

**Maumee AOC Coordinator Report  
for the Maumee AOC Advisory Committee  
May 25, 2023**

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- **WildMAPs** (*BUI 14b: Wildlife Habitat*)
  - There are 4 WildMAPs left to complete; 3 of which should be completed this calendar year.
  - ODNR Division of Forestry has been asking for assistance to find replacement properties for their acreage shortage. Since our last meeting they have been able to identify a potential replacement 75-acre property. Once the ODNR Real Estate section has appraised the property, a purchase agreement can be negotiated with the landowner.
  - An updated Summary Table of the WildMAPs was provided with this report.
  - A detailed narrative tracking of the WildMAPs is available upon request.
- **AquaMAPs** (*BUI 3a, 6, 14a: Fish Pops, Benthic Pops, Fish Habitat*)
  - Lots of AquaMAPs are getting underway. Many have released RFPs in the last 3-4 months or will be in the next 3-4 months.
  - The Delaware/Horseshoe Islands project was allocated \$5,080,000 of GLRI-AOC funding for implementation. The workplan is almost ready for GLNPO review, with the hopes of an award in early August.
  - The last of the TBDs are in development. The MAAC should expect a list of potential projects in August with a final list for recommendation/approval at the December meeting.
  - There will be another round of federal tribal consultation letters sent out this summer. If you are involved with a project that plans to go to construction this fall, please make certain I have your state SHPO determination application and response letter by June 30.
  - An updated Summary Table of the AquaMAPs was provided with this report.
  - A narrative tracking of the AquaMAPs is available upon request.
- **SedMAPs** (*BUIs vary by project site, GLLA contaminated sediment*)
  - Ohio continues to work with federal partners to make progress on these sediment projects.
  - The Lower Maumee River (LMR) Focused Feasibility Study (FFS) is finalizing the remedial alternatives for cleaning up the WWTP and Sway Bridge sites. The draft LMR FFS report is expected to be out for public comment in August. A LMR FFS public meeting is scheduled for August 10 from 4 – 6pm at the Glass City Pavilion in the Glass City Metropark (note: this is the same day as our next MAAC meeting).
  - The Swan Creek Focused Feasibility Study (FFS) is slightly behind the LMR FFS. The draft Swan FFS report is expected to be out for public comment in Nov/Dec. The Swan FFS public meeting is expected to occur in early to mid-Dec. (note: around the time of our Dec MAAC meeting). Stay tuned for more info on this project.
  - The Ohio AOC Program is working to secure non-federal matching funds for the next step in the GLLA process, which is Remedial Design (RD). The Ohio EPA anticipates preparing an application the Fall, so to be able to begin this next step in early 2024.
  - An updated Summary Table of the SedMAPs was provided with this report.
  - A narrative tracking of the SedMAPs is available upon request.
- **Misc. MAPs** (*BUIs 4, 7, 8, 10, 11*)
  - **BUI 4: Deformities & Tumors** – US FWS conducted bullhead liver tumor sampling (BUI 4) in April on the Toussaint River, then the boat broke down. Otter Creek still needs to be sampled. Turtle Creek and a portion of the Ottawa River will be sampled for fish community and habitat (BUI 3a, 14a) this summer.

- **BUI 7: Dredging** – Ohio EPA personnel are reviewing the sediment data collected in 2021.
- **BUI 10a: Beach Closings (advisories)** – Project is in progress.
- **BUI 8b: Eutrophication** – I will update the committee at a future meeting.
- **BUI 11: Aesthetics** – The BUI removal document received only 1 public comment. The comment was related to CAFOs in the Maumee River watershed, which is not applicable to the AOC Program. The removal document that was shared for Public Comment is the version that is being prepared as the full Removal Recommendation package from Ohio. The document will have the public comment/response and MAAC letter of support added as appendices. The recommendation is expected to go to GLNPO in early June.
- **AOC Program Updates**
  - US AOC Conference registration is open. It will be held on Sept 13-14, 2023 in Green Bay, WI, with pre-conference events on Sept. 12. Limited scholarships will be available. Stay tuned for more info. <https://www.uwgb.edu/great-lakes-areas-of-concern-conference/>
  - Knowledge Sharing Session will be held for MAAC Implementers on June 5 from 12:30 – 2:30pm at Ohio EPA NWDO or via Teams. Following the Sharing Session will be a Knowledge Networking Session from 2:30 – 3:30pm. This networking session will only be available in person. An email with more details and an agenda was sent to all MAAC members. If you didn't get it, and want a copy/invitation, please let me know.