

2007 MRBPLG Conference - October 4, 2007
Findlay Inn & Conference Center, Findlay, OH
Agenda

8:00a.m. Registration/Continental Breakfast - Atrium

Morning Session – Fort Findlay Room

8:30a.m. Welcome & Introductions/Housekeeping

Casey Stephens, City of Toledo, MRBPLG Co-Chair, Moderator
Mary Jane Slaton, City of Fort Wayne, MRBPLG Co-Chair, Moderator
Mayor Anthony P. Iriti, City of Findlay

8:40a.m. “MRBPLG Regional Watershed Management Priorities”

Lori Gates, MRBPLG Coordinator, Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.

9:00a.m. “Recent Flooding Events and Issues in the Maumee River Basin – Panel Discussion”

Siavash Beik, P.E., CFM, D.WRE, Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd., Moderator
Rodney Renkenberger, PLS, CFM, Maumee River Basin Commission (MRBC)
Chad Berginnis, CFM, Chief, Ohio Emergency Management Agency, Mitigation Branch
Steve Ferryman, CFM, Environmental Specialist, ODNR, Floodplain Management Program
Community Needs Survey

10:00a.m. ***Break and View Vendor Booths and Poster Sessions – Hancock Room*******

10:30a.m. Concurrent Break Out Sessions

CHOICE OF:

Media Training Session – Fort Findlay Room A

Mary Jane Slaton, City of Fort Wayne, MRBPLG Co-Chair, Moderator

➤ “Care and Feeding of Local Media Professionals”

Panel discussion with Media representatives: John Graber, Local Government Reporter, Findlay Courier;
Denise Grant, Education Reporter, Findlay Courier; Tom Sheldon, News Director, WFIN/WKXA Findlay;
and Vaun Wickerham, Special Events Coordinator, WFIN/WKXA Findlay

➤ “Marketing your Message”

Dina Pierce, Media Coordinator, NW District Ohio EPA

➤ “Working with the Media and Keeping It Legal”

Mary Jane Slaton, Stakeholder Relations Program Manager, City of Fort Wayne

OR

Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Session – Fort Findlay Room B

Casey Stephens, City of Toledo, MRBPLG Co-Chair, Moderator

➤ “CSO Long Term Control Plan for Auburn, Indiana: Components and Water Quality Benefits”

Willie Gonwa, Symbiont, Indianapolis, IN

➤ “CSO Long Term Control Plan for Defiance, Ohio: Sewer Separation”

Jim Donnell, Arcadis, Toledo, OH

➤ “Use Attainability Analysis for CSO Discharges: The Indiana Approach”

Jodi Perras, Perras & Associates, Indianapolis, IN

Noon Lunch - Atrium

*******View Vendor Booths and Poster Sessions *******

1:30p.m. Concurrent Break Out Sessions

CHOICE OF:

Municipal Infrastructure & Costs Lobbying Session – Fort Findlay Room A

Josh Goode, Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd., Moderator

- “Regional Infrastructure Cost Study and the Municipal Burden We Face”
Josh Goode, Christopher B Burke Engineering
- “Federal and State Legislative Considerations for Funding”
Michael R. Cline, Hannum, Wagle, & Cline Engineering
- “Approaches to State Lobbying”
Matt Brase, Indiana Association of Cities and Towns
- “Approaches to Federal Lobbying”
Beth Bauer, American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC)

OR

Stormwater Session – Fort Findlay Room B

Brian O’Connell, City of Bowling Green, Moderator

- “Are two-stage agricultural ditches BMPs?”
Dr. Andrew Ward, The Ohio State University
- “Lessons Learned in Toledo’s MS4 Audit”
Tim Murphy, Chief, Water Resources, City of Toledo
- “Rain Gardens...A New Direction in Stormwater”
Lara Kurtz, Senior Environmental Specialist, City of Toledo

3:00p.m. *Refreshment Break and View Vendor Booths and Poster Sessions*****

Afternoon Session – Fort Findlay Room

Casey Stephens, City of Toledo, MRBPLG Co-Chair, Moderator

Mary Jane Slaton, City of Fort Wayne, MRBPLG Co-Chair, Moderator

3:15p.m. “Joyce Foundation Grants in the Maumee River Basin”

Lavea Brachman, Co-Director of Greater Ohio and Project Manager for Joyce Foundation

“Western Lake Erie Basin Study Update”

Craig M. Forget, P.E., PMP, Program Manager, Army Corps of Engineers

3:45p.m. Concurrent Break Out Sessions

CHOICE OF:

Viewing ACPWQ Videos: “A Watershed Mentality” and “Green Sells”

OR

2-stage Ditch Field Trip

Robert McCall, Watershed Educator, Ohio State University Extension Center at Lima

4:30p.m. Adjourn for those who are watching the Videos; those attending the Field Trip will depart at their leisure from the project site.