

2008 Annual Report

Ohio Watershed Coordinator Grant Program



Letter from the Chief



Almost every day in the national or Ohio media we are reminded of the importance of our water resources – from our very economic future, to our every day lives. More people than ever are conscious of the need to sustainably use and manage their resources – from the money in their wallet to the land and water in their community. Ohio’s watershed programs and specifically, the Ohio Watershed Coordinator Grant Program, fits right in with this thinking and behavior.

In watersheds across Ohio, efforts are focusing money, talent, and awareness to restore and protect our water resources. In turn, these efforts help sustain and improve Ohio’s economic and environmental conditions and quality of life for ourselves and future generations. We at the new Division of Soil and Water Resources at ODNR are proud of what is happening through local watershed projects and programs. We appreciate the opportunity to be one of many State of Ohio and Federal partners that help ensure the success of these local efforts.

While the challenges are many, it is gratifying to see so much success across the state... the partnerships created, the number of watershed action plans developed, and volume of resources leveraged to implement those plans with exciting local projects. I always appreciate seeing the numerous signs on roadways indicating which watershed one is entering. And it is even more gratifying to know that the projects behind those signs are leading to very significant restoration and protection efforts. So, congratulations to our partners! Keep up the good work.

- David Hanselmann
Chief, Division of Soil and Water Resources

2008 Watershed Grant Implementation Report

2008 Implementation Report

No single agency or individual can by itself effectively implement a watershed action plan, therefore an important role for watershed coordinators is to track and communicate progress on behalf of all watershed partners. Since 2006 the Ohio Watershed Coordinator Grant Program has transitioned from an emphasis on development of watershed action plans to implementation of those plans. In order to emphasize this transition, watershed coordinators were each asked to complete a comprehensive implementation report for the first time in 2008. In so doing, watershed coordinators requested data from partners such as soil and water conservation districts, local health departments, park districts, land trusts, and many others. The values expressed in this table represent the aggregation of all implementation reported to watershed coordinators in Ohio, August 2008.



