

**TMACOG WATERSHEDS COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**July 22, 2020 – 2:00 P.M.**  
**Via virtual GoTo Meeting**

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**Attendees:** Deanna Bobak, CEC (Vice-Chair); Kris Patterson, PCS; Sally Gladwell, Mannik & Smith Group; Cyndee Gruden, University of Toledo; Christina Kuehle, ODNR; Cherie Blair, Ohio EPA; Regina Collins, City of Toledo; Cassondra Prchlik, PCS; Jamie Kochensparger, Lucas SWCD; Melissa Hopfer, Lucas County Commissioners, Toledo-Lucas County Sustainability Commission;

**Staff:** Kari Gerwin, Director of WQ; Sara Guiher, Water Quality Planner; Joy Minarcin, WQ Administrative Assistant;

*Attendees were asked to enter their name and affiliation in the chat box of the meeting window. This will serve as record of attendance and are so noted above. Attendees were also informed that the meeting would be recorded.*

**Welcome:**

Deanna Boback, CEC, and vice-chair of the Watersheds committee welcomed those present.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

There will be no official approval of the meeting minutes from January's meetings. The meeting minutes will be posted on the website. Should you notice any corrections that need to be made, please contact Sara Guiher, Joy Minarcin, or Deanna Bobak.

**Agenda for Lake Erie:**

Sara Guiher reviewed the purpose and the 7 briefs within the Agenda for Lake Erie. Each brief contains section headings of introduction and overview, State and Federal policy recommendations, regional recommendations, and funding needs, which were reviewed. The timeline for the completions of the agenda to be presented at the 2021 TMACOG General Assembly was given. The Watersheds committee will be reviewing and updated the sections of Legal Tools and Natural Drainage Systems. Members were asked to review and submit any comments to Sara Guiher or Kari Gerwin.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

***Community Outreach & Engagement During a Pandemic***  
***Sandra Prchlik – Partners for Clean Streams***

Prchlik explained that PCS is an action-based community organization that organize community efforts for and cleaner water. COVID-19 heavily impacted the efforts of the organization. A safety protocol for volunteers was implemented. Ms. Prchlik reviewed programs that have minimal or no social interaction such as storm drain marking, establishing a fishing line bin and/or collections, or donation to PSC to name a few. Programs with little interaction are Clean Your Streams 365 and Get The Lead Out. The annual Clean Your Streams (24) is slated for September 26, 2020. Prchlik also reviewed PCS that have been taken place since March 2020.

The presentation was followed by Q & A.

**TMACOG Staff Report:**

***Sara Guiher, TMACOG***

- The Student Watershed Watch program continues to be planned. A virtual teacher training program kicks off next Thursday (July 30). TMACOG has produced a series of videos for the teacher training.
- A survey was distributed to teachers on the SWW program to give an idea on what each school is planning.
- The Wastewater committee is preparing a white paper on Biosolids containing best practices and research for operators. The paper will be shared with this committee.

**Member and Partner Reports**

None

**Public Comment**

None

**Meetings:**

The next meeting for the **Watershed Committee will be held October 28, 2020**

**Adjourn**

Deanna Bobak, vice - chair, called the meeting adjourned.