

# Will You Help the Environment?



The Maumee River, like many of our area waterways ran clear, until the Great Black Swamp was drained for agricultural needs.

The development and industrialization that followed compounded the problem by adding pollutants to our streams, rivers, and Lake Erie. Left unchecked our water quality problems will continue to grow.

We must join together to restore our waterways so that future generations can enjoy them. Clean, fishable, and swimmable waterways are the goal of the Maumee RAP (Remedial Action Plan). The locally based Maumee RAP partnership involves a diverse cross-section of concerned citizens, educators, nonprofit organizations, businesses, industries, and government agencies all working together to restore the health of our streams and *you can help!*

The Maumee RAP, through its diverse partnerships, has been successful in determining solutions to local environmental problems. These partners share the common goal of taking the remedial action plan beyond words and paper, and putting it into action for the benefit of all who live, work, and play in our area.

We invite you to join our exciting partnership. Please use the attached donation form to show your support and get involved.



## Will You Help the Maumee RAP?



The Maumee RAP has been working for over 15 years to improve our environment and quality of life by identifying water quality problems, developing solutions, and partnering with others to clean up our rivers and streams. Your contribution to the Maumee RAP may be used as a required local match to secure future grants to improve our waterways. Recently, the

Maumee RAP has helped to bring over \$1 million in state and federal grants to our area to conduct research, implement projects, and improve water quality. These projects include:

- ◆ **Ottawa River Hot Spot Delineation and Risk Assessment** - further identified problems areas and their threat to human and ecological health.
- ◆ **Maumee River Wetland Identification Project** - developed current regional wetland maps for Lucas County using remote sensing technology.
- ◆ **Roller Harrow and Strip-Till Equipment Lease Programs** - purchased and made available innovative conservation farm equipment for use by local farmers.

The Maumee RAP will also use contributions to educate the community about the importance of restoring and protecting our waterways. A few of the Maumee RAP's ongoing community projects include:

- ◆ **Clean Your Streams Day** - an annual streambank clean up in which hundreds of local volunteers have removed over 13 tons of trash since 1997 from streams throughout the area.
- ◆ **Student Watershed Watch** - since 1989 this annual stream testing project has provided students from dozens of area schools an opportunity to test our waterways. These students share their results annually at the Student Watershed Watch Summit.
- ◆ **Profiling the Ottawa River** - this public session and discussion has been held since 1994 to inform interested citizens of the clean up activities and conditions of the Ottawa River.



The Maumee RAP invites you to join our partnership. When you become a contributor to the Maumee RAP you will receive our newsletter informing you of Maumee RAP events and other opportunities to get involved. Your involvement through participation, financial support, donated materials, or professional expertise can help the Maumee RAP to achieve even more. Contributions to the Maumee RAP are tax-deductible. For more information visit the Maumee RAP web site at [www.maumeerap.org](http://www.maumeerap.org) or contact Matt Horvat, Maumee River Coordinator, at (419)241-9155 ext. 123.

## Maumee RAP ~ Partnering for Clean Streams 2003 Annual Giving

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Yes! I would like to make a donation to the Maumee RAP.

Individual		Organization	
___ \$15	Student/Senior	___ \$100	Patron
___ \$25	Individual	___ \$200	Sustaining
___ \$35	Family	___ \$500	Supporter
___ \$50	Contributor	___ \$1000	Contributor
___ \$100	Conservator	___ \$2500	Conservator
___ \$250+	Preservationist	___ \$5000+	Preservationist
___ \$_____	Other	___ \$_____	Other

I would like additional information on . . .  
 \_\_\_ how I can get involved.  
 \_\_\_ how my company can get involved.  
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My company participates in a matching gift program.  
 (my completed form is enclosed)

Please make your tax-deductible checks payable to the **Maumee RAP** and return it with this slip in the postage paid envelope provided or mail to Maumee RAP, c/o TMACOG, P.O. Box 9508, Toledo, OH 43697-9508. You can further reduce expenses for the Maumee RAP by placing your own stamp over the postage paid imprint on the envelope.

