

Meeting Summary
Maumee River Basin Partnership of Local Governments
Defiance Ohio Municipal Annex. June 19, 2003
(NEXT MEETING: August 21, 2003)

On June 19, 2003 from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., a meeting of the Maumee River Basin Partnership of Local Governments was held in the City of Defiance, Ohio's Municipal Annex. Those in attendance included:

Greg Meszaros, City of Fort Wayne Utilities, Fort Wayne, IN
Gary Haydel, City Utilities, City of Perrysburg, OH
Dave Shunpike, Environmental Manager, City of Lima, OH
William Garber, Environmental Services, City of Toledo, OH
Gino Silvestri, Water Pollution Control Superintendent, City of Defiance, OH
Paul Steffens, Town of Leo Cedarville, IN
Allison Van Zandt, Allen County Partnership for Water Quality, IN
Jenny Cornell, Hull & Associates, OH
Ivan Myers, Supervisor, Lucas County OH SWCD
Kim Schieferstein, Public Works, City of Fort Wayne, IN
Jim Rickenberg, Supervisor, Wood County SWCD, IN
Jeff Grabarkiewicz, Lucas County OH SWCD
Christie Cook, Tiffen River Watershed Project
Greg Lake, Allen County IN SWCD
James Martin-Hayden, University of Toledo Dept. of Geology, OH
Tim Schetter, Black Swamp Conservancy, OH
Joshua Goode, Goode & Associates, Inc./City of Fort Wayne Utilities, IN

Greg Meszaros opened the meeting with introductions and a reference to the agenda. Greg noted that a pre-meeting among a city/town executive committee had convened prior, at which the continued planning of a "mayors summit" was discussed.

MAYORS SUMMIT UPDATE

Josh Goode provided a progress update on the plans for a mayors' meeting on the Maumee Basin scheduled for June 25, 2003 in Fort Wayne.

STORM WATER UTILITY PRESENTATION

Greg Meszaros presented a PowerPoint presentation on the City of Fort Wayne's public input process, development, and implementation of a storm water utility fee. His presentation has been posted for MRBPLG participant review at www.mrbplg.org. Discussion, questions and answers followed the presentation.

CLEAN WATER ACT/STREAM BANK PROTECTION PRESENTATION

Randy Sanders from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources presented a slide show and discussed issues related to the physical integrity of streams, human influences, and return to health and integrity. Discussion, questions and answers followed the presentation.

WEB SITE

Gino Silvestri requested that the partners discuss the MRBPLG web site, especially if we are to begin utilizing it for a peer-review bulletin board and information resource. Gino suggested that the site be reviewed, evaluated, and restructured if need be. He also recommended that municipal partners in the MRBPLG begin assisting Fort Wayne with financing the site.

After discussion, it was agreed that the next meeting agenda would include time to view, evaluate, and comment on the site as a group. Josh Goode offered to have the bulletin board process researched and presented as a beta test at the next meeting as well.

FATE OF A RIVER ASSISTANCE

Jenny Cornell reminded the group of the speaker's bureau opportunities and noted that 75 additional videos had been ordered by the City of Fort Wayne for local Allison VanZandt's programs in local schools.

CSO NOTIFICATION RULE

Josh Goode updated the partnership of the new CSO Public notification rule in Indiana. Also, estimated costs for local compliance requirements of CSO Long-Term Control Plans and Storm Water Phase 2 were requested for the upcoming mayors' conference. Some figures were discussed. Gino Silvestri discussed a dry weather overflow hotline that Defiance developed.

OTHER ISSUES

Josh Goode noted that Robert McCall's position had been cut at Ohio State University and that if there were to be an MRBPLG annual conference, someone would need to assist with the coordination that Robert would have led.

Due to time considerations, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

NEXT MEETING(S)

The time and location for the next MRBPLG meeting was confirmed for: August 21st, 2003 in Defiance Ohio at 10:00 (OHIO TIME-9:00 INDIANA TIME). A tentative agenda will be posted on the web site at www.mrbplg.org, and partners are encouraged to submit their priorities of interest for this and future agendas.