

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, finding solutions for them and partnering with others to clean up our rivers and streams. The Maumee RAP has helped to bring over \$1.5 million in state and federal grants to our area to conduct research, carry out projects, and improve water

quality. Your contribution to the Maumee RAP will be used to secure future grants that will benefit our waterways and to educate the community about the importance of restoring and protecting our streams and rivers. A few of the current Maumee RAP projects supported by grants include:

- ◆ **Ottawa River Priorities Project** - further identify problem areas, develop clean up alternatives based on contaminants, and estimated costs for their implementation.
- ◆ **Maumee Bay Bacteria Study** - a study to improve our understanding of the sources of *E.coli* bacteria, including their movement and survival, in Maumee Bay.
- ◆ **Give Water a Hand Campaign** - a regional community education program addressing local water quality, and water quantity issues through the quarterly mailing of tip cards and multi-media advertising.

A few of the Maumee RAP's many community education and fundraising projects are:

- ◆ **Clean Your Streams Day** - an annual streambank clean up in which hundreds of local volunteers have removed over 15 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 each fall at the Student Watershed Watch Summit.
- ◆ **Walk for the World** - a pledged walk and streambank cleanup that has benefitted the Maumee RAP since 1994 and has helped to fund projects like those listed above.



The Maumee RAP invites you to join our partnership. When you become a contributor to the Maumee RAP you will receive **Currents**, our newsletter, which will keep you informed about the many Maumee RAP activities and events. Your participation and financial support will 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, www.MaumeeRAP.org or contact Matt Horvat, Maumee River Coordinator, at (419)241-9155 ext. 123.

Maumee RAP ~ Partnering for Clean Streams

Name: _____
 Organization: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 E-mail: _____

I would like to receive my Maumee RAP Newsletter electronically (*see address above*)

I would like additional information on . . .
 _____ how I can get involved.
 _____ how my company can get involved.
 _____ how _____

Yes! I would like to donate 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

Please make my donation anonymous.

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 send to **Maumee RAP, PO Box 9508, Toledo, Ohio 43697-9508.**

