Great Miami River Water Quality Credit Trading — Farmers Paid to Cut Nutrients for Wastewater Utilities (Ohio, USA)

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Quality score: 33/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

Since 2004 the Miami Conservancy District has let Ohio wastewater utilities buy nutrient credits from farmers; pilot to 2015 contracted 467 projects and $1.76M but trading volume stayed thin.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	0/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	1/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	2/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Governance, certification & transferability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

C-NAPSE web research — accessed 2026-10-31

Miami Conservancy District — accessed 2026-10-31

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