

**Some background information about sites to be visited on  
our environmental pilgrimage  
Saturday, September 27, 2025**

Our pilgrimage intends to provide participants with knowledge and immersive experiences concerning the environmental justice challenges faced by our neighbors along the Mill Creek and the Beekman Corridor.

By the end of the last century, pollution had turned the **Mill Creek**, a once thriving waterway, into “the most endangered urban river in North America.” Since then, there have been multiple projects to restore and revitalize the Creek for the benefit of impacted human communities and wildlife. You can learn more about

- The problem of combined sewer overflows (CSOs)—that is, the overflow of wastewater during heavy rainfall into stormwater sewers—at Lick Run and the Mill Creek by visiting this [page](#)
- What the Metropolitan Sewer District has done to reduce CSOs and to increase green infrastructure by visiting their [page](#)
- The history of the Mill Creek by visiting this Green Umbrella [page](#)

The **Beekman Corridor** consists of neighborhoods just west of the Mill Creek along the north-south thoroughfare of Beekman Street: North Fairmount, Millvale, and South Cumminsville. These largely low-income communities have faced problems of toxic dumping, urban blight, and lack of economic investment. You can learn more about

- The economic challenges facing Corridor communities and recent developments at this [page](#)
- The detailed Beekman Corridor [Revitalization Plan](#) proposed in 2013
- Current city plans (e.g., revision of Revive Cincinnati) concerning communities along I-75, including a reference to one of our speakers, South Cumminsville Community Council President Derrick Feagin, in the special section “Preparing to Thrive” in the Cincinnati Enquirer, August 10, 2025. Available to subscribers [electronically](#) by using the Archive.

You can learn more about the history and development of the **Lick Run Greenway** [here](#).