

# 2003 Maumee RAP

## Activities & Accomplishments

(more details available at [www.maumeerap.org](http://www.maumeerap.org))



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### Maumee RAP Committee

- < Provided assistance to Ohio EPA in creating Delisting Targets for Ohio's AOCs

### Finance Committee

- < Conducted First Maumee RAP Annual Appeal Campaign
- < Developed Operating Budget for 2004 and projections through 2006
- < Developed a Maumee RAP fundraising database in MS Access

### Dumps and Landfills Action Group

- < Continued representing the Maumee RAP on the Duck & Otter Creeks Partnership

### Open Space and Wetlands Action Group

- < *Maumee River Watershed Wetlands Protection and Enhancement Planning Project* grant completed
  - Held 6 meetings of Advisory Board
  - Completed a new revised wetlands inventory and classification map for the lower Lucas County portion of the Maumee AOC based
  - Completed the Watershed Restoration Action Strategy for wetlands & open space
  - Held Wetlands Project Training workshop – Sept. 30
- < Conducted four summer wetland field tours – June through September

### Ottawa River Action Group

- < Partnered to conduct *Seventh Annual Maumee Watershed Clean Your Streams Day* - Sept. 6
  - Total of 252 land volunteers collected 7000 pounds of debris from 28 sites (4 by boat)
  - Raised over \$3000 for future Maumee RAP projects
- < Completed Miakonda Dam removal project in collaboration with US F&WS (Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge), ODNR, and UT as requested by the Ottawa River Remediation Team
- < *Ottawa River Sediment Remediation Priorities Project* [GLNPO \$185,565, match \$14,410] - received
  - Reviewed existing data, determined additional data needs – Sept.
  - Collected 219 samples from 52 sediment cores in specific “hot spot” areas – late Oct.
- < Continued working on the navigational dredging project with the Ottawa River Remediation Team
- < Continued representing the Maumee RAP on the Ottawa River Remediation Team (ORR-Team)

### Public Outreach and Education Action Group

- < Continued to assist TMACOG with articles for Environmental section of the *Big Picture* newsletter
- < Finalized Maumee RAP Graphic and Promotional Standards - June
- < *Fate of a River: Revisited* project continues
  - Speakers Bureau conducted presentations and television showings for over 50,000 people
- < Continued *Partnering for Clean Stream Patch Program*
  - Promoted program and workshop through Girl Scout Publications
  - Conducted *Partnering for Clean Stream Patch Program* workshop with 44 scouts attending – April 12
  - Schedule *Partnering for Clean Stream Patch Program* workshop for April 2004

### **Public Outreach and Education Action Group** (continued)

- < Assisted with promotion of Clean Your Streams 7, Give Water a Hand, and other RAP events
- < Maintained Maumee RAP web site and Ohio EPA's RAP web site
- < *Give Water a Hand* Campaign [OEEF Lg Grant \$49,989, OEEF Mini-grant \$4,999, ODNR/USF&WS grant \$15,000, RAP match \$6500, and local match \$133,00] - received
  - Enrolled a total of 16 Urban (Stormwater Phase II) and Rural (non-Phase II) communities in the program - July
  - Solicited RFPs and selected contractors for graphic designer, printer, pollster, media buyer/relations, fulfillment/distribution, and promotional/bonus items – August
  - Wrote, designed, & printed 6 tip cards, 6 letterheads, 6 cover letters, 6 envelopes-Sept/Nov
  - Order one promotional and 5 bonus items – Nov/Dec.
  - Gathering names, addresses and phone numbers for 16 jurisdictions – Nov/Dec.
  - Wrote six television commercials and filmed four – Nov/Dec
  - Wrote and designed six newspaper advertisements – Dec.
  - Wrote one press release and mailed to monthly publications – Dec.
  - Wrote pre-campaign telephone survey – Dec.
- < Began revamping the Storm Drain Stenciling program – Oct/present
- < Conducted several presentations regarding the Maumee RAP organization, as requested.

