

2004 Maumee RAP

Activities & Accomplishments

(more details available at www.MaumeeRAP.org)



Maumee RAP Committee

- ▶ Provided assistance to Ohio EPA in creating Delisting Targets for Ohio's AOCs
- ▶ Began development of Maumee AOC Stage 2 Watershed Restoration Plan
 - Established Stage 2 Development Team - Feb
 - Submitted draft report for 319 State Endorsement – Dec

Finance Committee

- ▶ Conducted Maumee RAP Annual Appeal Campaign
- ▶ Developed Community Partner program for major donors
- ▶ Updated and Maintained Maumee RAP fundraising database
- ▶ Developed and approved Operating Budget for 2005
- ▶ Raised a total of \$41,763 for the Maumee RAP program

Open Space and Wetlands Action Group

- ▶ Launched *Maumee River Watershed Wetlands Protection and Enhancement Planning Project* web site at <http://www.wetlands.utoledo.edu/index.html> - Jan
- ▶ Attended meeting for proposed Northwest Ohio Greenways Planning Initiative - March
- ▶ Conducted sample wetlands evaluation and delineation for interested RAP members – Aug
- ▶ Continued discussion with Toledo Metroparks regarding partnering on a wetlands restoration project

Ottawa River Action Group

- ▶ Partnered to conduct *Eighth Annual Maumee Watershed Clean Your Streams Day* - Sept 7
 - Total of 324 land volunteers collected 10,140 pounds of debris from 22 sites (2 by boat)
- ▶ Conducted *Profiling the Ottawa River VI* with 93 people attending – Sept 29
 - Used new road sign advertising and served a picnic “dinner” to increase participation
- ▶ *Ottawa River Sediment Remediation Priorities Project* [GLNPO \$185,565, match \$14,410]-completed
 - Completed analysis of data, development of remedial alternatives, and prioritization of sites
 - Final Report released and posted on Maumee RAP website – Nov/Dec
- ▶ Submitted Great Lakes Legacy Act proposal to US EPA for *Ottawa River LaGrange St. Remediation*
 - Submitted proposal for one site costing \$1.2 million to remediate (possibility of expanding the scope to 5 sites, \$6.5 million) - March
 - Made presentation to Legacy Act Review Committee in Chicago – Sept 9
 - Determined additional sampling was needed to narrow remediation sites (expected in Spring '05)
- ▶ Received grant for *Ottawa River First Remediation Project* [GLNPO \$160,000, match \$19,000]
 - Established project management team
- ▶ 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

- ▶ Designed and distributed a new RAP newsletter, *Currents*, for all Maumee RAP donors – Mar/Aug
- ▶ Conducted 2nd *Annual Partnering for Clean Streams Patch Program* with 23 attendees – April 17
- ▶ Conducted 11th *Annual Walk for the World* with very limited participation – April 24

Public Outreach and Education Action Group (continued)

- ▶ Assisted with promotion of *Clean Your Streams 8*, *Profiling the Ottawa River VI*, *Give Water a Hand*, and other RAP events
- ▶ Maintained Maumee RAP web site and Ohio EPA's RAP web site
 - Transferred and reformatted 3 Ohio EPA hosted web pages to www.maumeerap.org
 - Created new pages for *Clean Your Streams*, *Student Watershed Watch*, and others as needed
- ▶ *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] - continues
 - Conducted pre-campaign telephone survey
 - Created GWAH web site (incorporated into the Maumee RAP site) and had links added to project partners web sites
 - Distributed 4 of the 6 campaign tip cards and associated materials
 - Direct Mail Distribution for first four campaigns was 147,993 Tip Cards
 - Bulk Distribution for first four campaigns was 9940 Tip Cards
 - Poster Distribution for first four campaigns was 386 in 11" x 17" and 60 in 8 ½" x 11"
 - Completed production of all 7 TV ads and 6 cinema ads
 - Wrote and distributed press releases for Tip Cards 2 - 5
- ▶ Developed partnership with University of Toledo English professor to have a freshman composition class create articles for possible Maumee RAP newsletter use
- ▶ *Fate of a River: Revisited* project grant ended in 2003, but made 3 presentations as requested in 2004
- ▶ Continue working on new "Drains are for Rain" Storm Drain Stenciling program
- ▶ Conducted several presentations regarding the Maumee RAP and its programs, as requested.

Rural and Agricultural Runoff Action Group

- ▶ *Toussaint River Improvement Incentive Program- Phase 2* grant completed
 - Enrolled 237 contracts were signed under Phase 2 totaling:
 - 47 miles of filter strips along the stream
 - 23,975 acres of grassed concentrated flow areas
 - 2194 acres in conservation tillage
 - 106 refunds of up to \$75 for residents pumping out their septic tanks
- ▶ Began developing project ideas and possible grant opportunities for 2005 projects

Swan Creek Action Group

- ▶ Appointed new Chair to this group - Nov
- ▶ Finalize 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
- ▶ Assisted the Toledo Metroparks and The Nature Conservancy with the development of a WRRSP application [\$1.5 million proposal]
 - Acquisition of 150 acres in the Oak Openings Region
 - Application partnered with the City of Toledo's WPCLF request

Urban Runoff Action Group

- ▶ 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)
- ▶ Submitted grant application OEEF to update Storm Water Standards Manual - declined
- ▶ Continued as Technical Advisory Committee to the Storm Water Coalition

Student Watershed Watch

- ▶ Completed 15th *Annual Sampling Day* - students in 28 classes and 19 teachers from 18 schools investigated sites in 5 watersheds - Oct. 20
- ▶ Conducted 15th *Annual Student Summit* - 175 students from 7 schools attended - Nov. 18

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
 - Sampling results for Year One were posted on Maumee RAP web site
 - UT Lake Erie Center collected water and sediment samples from sites in the Maumee River and Maumee Bay (Sampling Year 2 completed)
 - *GIS Septic System Inventory* [LEPF \$50,000, match \$67,130] - continues
 - Conducted QA/QC on the 12,600 scanned septic system records for Lucas County
 - Indexed scanned and validated septic system records
 - Received funding for *Stream and Septic System Monitoring Study* [ACE WRDA 401 \$76,151, match \$76,151] - completed
 - Black and Vetch sampled 50 locations in the Maumee AOC
 - Lucas and Wood Co Health Depts followed-up by looking at 100 home sewage systems.
 - Final report was released and posted on the Maumee RAP web site - Dec
- ▶ Duck and Otter Creeks Partnership have begun two projects which benefits the Maumee AOC
 - Received grant for *Developing an Ecological and Human Health Risk Assessment for Duck and Otter Creeks* [US EPA \$50,000, match \$13,939] - begins
 - Released RFP and hired consultant
 - Received grant for *Restoring Wetland Habitat in Otter Creek Watershed* [GLNPO \$50,000, match \$4442] - begins
 - Project start is on hold until mid-2005
- ▶ The City of Toledo began planning the implementation of the \$500,000 Duck Creek Wetland SEP as outlined in the US EPA Consent Order issued Dec 2002