



## OSM/VISTA Youghiogheny River Watershed, MD

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The Youghiogheny River is a north-flowing tributary of the Mississippi, originating in Garrett County, MD and flowing into Pennsylvania. Draining approximately 397 square miles, it was Maryland's first designated Wild River and supports a diverse habitat containing at least 11 animal and 15 plant species considered threatened or endangered on a statewide or national basis. A fantastic recreation area, providing fishing, swimming, boating, and hiking opportunities, the Upper Youghiogheny was repeatedly the site of US Olympic Whitewater Trials. The OSM/VISTA is Daniel Sincell, who is currently taking an academic interlude in hopes of gaining experience and preserving natural resources through OSM/VISTA. He is building a program to support and sustain the watershed through public awareness, school inclusion, and fundraising. Other current projects include a YRWA website, newsletter infrastructure, school presentation project, three AMD remediation/restoration projects, informational binders, and continual training. These projects are made possible by partnering with groups, such as DNR & Fisheries, Garrett Board of Education, Trout Unlimited, Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D), Garrett College, Frostburg College, and OSM.



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