



**LRP – Cynthia Smith (Michael J. Kirwan Dam)**  
**March 2017** - Cynthia Smith served as a Naturalist at West Branch State Park for 20 years. The State Park is out-granted from the Corps and rated by visitors as the number one campground in Ohio. During her tenure as a Naturalist, Cynthia regularly assisted the manager at Michael J. Kirwan Dam by providing interpretive programs and activities on a weekly basis at the Visitor Center. This was critical at the time since no permanent ranger was based at Kirwan Dam until 2008. Cynthia retired from the state park in 2009 and began volunteering for the Corps on a regular basis. She has since provided us with over 650 hours of service. Ms. Smith has proved herself to be invaluable to our project in numerous ways. Her interpretive contributions have included performing Visitor Center host duties, assisting in the development of interpretive panels and displays in the Visitor Center, and presenting interpretive-themed programs to the public. She holds membership with the National Association for Interpretation and has attended one of their national conferences. Cynthia supports the Corps water safety program by participating in our signature Summer Fun Fest event, school/community programs, and boat patrol. Ms. Smith enhances

the project's environmental stewardship program by monitoring and recording bluebird nesting boxes, planting and maintaining native landscaping at our Visitor Center and Resource Manager's Office, assisting with wildlife food plots, establishing a pollinator garden on the project, performing trail work and participating in Mid-Winter Bald Eagle surveys. She also pitches in at National Public Lands Day events and our annual Reel Adventures fishing program.