



# THE LICKING LEDGER

*Serving the Entire Licking River Region*

## **Please Come to the Protection Conference**

**By Amanda Moore**

We are off to an exciting start this year. We have a new newsletter, a new Data Manager and a new plan for improving the involvement of our volunteers in the evaluation of the data that we collect. Please come to the Annual Protection Conference and help us kick things off for the coming year.

There is no registration fee, drinks and food are free Friday night and lunch is free on Saturday. We genuinely hope that you will join us as we celebrate our successes and plan for the future. The work that you do collecting samples during the year is critical to our success and your input at the Protection Conference will help us refine our strategies for the coming year.

In addition to the valuable work accomplished at the Conference, it's also nice to meet fellow volunteers from the region and to be able to put names and faces together. We come together from far and wide with a love of the Licking River in common and look forward to seeing you on Friday evening February 23rd and on Saturday the 24th.



**What:** The Licking River Watershed Watch Annual Protection Conference

**Register for the Conference online at:** <http://www.lickingriver.org/>

**When:** Friday Evening February 23rd & All Day Saturday February 24th

**Where:** Blue Lick Battlefield State Resort Park

Highway 68

Olivet, KY 41064

(800) 443-7800

**When making your reservation, tell them you are with the Licking River Watershed Watch to receive the special rate.**

## Protection Conference Schedule of Events

### Friday, February 23

5:00 P.M. until ??? Celebrate with Good Food, Drink & Company

### Saturday, February 24

9:00 Welcome and Introductions —  
Amanda Moore

9:30 Science Advisors Review of Monitoring Data—  
Drs. Reeder, Evans, Lorentz, Pass & Smith

11:00 Break

11:15 What's Shakin' in the Basin —  
Barry Topping

12:00 Election of Steering Committee & Officers

12:15 Lunch

Growth Readiness: Involving Local Govern-  
ment in Progressive Growth Planning

1:30 Henry Bertram, Pendleton County Judge Ex-  
ecutive; Sherry Carran, Covington City Com-  
missioner; Dodd Dixon, Former Mayor of  
Winchester, KY; Kenny Brook, Winchester City  
Commisioner

2:45 Break

3:00 Future Directions for LRWW —  
Steering Committee & Volunteers

4:00 Adjourn



## New Data Manager Will Connect Volunteers with Results

By Tim Guilfoile

Lajuanda Haight-Maybriar is the new Data Manager for the Licking River Watershed Watch and has a vision of improving the connection between the volunteers and the data they gather. “Volunteers should see the data as soon after the sampling date as possible and should be involved with the scientific advisors in reviewing the preliminary data for trends as well as inconsistencies,” says Lajuanda. “By looking at the results together, as well as reviewing sampling technique and discussing challenges that volunteers face with each sampling event, we will improve the quality of our data.”

Lajuanda grew up in Greenup County and then moved to Carter County. She attended Morehead State University where she obtained a degree in biology. Following college, she taught biology in Florida for a year following her graduation and then moved back to Kentucky. “Teaching jobs were few and far between when I moved back to Kentucky so in May of 1990 I started to work for the State of Kentucky,” she reminisces.

Lajuanda began work for the Waste Management Division in the Environmental Protection Cabinet where she worked in the Under-



*Lajuanda Haight-Maybriar on Cave Run Lake*

ground Storage Section and the Superfund Branch. She then moved to the Non-point Source Section of the Division of Water as a Biologist where she did stream sampling and assessment, reviewed non-point source applications and worked with projects that had been awarded funds. “I worked with applicants on developing Best Management Practices and then also assisted them in field work,” says Lajuanda.

After 5 years with the Division of Water she moved back to the Waste Management Division where she was a supervisor in the closure section. “It is important to realize that a huge percentage of the work in the Waste Management Division is geared toward protecting ground water,” says Lajuanda.

Five years later, Lajuanda was hired as the Licking River Watershed Basin Team Coordinator. As Lajuanda describes it, “The Division of Water developed a Watershed Framework to better focus efforts required to meet provisions of the Clean Water Act.” “A coordinator position was created for each of the river basins in Kentucky and I applied for and was chosen as the Licking River Coordinator.”

Lajuanda is deeply connected to the Licking River. “I began this connection as a biology student at Morehead”, says Lajuanda. “Not only did I go to school in the Licking River Basin, but my mother lives in the Basin, my brother and his family live in the Basin, my in-laws live in the Basin, my youngest

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son goes to school in the Basin and now I've bought a farm in the Basin."

As Lajuanda describes it, "The basin team coordinator position is still evolving and I am excited about this new role as Data Manager for the Licking River Watershed Watch."

"I look forward to getting preliminary results of our volunteer sampling back to the volunteers within a few weeks of each sampling event and then reviewing these results with volunteers and science advisors in open forum." "By working together in a timely fashion, we will dramatically improve communication with our volunteers and im-

prove the quality of our data." "It's another way to contribute to the health of the Licking River."



## Tentative 2007 Sampling Dates Set

Tentative dates for watershed wide sampling have been set and they are:

- **May 12, 2007**
- **July 7, 2007**
- **September 8, 2007**

Our traditional sampling dates are the first weekend in May after the

Kentucky Derby, the first weekend in July following the 4th of July and the first weekend in September following the Labor Day holiday.

Please mark you calendars for these important dates in the LRWW calendar. We thank you for your continuing support and we look forward to a productive year of water sampling.



### The Plan for 2007





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## **Mark Your Calendars**

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**Saturday, February 24, 2007**

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