

**Maumee AOC Coordinator Report
for the Maumee AOC Advisory Committee
August 10, 2023**

- **WildMAPs** (*BUI 14b: Wildlife Habitat*)
 - There are 3 WildMAPs left to complete; 2 of which should be completed this calendar year.
 - ODNR Division of Forestry is leading the final WildMAP to be implemented. They have now identified a replacement property for their acreage shortage. A purchase agreement is in negotiation. This project is expected to be extended into 2025 so to complete the enhancement/restoration of the new property.
 - An updated Summary Table of the WildMAPs is available upon request.
 - 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. A couple projects are soon to be under construction (BD-2.0, HDOR-9.0)
 - Three projects are in the process of receiving supplemental funding awards totaling almost \$360,000 for their projects from the H2Ohio Program. Please let me know if your project is having funding issues as early as possible, preferably BEFORE asking GLNPO.
 - The Delaware/Horseshoe Islands project was allocated \$5,080,000 of GLRI-AOC funding for implementation. The award is expected any day. It is anticipated that a construction RFP will be released this fall for this project and the H2Ohio Clark Island project combined.
 - The last of the TBDs are in development. The MAAC should expect a final list for recommendation/approval at the December meeting.
 - I have not received any requests for any additional projects that need to go through federal tribal consultation this summer. Remember this is a requirement of your award that MUST be completed PRE-CONSTRUCTION. It can take 90+ days from start to finish, so please allow enough time for this activity. It can stop your project. Let me know if you have any questions.
 - An updated Summary Table of the AquaMAPs is available upon request.
 - 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 the sediment projects.
 - The Lower Maumee River (LMR) Focused Feasibility Study (FFS) is out for public comment until Sept 3. There is a public information session this evening from 4 – 6pm at the Glass City Pavilion in the Glass City Metropark regarding the preferred remedial alternatives for cleaning up the WWTP and Sway Bridge sites. More information and the report are available at: <https://www.epa.gov/great-lakes-aocs/information-session-proposed-contaminated-sediment-clean-lower-maumee-river>
 - 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 December. 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 is available upon request.
 - A narrative tracking of the SedMAPs is available upon request.

- **Misc. MAPs (BUIs 4, 7, 8, 10, 11)**
 - **BUI 4: Deformities & Tumors** – US FWS boat broke down while conducting bullhead liver tumor sampling (BUI 4) on the Toussaint River earlier this year. Since the FWS boat is still not fixed, Otter Creek bullhead sampling has been delayed until spring 2024. The Turtle Creek and a portion of the Ottawa River sampling for fish community and habitat (BUI 3a, 14a) has been postponed until September. I hope to have a report on the results of this year's sampling at the December MAAC meeting.
 - **BUI 7: Dredging** – Ohio EPA's review of this sediment data found that this BUI should be removable. I will provide a more detailed update at a future MAAC meeting.
 - **BUI 10a: Beach Closings (advisories)** – Project is in progress.
 - **BUI 8b: Eutrophication** – I will update the committee at a future meeting.
 - **BUI 11: Aesthetics** – GLNPO has accepted this BUI removal recommendation. CONGRATS! 3 BUIs removed, 7 to go! Information was posted on Ohio Lake Erie Commission, Ohio EPA, and Maumee AOC social media.
- **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. There are direct flights from Detroit to Green Bay for those interested in traveling to the conference.
<https://www.uwgb.edu/great-lakes-areas-of-concern-conference/>
 - The Great Lakes AOC Conference organizers have let us know that there is availability of additional travel scholarships for the Conference for AOC Advisory Committee members for an additional one scholarship/support per AOC. However, the submittal needs to go in by this Friday, August 11. Please work with your Kris if there is anyone that would like to submit.
 - We have not scheduled another Knowledge Sharing Session or Networking Session. Is there an interest in this, and if so, what topics??