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Categories	Practices	Totals	Units
Stream and Wetland Restoration	Restore Streambank By Recontouring or Regrading	3,040	Linear Feet
	Plant Grasses in Riparian Areas	770	Acres
	Plant Prairie Grasses in Riparian Areas	719	Acres
	Remove/treat Invasive Species	274	Acres
	Plant Trees or Shrubs in Riparian Areas	150	Acres
	Acquire Riparian Conservation Easements	1,680	Acres
	Restore Flood Plain	850	Linear Feet
	Restore Stream Channel	2,550	Linear Feet
	Reconstruct & Restore Wetlands	226	Acres
	Plant Wetland Species	167	Acres
	Acquire Wetland Conservation Easements	807	Acres
	Remove Dams	1	Dams
	Modify Dams	1	Dams
	Restore Natural Flow	1,200	Linear Feet
Acid Mine Drainage Abatement	Install Slag Leach Beds	1	Beds
	Install Limestone Leach Beds	1	Beds
	Install Limestone Channels	3,566	Linear Feet
	Repair Subsidence Sites	25	Acres
	Reclaim Abandoned Mine Land	46	Acres
	Reclaim Pit Impoundments	4	Acres
	Restore Positive Drainage	46	Acres
Cover Toxic Mine Spoils	5	Acres	
Home Sewage Treatment Systems	Inspect Home Sewage Treatment Systems	16,317	Inspections
	Repair or Replace Home Sewage Treatment Systems	1,269	HSTS
Agriculture	Plant Cover/Manure Crops	7,812	Acres
	Install Nitrogen Reduction Practices	16,500	Acres
	Install Controll Drainage System	1,510	Acres
	Develop Nutrient Management Plans	18,391	Acres
	Develop Whole Farm Management Plans	12,674	Acres
	Implement Conservation Tillage Practices	135,572	Acres
	Implement Prescribed & Conservation Grazing Practices	2,645	Acres
	Install Alternative Water Supplies	38	Supplies
	Install Erosion & Sediment Control Structures	132	Structures
	Install Grassed Waterways	285	Acres
	Install Vegetated Buffer Strips	229,279	Linear Feet
	Install Livestock Crossings	110	Crossings
	Install Heavy Use Feeding Pads	51	Pads
	Install Livestock Exclusion Fencing	59,778	Linear Feet
	Install Chemical Mixing Pads	3,308	Pads
	Construct Animal Waste Storage Structures	36	Structures
	Implement Manure Management Practices	7,966	Acres
	Conduct Soil Testing	2,821	Tests
	Implement Grass/Legume Rotations	4,910	Acres
	Install Grass Manure Spreading Strips	6	Acres
	Implement Manure Transfer Practices	12	Acres
	Install Roof Water Management Practices	31	Practices
	Execute Landowner Cost-Share Contracts	348	Cost-share Agreements
Execute Installer Contract (if paying installer directly)	10	Contracts	
Education and Outreach	Develop Brochures/Fact Sheets	305	Brochures/Fact Sheets
	Conduct Watershed Festivals	22	Festivals
	Conduct Public Meeting	181	Mtg.s
	Develop Press Releases	232	Releases
	Create/Maintain Websites	50	Websites
	Install Signs	81	Signs
	Develop Displays	118	Displays
	Conduct Watershed Tours	94	Tours
	Conduct Tours via Canoe	16	Canoe Trips
	Conduct Stream Clean-Ups	78	Clean-Ups
	Conduct Field Days	155	Events
	Stencil Storm Drains	1,085	Drains
	Conduct Workshops	120	Workshops
	Conduct Training	106	Events
	Develop Manual(s)	8	Manuals
	Deliver On-Site Technical Assistance	1,476	Site Visits
	Develop Newsletters	12,861	Newsletters
Local Land Use Policy	Develop or Customize Model Local Conservation Statutes	26	Statutes
	Adoption of Local Conservation Statutes	20	Jurisdictions
Monitoring	Conduct Chemical Sampling	627	Sites
	Conduct Macroinvertebrate (ICI) Sampling	207	Sites
	Conduct Fish (IBI) Sampling	105	Sites
	Conduct Habitat (QHEI or HHEI) Sampling	320	Sites
	Conduct Nitrate Sampling (WATER)	1,782	Sites
Pollutant Load Reductions	Reduce Phosphorus Loadings	692,208	Lbs/Year
	Reduce Sediment Loadings	68,985	Tons/Year
	Reduce Untreated Home Sewage	101,531	Gal/Day
	Treat Acid Water	312,440	Lbs/Year
	Reduce Nitrogen Loadings	1,160,931	Lbs/Year

Ohio Watershed Coordinator Grants 2000-2008

2000 (6-year grants)

Bokes and Mill Creeks
Darby Creek
Duck and Otter Creeks
East Fork Little Miami River
Honey Creek
Huff Run
Little Miami River
Lower Olentangy
Mill, Yellow & Meander Creeks
Monday Creek
Pymatuning
Raccoon Creek
Sandusky River
Stillwater River
Sugar Creek
White Oak Creek

2001 (6-year grants)

Duck Creek
Lower Maumee River
Sunday Creek
Upper Tuscarawas River

2002 (6-year grants)

Alum Creek
Euclid Creek
Grand Lake St Marys
Leading Creek
Lower Grand River
Upper Scioto River
Wabash River
West Creek

2003 - no RFP

2004 (6-year grants)

Chagrin River
Western Tributaries

2005 - no RFP

Grand Lake St Marys and Wabash*

2006 (3 or 4 year grants)

Black River (4)
Blacklick and Rocky Fork Creeks (4)
Duck and Otter Creeks^ (3)
Duck Creek (3)
East Fork Little Miami R. (3)
Federal Creek^^ (3)
Firelands Coastal Tribs (4)
Little Miami River^^^ (3)
Lower Olentangy (3)
Monday (3)
Portage River (4)
Raccoon Creek (3)
Rocky River (3)
Sandusky River (3)
Stillwater River (3)
Tinkers Creek (4)
Upper Big Walnut Creek (4)
Upper Olentangy (4) - Div. of Wildlife
Upper Scioto River (3)
White Oak Creek (3)

2007 - no RFP

Twin Creek**

2008 (3 or 4 year grants)

Blanchard (1-yr grant)
Captina Creek (4) - Div. of Wildlife
Euclid Creek (3)
Grand L. St. Marys/Wabash (3)
Honey Creek (3)
Leading Creek (3)
Middle Cuyahoga (4)
Stillwater River (3)
Sunday Creek (3)
Upper Grand River (4)
Yellow Creek (4)

