

### Phase I Program Totals

County	# of Contracts	Filter Strips (linear ft)	Floodplains (acres)	Concentrated Flow (acres)	Conservation Tillage (acres)	Septic Rebates	Amount Committed
Ottawa	22	64,541	186.43	n/a	576.71	n/a	\$122,050
Sandusky	8	12,075	0	n/a	123.00	n/a	\$11,057
Wood	27	65,597	46.82	n/a	760.80	n/a	\$77,427
Tri-County Totals	57	142,213 [27 miles]	233.25	n/a	1460.51	n/a	\$210,534

### Phase II Program Totals

County	# of Contracts	Filter Strips (linear ft)	Floodplains (acres)	Concentrated Flow (acres)	Conservation Tillage (acres)	Septic Rebates	Amount Committed
Ottawa	45	31,210	n/a	0	1894.7	81	\$101,710
Sandusky	7	11,260	n/a	0	0	2	\$1,325
Wood	185	203,911	n/a	23,975	299.8	23	\$99,800
Tri-County Totals	237	246,381 [47 miles]	n/a	23,975	2194.50	106	\$202,835

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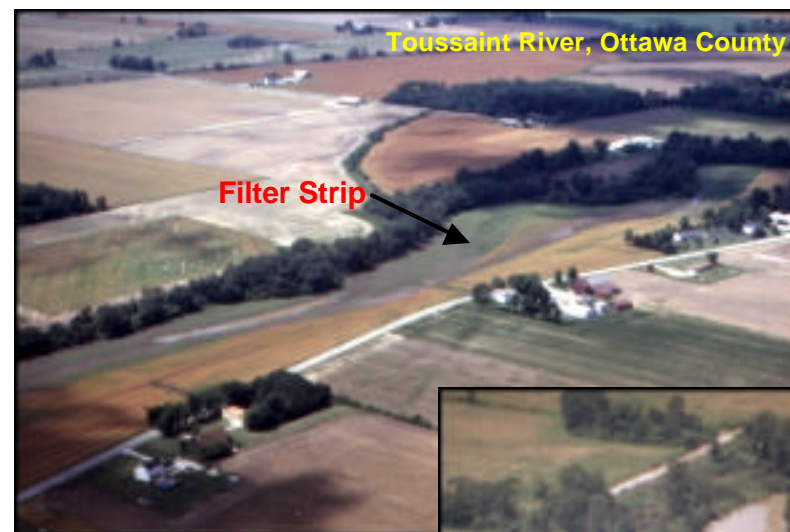
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# Toussaint River Improvement Incentive Programs

*Improving water quality through conservation cost-share*



**Environmental practices  
buffering your land ...**

**Protecting our waters!**

**FINAL RESULTS of PHASE I & II  
June 2004**

The *Toussaint River Improvement Incentive Programs* offered financial incentives to agricultural landowners for conservation practices, such as installing filter strips, creating concentrated flow areas, setting aside floodplains, and using conservation tillage practices. Rebates up to \$75 were available to any landowner in this watershed that attended one of the many homeowner education sessions, and then properly pumped their home septic systems.

The Health Departments in Ottawa and Wood counties were provided funds to assist in the development of Home Sewage Treatment System Plans (HSTS) for their counties. These plans identified critical areas for home septic system repair and upgrades in order to improve the health and water quality of area streams.

Phase I of the *Toussaint Incentive Program* began in 1997 with a concentrated focus on land adjacent to the mainstem of the Toussaint River. Following incredible success, Phase II of the program was created in 2000 to address the property along all rivers, streams and ditches in the Toussaint River Watershed, especially the major tributary of Packer Creek.

The success of the *Toussaint Incentive Program* is explained in the tables on the back of this booklet, however it is most easily illustrated by this map. Nearly 75 miles of stream bank in the Toussaint River and Packer Creek watersheds are now helping to improve the health of these watersheds by reducing sediment and chemical runoff and providing improved water quality and wildlife habitat. It is estimated that over 65,000 tons of sediment will be kept on fields and out of

waterways through the Toussaint II program, alone. This table shows how successful each conservation practice has been for Phase II of this program.

	Filter Strips (tons)	Concentrated Flow (tons)	Conservation Tillage (tons)
Sediment	53,601.6	3,164.6	10,941.2
Phosphorus	268.1	15.8	n/a
Nitrogen	53.6	3.2	n/a

### Toussaint Improvement Incentive Programs Phase I and II Buffer Strip Results

