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Projects/Proposals

- The Maumee Bay State Park beaches have an ongoing problem with e coli bacteria, and are posted as unsafe for swimming about 14 days per summer
- A Maumee Bay study with USGS indicates Wolf Creek (Berger Ditch) as the principal source of bacteria
- Oregon constructed three major sewer projects to eliminate hundreds of septic systems and several package plants from the watershed.
- The Wolf Creek Committee has recently completed a watershed restoration plan to protect the beaches by using a wetlands system to remove bacteria
 - Upstream ponds to settle out sediment, capturing bacteria and nutrients
 - Downstream wetlands using biological action to further reduce bacteria and nutrients

- Submitted a proposal to NOAA to design the wetland system and fulfill permitting requirements.
 - Lake Erie Center is the lead (\$400k)
- Submitted a proposal to EPA/GLRI to construct Lake Erie Center
 - Erie Center is the lead (\$1.35M)
- Submitted a proposal to EPA/GLRI to repair/replace 40 septic systems using cost-share incentives.
 - Funding would be targeted to older systems, and those designed to discharge off lot.
 - TMACOG lead with Toledo/Lucas County Health Department (\$400k)