BOLD text denotes grant in active status

* Grand Lake St Marys and Wabash grants merge

** Western Tribs. grant transferred and scope reduced to Twin Creek

^ Duck and Otter grant discontinued 2008

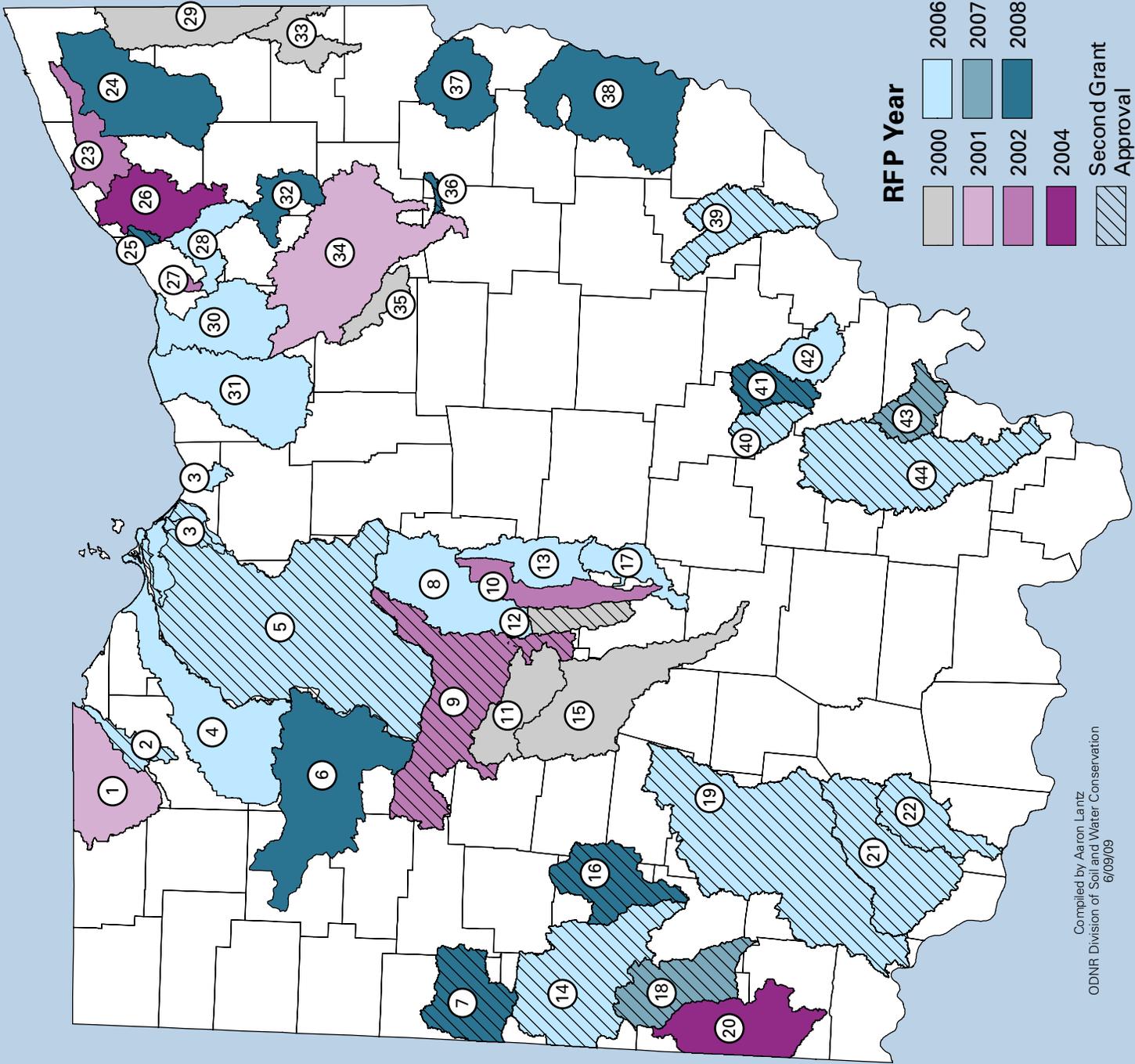
^^ Federal Creek discontinued 2007

^^^ Little Miami R. grant discontinued June 30, 2009

6 year grants: 30
3-year grants: 19
4-year grants: 10
Received second grant: 18
Currently Active: 33
Groups supported: 42
Fully Endorsed Watershed
Action Plans (WAPs): 35

