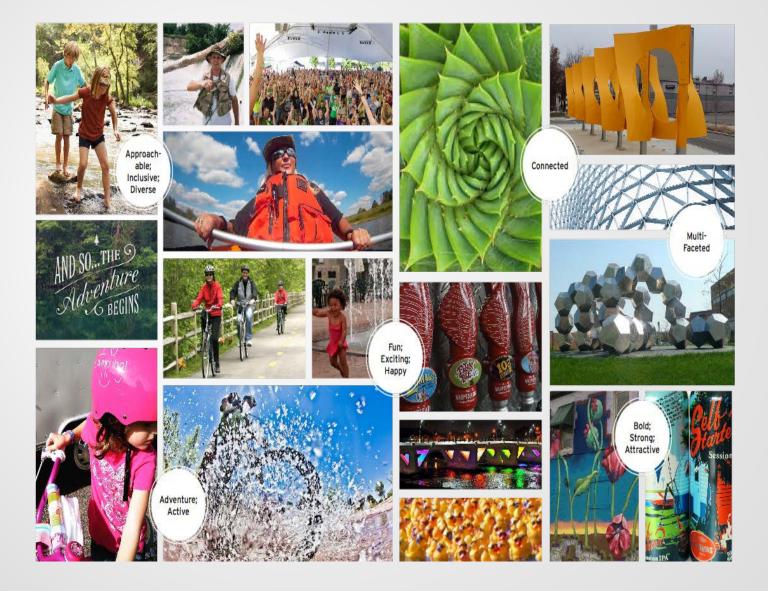
Great Miami Riverway

Sarah Hippensteel Hall May 18, 2017





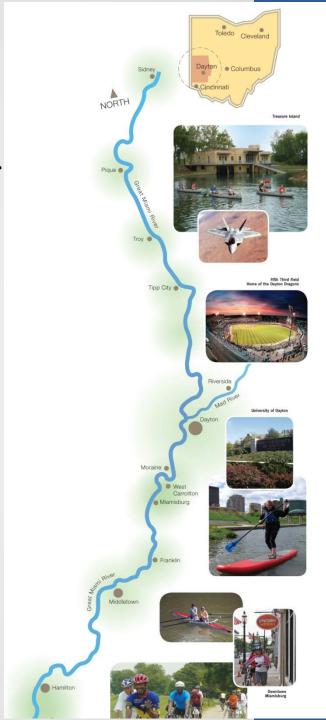
Rivers make great cities...





...and it's all here!

- Vibrant cities along 99 miles of river
- 800,000+ residents
- 200,000 college students
- Exciting destinations and events
- Employment centers
- World-class recreation trails
- Over 100 parks
- Unique arts, cultural, and historical amenities



How do we compete?

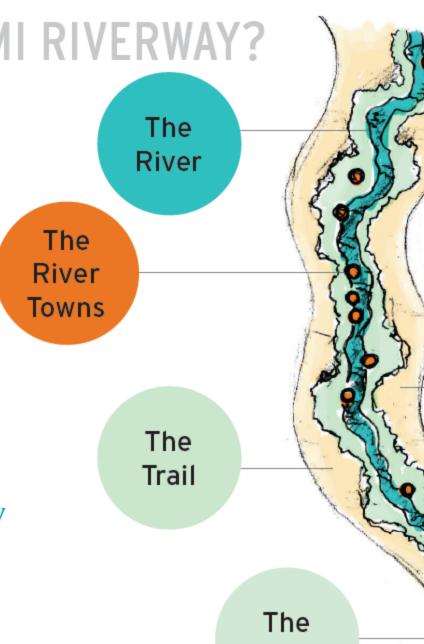


73% of consumers would rather spend money on an EXPERIENCE than material items.









Nature

The Rivers

- State and National Water Trails
- Community OlympicDevelopment ProgramRowing
- 300% growth in canoe and kayak registrations in last 13 years
- World-class fishing
- Whitewater play areas





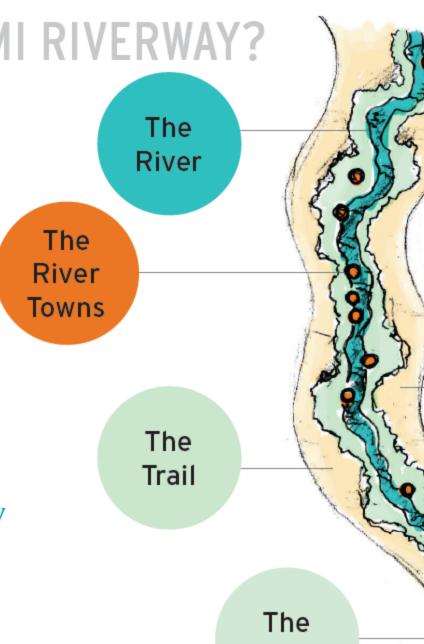












Nature

The Trails

- Largest Paved Trail Network in the Country
- National Recreation Trail
- Buckeye Trail
- North Country National Scenic Trail
- USBR 50
- Underground Railroad trail alternate route
- Hosted 2017 International Trail Symposium





