

## "Living with Landslides" on WCPO-TV

Laure Quinlivan digs into causes and costs of Cincinnati's unique hillside issues

From Mt. Washington to Harrison, homeowners in the Cincinnati tristate region are learning the ground below their homes is not as solid as they thought.

Geological features dating back 29,000 years plus modern land use practices have put Cincinnati's **hillsides** under pressures **that** lead to landslides. Sometimes, they close roadways, such as Columbia Parkway and Elberon Avenue. Many more undermine single homes or apartment buildings. In both cases, the cost is staggering.

In "Living with Landslides," documentary filmmaker Laure Quinlivan joins forces with the non-profit Hillside Trust for a deep dive into the history of Cincinnati's famous hills, and their slow-motion collapse, exacerbated by development and increasing incidents of intense rain. (Since 2011, Cincinnati has experienced nine 100-year storms.)

Quinlivan interviews experts who explain what triggers landslides and what it takes to stabilize threatened terrain. Her team speaks with homeowners who discovered insurance typically does not cover landslides, leaving them to choose between a six-figure landslide repair or abandoning their property.

"Living with Landslides" debuts at 9 pm Wednesday, September 7, on Channel 9 WCPO-TV. Community screenings may also be arranged by calling the filmmaker.

Writer, Director & Producer Laure Quinlivan is available for interviews in person, by zoom or phone. Call her at 513-520-4809 and email [LaureQuinlivan@gmail.com](mailto:LaureQuinlivan@gmail.com).

Film Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/739632209>

Film website with photos and bios: [LivingWithLandslides.com](http://LivingWithLandslides.com)

Instagram @LivingwithLandslides

Facebook @LQConsulting

Link to review the film: <https://vimeo.com/732313417> (call for password to review the 44-min.film)

## Living with Landslides Documentary Team and Featured Experts

### About the filmmakers

#### **Director & Producer/Writer/Narrator Laure Quinlivan**

Laure Quinlivan lives in Mt. Lookout with her family. She's a Peabody Award-winning director, writer and producer, tapping into her investigating roots to create "Living With Landslides."

Laure founded LQ Consulting in 2008 to help clients tell their stories. Her award-winning documentary "Blue Goes Green" on Cincinnati building the nation's first net zero energy police station, aired on PBS stations around the country in 2018 and won many awards at film festivals. She is a founding board member of Women in Film Cincinnati and active in Rotary Club of Cincinnati.

Laure served on Cincinnati City Council 2009-2013, leading environmental policy. As the longtime investigative reporter for WCPO-TV, her work has received many journalism honors, including 18 Emmys, three Society of Professional Journalists Awards, two Peabody Awards, and the Alfred I. DuPont-Columbia Silver Baton.

### **Director of Photography Glenn Hartong**

Glenn Hartong lives in Springfield Township with his wife Malinda and two dogs. He is an Emmy-winning director of photography, producer, director and editor. He owns his own production company, ChiliDog Pictures. Glenn was a photojournalist and video producer with Cincinnati Enquirer and Cincinnati.com for 26 years. His video work has appeared on ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, CNBC, PBS, Netflix Deutsche Welle TV, and France24.

### **Editor Jaime Meyers Schlenck**

Jaime Meyers Schlenck lives in Anderson Township with her husband and two daughters. She has been editing award-winning films for two decades.

Her recent film, "9 to 5: The Story of a Movement", debuted on PBS' Independent Lens and was nominated for a Peabody Award. She edited "A Lion in the House" (Sundance, Primetime Emmy winner), TV series (HBO "First Look"), and 60+ studio behind-the-scenes documentaries ("Sex and the City," "Hairspray"). She was additional editor on "American Factory" (Academy Award winner) and "Dave Chappelle's Live in Real Life." Jaime is a founding member and president of Women in Film Cincinnati.

### **Graphic Designer John LaRoche**

John lives with his family in Montgomery. He's an EMMY Award-winning graphic designer, animator, and video editor with more than 30 years' experience. His animated graphics for LIVING WITH LANDSLIDES show viewers how glaciers formed our region.

Since 2009, John has been serving corporate clients with videos and live event support. Recent highlights include motion graphics for clients like Cintas, Children's Hospital, Miami University, MedPace and P&G. John was Art Director at WCPO-TV in Cincinnati from 1996-2009, and Senior Graphic Designer/Art Director at WSYX-TV in Columbus from 1988-1995. He has won 5 EMMYS.

### **About the Experts**

#### **Tim Agnello, CPS Science Teacher, Cincinnati Realtor and Paleontologist**

Tim Agnello lives with his family in Oakley.

He earned his BS and MS degrees in geology at University of Cincinnati, where his thesis was on

landslides. He teaches science at Walnut Hills High School and works part-time as a realtor.

**Dr. Brenda Hunda, Paleontologist, Cincinnati Museum Center**

Brenda lives in Clifton with her husband and two children. She is Curator of Invertebrate Paleontology at Cincinnati Museum Center since 2004, and a self-described landslide buff.

Brenda grew up in Alberta—Canadian dinosaur country — where she developed her life-long fascination with fossils. She earned her B.Sc and M.Sc in honors paleontology from University of Alberta and a Ph.D. in earth sciences from University of California, Riverside.

**Roxanne Qualls, Former Cincinnati Mayor**

Roxanne lives in downtown Cincinnati and is a real estate agent with Sibcy Cline.

She has more than 15 years of experience in elected office, serving as mayor (1993-1999) and council member (1991-1999 and 2007-2013). Her institutional knowledge of the landslide issue brings political expertise to this important topic. Her master's degree in public administration is from the John. F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

**Eric Russo, Executive Director, The Hillside Trust**

Eric lives in Hyde Park with his family.

He leads the non-profit Hillside Trust in its mission to preserve, protect and promote our region's hillsides, educate the public, and consult with local governments to help craft long-range design and land use policies. Eric has enjoyed Cincinnati hillsides since boyhood.

From University of Cincinnati, Eric has a Bachelor's in Geography and a Master of Community Planning. Eric has worked at The Hillside Trust for 33 years, serving as executive director since 2000.

**About the Music for “Living with Landslides”**

The filmmaker licensed original music for this documentary, from these local musicians:

Jack McCarthy, a Westwood resident and 2010 Graduate of University of Cincinnati  
Jess Lamb, an OTR resident, songwriting teacher at Xavier University, and Miami U. graduate  
Matthew Anklan, a Milford resident with a 2013 Master of Jazz Trumpet from UC

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Photo captions:

1. Director/Producer/Writer Laure Quinlivan
2. Director of Photography Glenn Hartong and Director & Producer Laure Quinlivan documented Cincinnati's \$18 Million dollar fix to repair Columbia Parkway in Living with Landslides.
3. A devastating landslide in the backyard of homeowner who can't afford to fix it.