Conditionall Endorsed WAPs: 7
WAPs In Review: 2
WAPs Under Construction: 11
Groups Exited Program: 9
8 groups still active
6 continue Watershed Coordinator
postions

1. Lower Maumee River
2. Duck and Otter Creeks
3. Firelands Coastal Tribs
4. Portage River
5. Sandusky River
6. Blanchard River
7. Wabash River
Grand Lake St. Marys
8. Upper Olentangy
9. Upper Scioto
10. Alum Creek
11. Bokes and Mill Creek
12. Lower Olentangy
13. Upper Big Walnut Creek
14. Stillwater
15. Big Darby Creek
16. Honey Creek
17. Big Walnut Creek
18. Twin Creek
19. Little Miami
20. Western Tribs
21. East Fork Little Miami
22. White Oak Creek



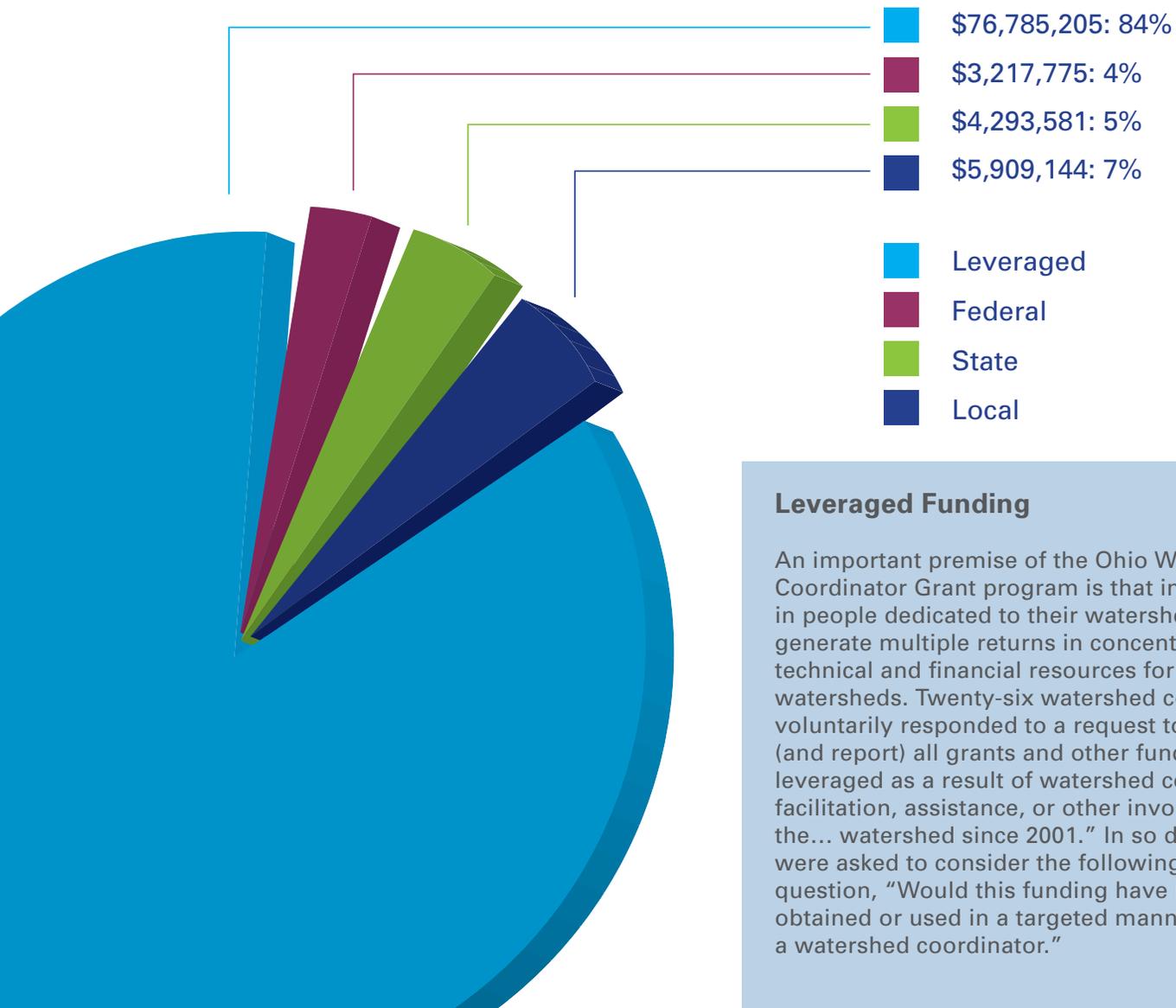
23. Lower Grand
24. Upper Grand
25. Euclid Creek
26. Chagrin River
27. West Creek
28. Tinkers Creek
29. Pymatuning Shenango
30. Rocky River
31. Black River
32. Middle Cuyahoga
33. Mill Creek
34. Upper Tuscarawas
35. Sugar Creek
36. Huff Run
37. Yellow Creek
38. Captina Creek
39. Duck Creek
40. Monday Creek
41. Sunday Creek
42. Federal Valley
43. Leading Creek
44. Raccoon Creek

