County and Village Parks (e.g., nature education/hikes) in addition to organized sports programming.	Livable communities need more than streets and sidewalks. Playgrounds, trails, waterways and parks are vital for current residents and to make the community attractive to new neighbors.	
Trees have a positive return on investment for our community.	For many reasons, we need green spaces for the beauty and health of the community. Trees play a vital role in this.	
Beautification of our city is important for attracting businesses as to improve our quality of life.	Absolutely. First impressions still count and the first impression we make on potential businesses and residents will help draw them to our community.	
Trails are an alternative transportation facility for the city.	This is particularly true for biker travel and for children walking to and from school. That's one reason to assure that trails are well marked, well lighted and safe.	
Trails serve many segments of the population.	We have seniors regularly using the trails, as well as people with disabilities.	
City and County parks are funded at the right level for the demand.	There is never enough funding to do all we would like to do for our parks and trails. This will be an ongoing challenge for generations.	
The grant funded solar voltaic project (city's 58 KW solar power energy project) is important for many reasons.	Yes. It will provide some energy for city services, but will serve an important role in assessing the feasibility of future projects.	
Clean water resources should be protected, including the City's drinking water sources.	That's a no-brainer; of course. Even if the waterway isn't used for drinking water, it should be protected.	
Encouraging alternative energy projects in the City and County should be a priority. What kind of role does it have?	Not only do we need to encourage alternative energy, but we need to conserve energy. I was very disappointed that the solar project at the Clinton County Jail could not be completed. Research needs to be carried out to make these projects economically viable for government and private use.	
Promoting energy efficiency is an important economic development initiative.	That's why we passed the resolution to designate all of Clinton County as an Alternative Energy Zone. Research will be the key to finding the best alternative energy sources for the future.	

Thank you for completing this survey. It will be posted by March 28. Early voting starts March 29, 2011.