- The macroinvetebrate data from the **biological and water quality assessments** collected by Ohio EPA in 2017 has been approved by field staff. I hope to prepare the bug data (along with the fish and habitat data) to be uploaded to the DMDS soon.
- The *Biological BUI Team* prepared **HUC-12 Problem Description documents** to assist them with the workshop they hosted in May. They wanted similar document created for the remaining HUC-12, so they could host a workshop for the rest of the AOC in October. Ohio EPA is in the process of hiring a subcontractor to create these documents by early October 2018.
- **BUI Updates and Path Forward** for Ohio EPA led BUIs:
    - **BUI 1a: Fish Consumption** – Based on the 2018 consumption advisories, the Maumee AOC fish consumption BUI Restoration Target has been met.
    - **BUI 1b: Wildlife Consumption** – Ohio EPA is currently reviewing the lab analysis of the snapping turtles that were collected this spring in the lower Ottawa River. A report/update of the BUI status is anticipated later this Fall.
    - **BUI 7: Dredging** – In 2018, Ohio EPA staff plan to review Maumee River ship channel sediment data vs new beneficial use of dredge material rule; thus, determining the status of this BUI. This is pending.
    - **BUI 8b: Eutrophication & BUI 11: Aesthetics** – Ohio EPA is in the process of hiring Tetra Tech to assist the *BUI Team* with status determination. Once determined, Tetra Tech will either provide a BUI removal justification or create a MAP list. This should be complete by March 2019.
    - **BUI 10c: Beach Closings (chemical contact)** – With the 3/16/18 ODH rescission of the DO NOT TOUCH contact advisory in the lower Ottawa River, the only remaining chemical contact advisory in question is Hecklinger Pond (Otter HUC-12). Ohio EPA is working with the city of Toledo and Toledo/Lucas Co Health Dept. to determine the reason/justification for this posting.
    - **BUI 14b**: **Wildlife Habitat** – US EPA and Ohio EPA have been working with MAP implementers to prepare applications and provide funding for their projects. Several other projects are expected to be funded via Interagency Agreement between federal agencies or via NOAA Partnership. As implementation gets underway for many of the MAPs, several minor tweaks have been made (i.e., acreage, partial availability). See the attached BUI 14b MAP list for the current status. More details are in the attached MAP Narrative Monthly Update.

- Ten of the 13 subgrantee developed **NPS-IS Nine Element Plans** have been approved by US EPA. Most of the approved plans are on the Ohio EPA Nonpoint Source Pollution Program website; the rest will be soon. The 7 subcontractor developed plans should be submitted for review by the end of August. The subcontractors are working to make HUC-10 compilation documents/executive summaries of all approved plans for the Maumee AOC by the end of November 2018. With additional funding the subcontractors will be developing detailed concepts/preliminary E&D plans for several projects from the plans that look promising as future MAPs. The *Biological BUI Team* will be consulted regarding these projects. The compilation docs and plans are expected by the end of December 2018.
- **2019 US AOC Conference – TBD in Sept. 2019, Cleveland, Ohio.** Ohio EPA and the organizations in the Cuyahoga AOC will be hosting the next US AOC Conference in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the Cuyahoga River burning. The location and dates have not been finalized. Stay tuned.