Watershed Coordinator Grant Funds



The Sandusky River Watershed Coalition has been around for 12 years, and has brought in millions of dollars for various projects and conservation practices. These efforts, which are scattered around this very large watershed, have improved water quality and increased support for the SRWC. All of this could not have been accomplished without the assistance of the watershed coordinator grant program. The program allowed us to have a stable foothold to get us started and proceed with implementation. Our efforts have been worth the cost of the program, and we will continue to move forward.

- Robert Vargo
Sandusky State Scenic River



Leveraged Funding

An important premise of the Ohio Watershed Coordinator Grant program is that investment in people dedicated to their watersheds will generate multiple returns in concentrated technical and financial resources for those watersheds. Twenty-six watershed coordinators voluntarily responded to a request to “compile (and report) all grants and other funding leveraged as a result of watershed coordinator facilitation, assistance, or other involvement in the... watershed since 2001.” In so doing, they were asked to consider the following threshold question, “Would this funding have been obtained or used in a targeted manner without a watershed coordinator.”

Funding leveraged by watershed coordinators 2001-2008

Watershed	Sponsor	Funds Leveraged
West Creek	West Cr. Preservation Society	\$11,831,743
Little Miami R.	Little Miami R. Partnership	\$11,189,512
Monday Creek	Rural Action	\$8,426,076
Lower Olentangy	Friends of Lower Olentangy River	\$7,561,745
E. Fork Little Miami	Clermont SWCD	\$4,370,639
Huff Run	Rural Action	\$3,997,696
Sandusky	Sandusky River Watershed Coalition	\$3,589,046
Euclid Cr	Cuyahoga SWCD	\$2,017,620
Stillwater R.	Darke SWCD	\$2,840,413
Raccoon Cr.	Ohio University	\$2,765,553
Chagrin	Chagrin River Partners	\$2,663,206
Sunday Cr.	Rural Action	\$2,426,104
White Oak Cr.	Brown SWCD	\$2,423,013
Bokes/Mill	Union SWCD	\$2,248,246
Duck Cr.	Washington SWCD	\$1,841,704
Honey Creek (Great Miami)	Miami SWCD	\$1,986,028
Grand Lake St. Marys - Wabash	Mercer SWCD	\$1,700,484
Rocky River	Cuyahoga SWCD	\$872,355
Duck and Otter Cr.	Duck and Otter Creek Partnership	\$416,705
Leading Cr.	Meigs SWCD	\$368,305
Alum Creek	Friends of Alum Creek and Tributaries	\$385,900
Upper Scioto	Delaware SWCD	\$212,820
Upper Olentangy	City of Delaware	\$150,000
Firelands Tributaries	Erie SWCD	\$54,408
Twin Cr.	Miami University	\$41,838
Darby Creek	Union SWCD	\$5,592

