

52200 Student Watershed Watch

Goal: Coordinate the Student Watershed Watch (SWW) program working with all interested middle and high schools in the region.

Objectives:

- Review training needs of teachers and provide targeted training, including opportunities to become Ohio EPA qualified.
- Help teachers and participants incorporate new state education standards as requested.
- Provide necessary materials to participating schools for use in the program and identify new materials as needed.
- Provide sampling assistance, present to students, and connect classrooms to community water quality partners
- Compile testing data from all participating schools and upload it to Water Reporter.
- Coordinate the SWW Summit for students to compare their findings and learn more about water quality issues and water careers.
- Promote the program and encourage additional participation throughout the TMACOG membership area.
- Maintain or increase sponsorships to support the SWW.
- Participate in the Lake Erie Volunteer Science Network to improve and expand volunteer water quality monitoring in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan.
- Continue a collaborative partnership with GLOBE Mission Earth to support common goals and cooperation across the region.
- Engage in professional and educational development of TMACOG staff.

52202 PCB Sampling

Goal: Using Lucas County PCB Settlement funds, incorporate testing and education of polychlorinated biphenyls, commonly known as PCBs, in coordination with community garden organizations within Lucas County.

Objectives:

- Identify and provide the necessary testing materials for PCBs testing, including any lab processing.
- Provide the necessary educational materials regarding the harmful effects of PCBs.
- Coordinate with local community garden organizations to implement PCB testing and education.
- Develop educational materials for the general public on the sources and impacts of PCBs and what they can do if there are high concentrations of PCBs in their soil.
- Compile testing data from all participating organizations and include it in annual reporting to Lucas County.

54100 Stormwater Coalition (SWC)

Goal: Address stormwater flooding, drainage, and water quality issues on a watershed basis through regional cooperation, coordination, and education in the development and implementation of long-range stormwater management plans.

Objectives:

- Convene regular and ad hoc meetings of the Stormwater Coalition to:
 - Share information and resources to meet requirements of National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) stormwater permits and to solve stormwater management problems.
 - Develop and approve SWC budgets, scopes of work, and approve stormwater policy positions.
- Convene regular and ad hoc meetings of the Stormwater Action Group to:
 - Provide subject matter expertise to TMACOG's ongoing planning and policy work, including the following sections of the Agenda for Lake Erie:
 - Stormwater Management.
 - Restoring and Protecting Natural Drainage Systems.
 - Provide technical expertise and guidance to Stormwater Coalition members.
 - Review and provide feedback on transportation-related stormwater issues through coordination with TMACOG's Transportation Department planning work.
- To support the Stormwater Coalition, staff will:
 - Coordinate Stormwater Coalition and Stormwater Action Group meetings.
 - Provide at least one professional development opportunity for members and the development community (completed under 54500).
 - Provide permit management and compliance resource materials via the TMACOG Stormwater Resources Webpage.
 - Provide individualized stormwater program evaluations as requested by dues paying SWC members, based on available workload capacity.
 - Stay current with stormwater regulations and inform members of upcoming regulatory changes and compliance deadlines.
 - Reach out to newly regulated MS4 communities in the TMACOG membership area.
 - Coordinate with councils of government and other stormwater practitioners to facilitate communication across Ohio and the Western Lake Erie Basin.
 - Engage in professional development opportunities relating to stormwater.
 - Share the work of SWC at relevant conferences and professional associations.
 - Engage with other agencies to investigate or build partnerships for stormwater education.
 - Participate in stormwater-related initiatives to determine if there are opportunities to expand these initiatives across the SWC membership area.

54400 SWC Public Education

Goal: Administer regional stormwater education and outreach programs to engage residents in northwest Ohio in support of SWC members' Ohio EPA stormwater permit requirements for public involvement, participation, and education.

Objectives:

- Coordinate the Stormwater Action Group to make recommendations for the direction of the SWC Public Education Program.
- Support and administer the Lake Erie Starts Here program and invoice members for their cost share.
- Operate and maintain the Lake Erie Starts Here website, including developing and updating website content.
- Coordinate with a local media to develop and implement mass media content for the program and collect performance metrics for each outreach mechanism.
- Develop content and graphics for use on social media and print.
- Identify and attend community events to represent and promote SWC's public education efforts.
- Coordinate a Lake Erie Starts Here mini-exhibit at the National Museum of the Great Lakes.
- Distribute data reports to SWC members quarterly and annually for inclusion in members' required reports to Ohio EPA.
- Investigate options and pricing for outreach mechanisms to expand the reach of the SWC Public Education Program.
- Coordinate applications for funding to support the expansion of the SWC Public Education Program

54500 Stormwater Supplemental Projects

Goal: Address stormwater flooding, drainage, and water quality issues through continuing education and training.

Objectives:

- Plan and coordinate training event(s) by scheduling a site, reaching out to potential speakers, designing and publishing outreach materials, and other staff support as necessary.
- Collaborate with Lake Erie West Stormwater Coalition members and other stormwater professionals to provide training presentations and resources for the identified audience.
- Identify training and professional development needs of the development community and other audiences in coordination with Stormwater Action Group.
- Provide continuing education credit for relevant professional certifications.