

2001 Maumee RAP

Activities & Accomplishments



Maumee RAP Committee

- Sponsored the Second Annual Maumee RAP Summer Gathering
- Continued work on *10 Years of Activities and Accomplishments the Maumee Area of Concern* with the assistance of a consultant (Hull & Associates, Inc.) and funding support of Ohio EPA
- Printed new Maumee RAP general brochures, thank you cards and purchased promotional materials (see PO&E Action Group for details)

Agricultural Runoff Action Group

- *Toussaint River Improvement Incentive Program - Phase 2* grant continues
 - Produced a full color booklet to promote grant - February
 - Conducted informational meeting at the Webster Township Hall with 25 attendees - Feb
 - Approved over 140 new contracts, totaling approximately \$90,000
 - Enrolled over 44 miles of streambank, and nearly 300 acres into the program
- Residue Management and Erosion Control Demonstration Project [GLC \$25,000, match \$ 11,410]
 - Grant is to purchase, test, and demonstrate a new roller harrow tillage implement
- Continued to represent the Maumee RAP on Ohio's Lake Erie Conservation Buffer Team

Dumps and Landfills Action Group

- Continued representing the Maumee RAP on the Duck & Otter Creeks Partnership
- Assisted in extensive research of data for the Dumps, Landfills and Brownfield Sites section of the *10 Years of Activities and Accomplishments Report*

Finance Action Group

- This group is in hiatus pending reorganization and new leadership

Open Space and Wetlands Action Group

- Distributed native seed packets, information on landscaping with native plants, and 1200 tree seedlings (trees from NIFTI) at Earth Day events - April
- *Maumee River Watershed Wetlands Protection and Enhancement Planning Project* grant continues:
 - Held 8 meetings of Advisory Board
 - Created prototype GIS utilizing remote sensing for the identification and inventory of wetlands in Lucas County
 - Began work on the Watershed Restoration Action Strategy (WRAS) for wetlands & open space in the Maumee AOC
- Collaborated with Lucas County on the development of a web page focusing on wetland importance, function and determination to be partnered with the Maumee RAP, Lucas SWCD and GIS project web pages
- Formed working partnerships with BGSU and UT for the advance of action group objectives

Ottawa River Action Group

- Continued representing the Maumee RAP on the Ottawa River Remediation Team (ORR-Team)
- *Environmental "Hot Spot" Delineation and Risk Assessment for the Ottawa River* grant completed:
 - Conducted public meeting with 55 people attending - Nov. 7
 - Published Ecological and Health Risk Assessment Reports (on CD-Rom) - Fall
- *Fifth Annual Maumee Watershed Clean Your Streams Day (co-sponsored with Swan Creek)* - Sept. 8
 - Total of 224 land volunteers collected 4600 pounds of debris from 13 sites (3 by boat)

Ottawa River Action Group (continued)

- Began dam removal project in collaboration with US F&WS (Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge), ODNR, and UT as requested by the Ottawa River Remediation Team
- Prepared grant applications to Ohio EPA 319 and LEPF for *Ottawa River/Swan Creek Home Septic Improvement Program* (declined by both)
- Continued working on the navigational dredging project with the Ottawa River Remediation Team

Public Outreach and Education Action Group

- Ongoing assistance in writing & distribution of the Maumee RAP Newsletter - Jan to July
- Began to develop new outreach plan including monthly press releases and quarterly internal Maumee RAP e-newsletters
- Obtained a Speaker's Bureau Coordinator - Feb.
- Completed design and printing of the new Maumee RAP General Brochure and coordinating Thank You post cards - March
- Partnered with ClearWater, Inc. on *Fate of a River: Revisited* a grant to remaking a 1965 film regarding Maumee River water quality issues (OEEF - \$48,785 local match - \$20,410)
- Purchased Maumee RAP promotional items: stickers (1000), recycle bags (2000), color-on-magnets (500), flashlight key chains (1000), post-it note pads (500) - April
- Assisted with promotion of Annual Summer Gathering, Clean Your Streams 5, and other RAP events
- Began development of a Patch Program for groups (i.e. girl and boy scouts, 4-H clubs, etc.)
- Began updating Maumee RAP "canned" presentation for Speaker's Bureau
- Began updating and expanding Maumee RAP web site to include action group pages

Swan Creek Action Group

- *Swan Creek Watershed Plan of Action Project* grant completed:
 - Completed and published Swan Creek Watershed Plan of Action - Nov.
- Swan Creek OPUS project with ODNR completed
- *Fifth Annual Maumee Watershed Clean Your Streams Day* (see *Ottawa River Action Group*) - Sept. 8
- Prepared grant applications to Ohio EPA 319 and LEPF for *Ottawa River/Swan Creek Home Septic Improvement Program* (declined by both)
- This group went into in hiatus in October pending reorganization and new leadership

Urban Runoff Action Group

- Provided input and comments on Urban Runoff Chapter of the Areawide Water Quality Management Plan (208 Plan)
- *Maumee River Regional Storm Water Management District* grant completed:
 - Held 12 meetings of the MRRSWC
 - Completed draft Plan of Operation for a Regional Storm Water Management District - Dec.
 - Completed draft Storm Water Management Standards Manual - Dec.
- Provided technical assistance and drafted documents for MRRSWC
- Completed construction of Bowman Park parking lot BMP demonstration project using SEP funds
- Assisted Wildwood Metropark with design for an interpretive sign for their parking lot BMP project that was completed in 2000.

OTHER RAP PROJECTS

Student Watershed Watch

- Conducted a 1-day training for teachers involved in the *Student Watershed Watch* at COSI - Sept. 19
- Completed *Thirteenth Annual Testing Day* - 1000 students in 42 classes from 27 schools sampled at 36 sites - Oct. 10
- Conducted *Thirteenth Annual Summit* - 17 schools involved - Nov. 15

Misc.

- *Eighth Annual Walk for the World* - nearly 300 people participated in this pledged walk with \$3541 in proceeds being donated to the RAP - April 28
- Received in-kind product/service contributions for Maumee RAP activities:
 - Student Watershed Watch* (TMACOG element # 5220)
 - ClearWater, Inc. Star105 FM WNWO-TV24
 - Marco's Pizza Churchill's Lourdes College
 - Fifth Annual Clean Your Streams Day* (TMACOG element # 5295)
 - Flag Sales & Repair Ohio EPA City of Toledo Environmental Services
 - NIFTI Shankland's of Toledo Ohio Lake Erie Commission
 - TMACOG
- Received monetary contributions/enforcement penalties for Maumee RAP activities:
 - General* (TMACOG element # 5290)
 - Walk for the World - \$3541
 - Maumee Bay Student Watershed Project* (TMACOG element # 5220)
 - Lucas County - \$5000 City of Toledo - \$9950 Sun Oil - \$1000
 - Perstorp - \$2000 Home Depot - \$1500 GEM Industrial - \$500
 - Fifth Annual Clean Your Streams Day* (TMACOG element # 5295)
 - Perstorp - \$200 Riverview Yacht Club - \$50 Point Place Business Association - \$100
 - Outings Unlimited - \$50 Hull & Associates, Inc. - \$75 Cousins/Philip Services Corp. - \$100
 - DaimlerChrysler - \$500 Jones & Henry Engineers - \$50 Monroe St. United Methodist Church - \$50
 - Hemisphere - \$100 William & Sue Horvath - \$50 Ottawa River Yacht Club - \$100
 - TetraTech - \$50 Buzz & Suzanne Crane - \$50
 - Ottawa River Kleanup Association (ORKA) - \$50 Ottawa River Yacht Club Ladies Auxiliary - \$50