
Maumee AOC Advisory Committee

May 2, 2018 2pm – 4pm

The Mannik & Smith Group offices, 1800 Indian Wood Circle, Maumee

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MINUTES

Attendance: Tim Bollin, Melanie Coulter, Daryl Dwyer, Matt Kovach, Deanna Bobak, Jenny Carter – Cornell, Sally Gladwell, Jim Carter, Mike Pniewski, Tim Schetter, Joey Sink-Oiler, Cherie Blair, Kari Gerwin, Leah Medley (phone), Archie Lunsey, Josh Miller, Dave Sherman, Mark Witt

- **Welcome, Overview of Agenda:** Tim Bollin, Vice Chair welcomed everyone and briefly reviewed the agenda.
- **Vote: Minutes** – Daryl Dwyer motioned to approve the February minutes; Jenny Carter-Cornell seconded and the motion passed with a minor correction to the Ohio EPA report summary.
- **Updates from BUI Sub-Committees**
 - BUI 3a & 14a: Josh Miller provided a summary of the progress for this sub-committee, combined with BUI 6 sub-committee. The team is organizing and holding a BUI workshop. They've worked extensively to intentionally invite additional resource people who can lend expertise and input to these biological BUIs. The workshop will be broken into 3 HUC groups, with facilitators and watershed resource people to support each group of technical and subject matter experts. The team has put a substantial amount of effort into planning this workshop, which will cover about 30% of the AOC. If this goes well, another workshop may be planned to facilitate input on the rest of the AOC. The goal is to be able to identify and/or develop specific projects in specific locations that best drive measurable progress for each impaired BUI in each impaired HUC.
 - BUI 6: Cassie Lovall – see above.
 - BUI 8 & 11: Jenny Carter – Cornell reiterated the need for technical support for these BUIs so that this team could make progress. Ohio EPA is working on that request. These BUIs are not being actively worked on.
 - BUI 14b: Tim Schetter said that funding is in progress for almost all of the endorsed BUI14b projects, although some projects have had some changes. He may be coming back to the committee for approval on another project if a project falls off.
- **US EPA Report:** Leah Medley, via phone, briefly reiterated that US EPA has been seeing a lot of movement in the Maumee AOC with projects getting funding through various mechanisms. The federal government is working on the FFY19 budgets and hoping to have a robust budget.
- **Ohio EPA Report:** Cherie Blair distributed an updated BUI 14b MAP list as some projects have changed slightly and are in various stages of development. Cherie, Kris and a few AOC committee members will be attending US EPA's AOC conference later this month and Cherie has another US EPA/Ohio EPA meeting in later May. Cherie also updated the group on the Ohio EPA bug data. It is still pending. Ohio Department of Health recently issued the fish consumption guidelines and since limitations on channel catfish was reduced to one time a month, this shows progress for BUI 1. Ohio EPA, through Tetra Tech, will also be re-visiting the work on turtle consumption and hope to have an update in the winter. Ohio Department of Health also recently rescinded the contact advisory for the lower 8 miles of the Ottawa River, the final leg that had a no

contact advisory. Ohio EPA is working with the local health department and City of Toledo on the advisories posted at Hecklinger's Pond to determine the status of the BUI.

- **Boat Tours & Field Visits:** Kris Patterson discussed one of the add-ons to the newest Ohio EPA support grant. She asked for input on the bus and boat tours that will be held this year. The boat tours will vary with one open to the public and the other for committee members, stakeholders, invited guests. Both will be held on the Sandpiper. Boat tours will highlight MAP implementation projects or potential projects and be broken into two partial days, possibly in conjunction with meetings. Kris will send out more info as it is available.
- **Facilitating Organization's Report:** Kris Patterson gave a brief update on the Facilitating Organizations support of the MAAC. PCS continued to support outreach activities, such as promoting Clear Choices, Clean Water, quarterly e-newsletter, website, and social media. PCs has been providing admin support for meetings and sub-committees and workshop planning assistance, DMDS technical support and planning for updates, and facilitating AOC conference scholarships. The last support grant was spent down and closed out & the new one has had a small amount spent so far. Kris will send out a Doodle poll for the next meeting and the group decided to focus on sub-committees and the tours for the summer, with a brief, focused meeting (not a regular full committee meeting but all are welcome) to follow up from the workshop, in June.
- **MAP Reports (Lead Project Coordinators)**
 - Update on Projects:
 - Cherie distributed a project update document for the MAP projects. Projects are beginning at Magee Marsh & Maumee Bay State Park through DNR. Ducks Unlimited is continuing work on Toussaint P1, P2, P3 and has been able to do more work with less money than anticipated so the breakup of how work is phased has changed slightly. Current work is being completed under their NOAA partnership agreement. Toledo Metroparks has work completed on two parcels, negotiating on another parcel, and is beginning engineering and design on MAP25-17. Howard Marsh is open now, with future phase to be undertaken through the AOC funding. Ohio EPA is working on pass through grants with The Nature Conservancy and Black Swamp Conservancy for other MAP projects.
 - Updates on NPS-IS Habitat Plans: Thirteen plans are in various stages of development or approvals by numerous partners. Tetra Tech and The Mannik and Smith Group, through a contract from Ohio EPA, will be developing additional plans for most of the remaining watersheds.
- **Partner Reports (varies):** Kari Gerwin announced that TMACOG will host a meeting about improving Lake Erie on May 14th. Kris Patterson announced that PCS, Black Swamp Conservancy, and the 577 Foundation are helping host a Scenic Rivers 50th Anniversary movie viewing at the theatre in Maumee.
- **Public Comments & Adjourn:** No public comment. Meeting was adjourned early at 3pm.