### **Rural and Agricultural Runoff Action Group**

- < Group changed its name from the Agricultural Runoff Action Group to the Rural and Agricultural Runoff Action Group.
- < *Toussaint River Improvement Incentive Program- Phase 2* grant continues
  - Enrolled 12 contracts totaling approximately 700 acres for Con-till into the program
  - Sponsored the Northwest Sewage Consortiums Soil Seminar and provided Munsell Soil Books to attendees.
  - Conducted 4 Homeowner Septic meetings in Ottawa, Wood and Sandusky Counties for septic system education.
  - Provided refunds of up to \$75 to 103 residents in the Toussaint River and Packer Creek watersheds for pumping out their septic tanks
  - Contracted with Wood & Ottawa Counties to draft Home Sewage Treatment System Plans
- < *Residue Management and Erosion Control Demonstration Project* grant completed
  - Tests showed some equipment success in NW Ohio soils but conditions were not ideal during usage periods
  - Farmers would be willing to rent the equipment again for ongoing evaluation
- < Continued to represent the Maumee RAP on Ohio's Lake Erie Conservation Buffer Team

### **Swan Creek Action Group**

- < Reorganized this group with 8 new members
- < Began development of a slide show that can be presented to general audiences to inform citizens, elected officials, etc. of the resources of the Swan Creek watershed and its impairments
- < Began development of a watershed project list for use when funding opportunities are available

### **Urban Runoff Action Group**

- < Conducted workshop "Sediment and Erosion Control for Contractors and Inspectors" with 83 attendees – Feb 24
- < Worked with Lucas SWCD's new Urban Stormwater Specialist in identifying and addressing construction site runoff problems and potential BMP projects.
- < Continued support for *Give Water a Hand* campaign (see PO&E Action Group for details)

**Urban Runoff Action Group** (continued)

- < Continued as Technical Advisory Committee to the Storm Water Coalition
  - Coalition became fully established with 19 dues paying members
  - Assisted Coalition members in submitting their Storm Water Permit Notice of Intent and Storm Water Management Plans – March
- < Participated in development of a storm water BMP project on Swan Creek serving Southwyck Mall.
  - A water quality basin was created to serve a highly commercial 100 acre area.
  - The basin is located on Metroparks property and was constructed by the City of Toledo

**Student Watershed Watch**

- < Conducted 1-day training for teachers involved in the *Student Watershed Watch* at UT Lake Erie Center – Sept. 20
- < Completed *Fourteenth Annual Testing Day* - students in 27 classes from 25 schools investigated sites in 6 watersheds - Oct. 15
- < Conducted *Fourteenth Annual Summit* - 200 students from 8 schools attended - Nov. 20

**OTHER PROJECTS IN THE MAUMEE AOC**

- < TMACOG conducted 2 grants which benefit the Maumee AOC
  - Maumee Bay Bacteria Study [OWDA \$200,000, match \$276,424] continues
    - UT Lake Erie Center collected water and sediment samples from sites in the Maumee River and Maumee Bay (Phase 1 completed)
  - GIS Septic System Tracking and Inventory [LEPF \$50,000, match \$67,130] continues
    - Scanned 12,000 note cards/files of information for electronic tracking
- < Duck and Otter Creeks Partnership completed the following project which benefits the Maumee AOC
  - *Developing a Wetlands Identification and Restoration Plan for Duck and Otter Creeks Watersheds* [US EPA \$70,000, match \$8,000] completed
    - Completed detailed field surveys of 4 wetland sites in Duck Creek and 5 wetlands sites in Otter Creek
    - Developed conceptual site plans and cost for restoration of all 9 sites
    - Expected release of report in March 2004

**FUNDING FOR THE MAUMEE RAP AND ITS PROJECTS**

This information will now be provided in an Annual Report of Donors.

This report is expected to be issued in March 2004.