\$76,386,750 Total
\$2,937,952 Average

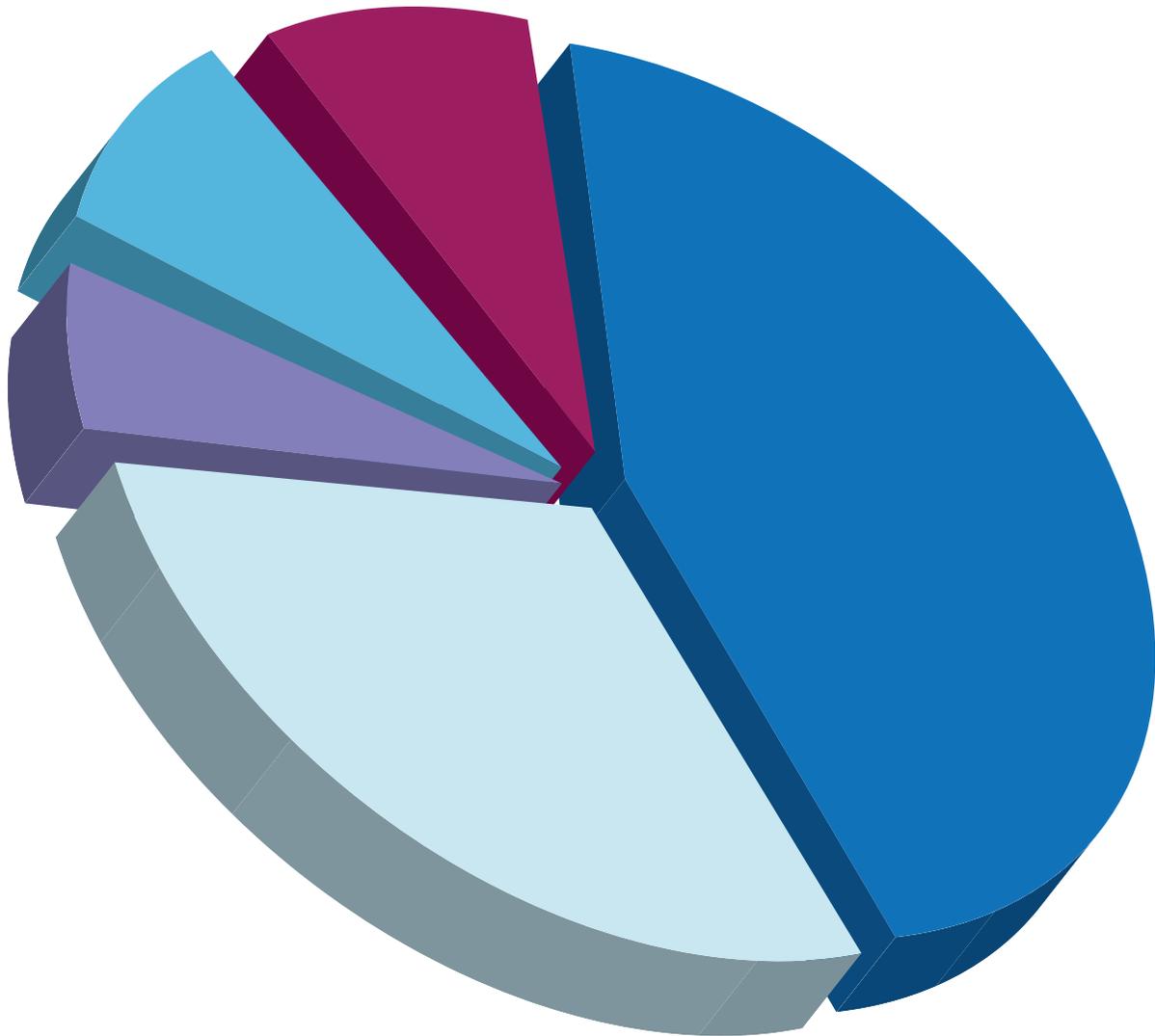


Watershed Coordinator Grant Funding Summary 2001 - 2008

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
U.S. EPA / Ohio EPA	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
Soil and Water Conservation	\$233,772	\$300,000	\$260,628	\$278,350	\$258,500	\$265,000	\$265,000	\$275,000
Mineral Resources Management	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$118,000
Office of Coastal Management			\$80,000	\$74,200	\$66,780	\$59,200	\$53,280	\$82,752
Division of Wildlife							\$35,000	\$35,000
<i>Sub-Total</i>	\$733,772	\$800,000	\$845,628	\$857,550	\$830,280	\$829,200	\$858,280	\$910,752
<i>Local Match</i>	\$61,169	\$285,943	\$148,092	\$723,455	\$713,467	\$848,184	\$809,594	\$926,293
TOTAL	\$794,941	\$1,085,943	\$993,720	\$1,581,005	\$1,543,747	\$1,677,384	\$1,667,874	\$1,837,045