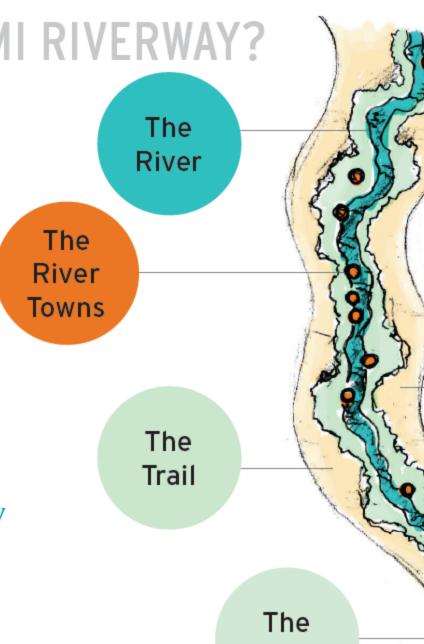












Nature

The Nature

- 2015 Outside Magazine -"Best Outdoor Towns"
- Outdoor Adventure Capitol of the Midwest
- Healthy waterways
- Abundant greenspace
- Productive farmland





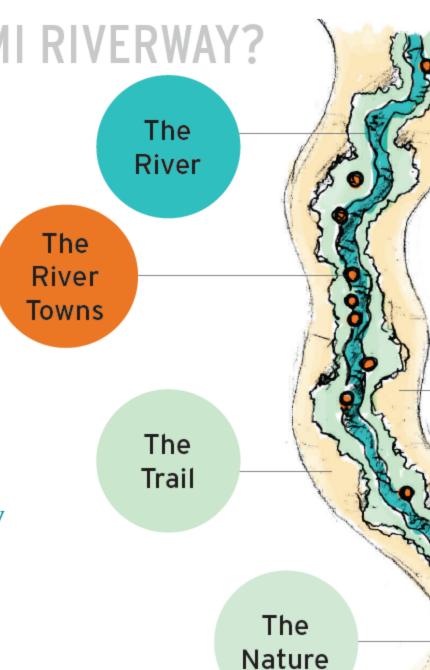












The River Towns

Recent investments – 100+ Million





The River Towns

Economic Benefit - \$500 Million





The River Towns

- Vibrant waterfront cities
- Unique character
- Significant history and culture
- Diverse retail, commercial, residential
- Fun activities and exciting events





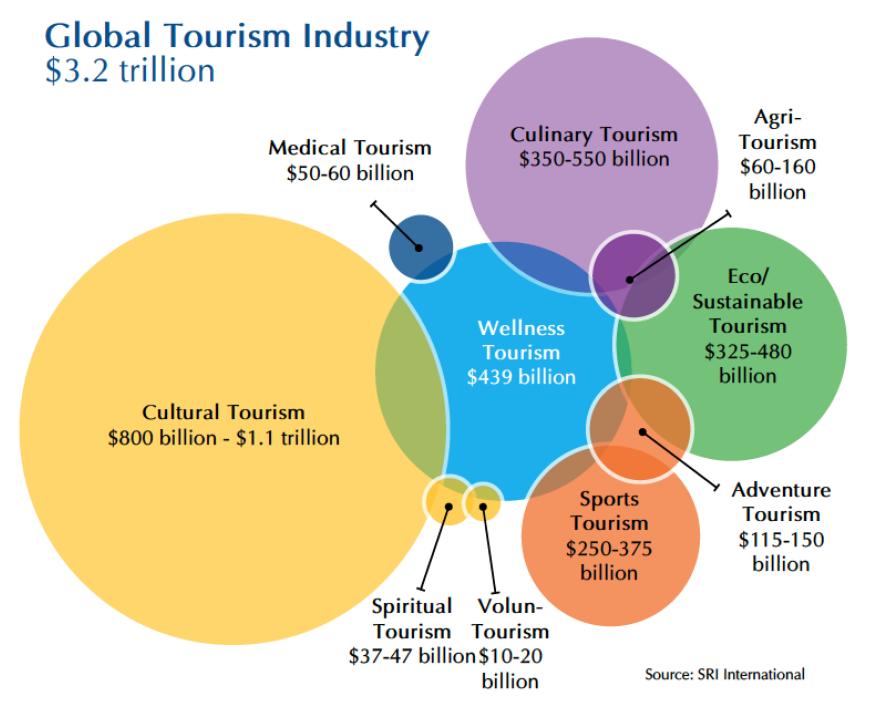




Economic Impact of Tourism

• Each year, more than 770,000 people use the trail system and generate a \$13 million economic impact.







Making a Regional Impact

- Maximize the economic potential of the Great Miami River corridor
- Increase use of recreational, historical, and cultural assets
- Attract more day and overnight visitors
- Support business attraction and retention
- Draw new residents and strengthen river corridor neighborhoods









Partners

- City of Sidney
- Sidney Visitor's Bureau
- City of Piqua
- City of Troy
- Miami County Park District
- Miami County Board of Commissioners
- Miami County Visitor's Bureau
- City of Tipp City
- Five Rivers MetroParks
- City of Dayton
- Montgomery County Commissioners
- Miami Conservancy District
- Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission
- University of Dayton
- City of Miamisburg
- City of Middletown
- City of West Carrollton
- City of Franklin
- MetroParks of Butler County
- City of Hamilton



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Rivers make great cities...

"America is a great story and there is a river on every page of it".