Watershed Grant Sponsors by Category



- 45% Soil and Water Conservation Districts
- 31% Non-profit Organizations
- 6% Universities
- 9% Regional Planning Agencies
- 9% Local Government



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2008 Individual Grant Major Accomplishments:



Recent conservation and restoration projects have resulted in tremendous improvements of the Middle Cuyahoga River water quality. The ODNR watershed grant program has enabled local authorities to expand these types of improvement efforts into the sensitive tributaries, which is absolutely necessary for the continued sustainability of the watershed.

- Bob Brown
City of Kent, Ohio

Alum Creek

Watershed Coordinator: Kimberly Williams

Sponsor: Friends of Alum Creek and Tributaries

6-year grant through December 2009

Facilitated removal of 2 lowhead dams, Academy-Wolfe Park and Nelson Park

- Coordinated volunteer tree planting and invasive plant removal in Wolfe and Nelson Parks
- Initiating program to install "rain gardens" to reduce and filter stormwater

Big Walnut Creek (Upper)

Watershed Coordinator: Vacant

Sponsor: Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District

4-year grant through December 2010

- Developed and submitted draft Watershed Action Plan for review

Black River

Watershed Coordinator: Dan Gouch

Sponsor: Lorain County Commissioners

4-year grant through December 2010

- Watershed Action Plan under construction
- Coordinated French Creek Volunteer Monitoring Initiative
- Developed French Creek Aquatic Habitat Project Study Plan
- Advised local officials regarding post-construction erosion control regulations for Lorain County; and municipal riparian and wetland zoning

Blacklick and Rocky Fork Creeks

Watershed Coordinator: David Rutter

Sponsor: Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)

4-year grant through December 2010

- Completed Draft Rocky Fork Creek WAP and submitted for review
- Coordination development of Blacklick Creek WAP
- Evaluated Dysart Run for stream restoration project
- Developed lowhead dam inventory of Blacklick Rocky Fork Creeks watersheds

Blanchard River

Watershed Coordinator: Phil Martin; Sponsor: Blanchard River Watershed Partnership (BRWP)

1-year grant through December 2009

- Developing a watershed action plan for the Outlet/Lye Creek Watershed and the five sub-watersheds
- Launched new Web site and produced first newsletter

Captina Creek

Watershed Coordinator: Eric Gibson

Sponsor: Belmont Soil and Water Conservation District

4-year grant through March 2013

- Developing a watershed action for Captina Creek
- Launched new web site
- Engaged local coal mining interests in planning process
- Conducted water quality monitoring in partnership with Ohio EPA

Chagrin River

Watershed Coordinator: Amy Holtshouse Brennan

Sponsor: Chagrin River Watershed Partners, Inc

6-year grant through December 2010

- Facilitated model regulation adoption
 - 1 community for conservation subdivision
 - 3 communities for riparian and wetland setbacks
 - 3 communities for erosion and sediment contro
 - 4 communities for comprehensive stormwater management
 - 4 communities for illicit discharge and illegal connections
- Coordinated completion of design development permit process for one dam removal and 700 feet of stream/floodplain restoration
- Launched implementation of three Clean Water Act 319 grant projects awarded to local communities
- Coordinated restoration of Sunny Lake, City of Aurora
- Implemented 2 Low Impact Development demonstration projects
- Developed Balanced Growth Plan
- Updated model ordinances

Duck and Otter Creeks

Watershed Coordinator Becky Simpson

Sponsor: Duck and Otter Creeks Partnership, Inc

3 year grant through December 2009 – Discontinued September 2008

- Participated in Ownes Community College Environmental Fair
- Participated in Oregon Fest
- Coordinated contaminated sediment removal risk management project

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2008 Individual Grant Major Accomplishments:

Duck Creek

Watershed Coordinator: Jacki Zevenbergen

Sponsor: Washington Soil and Water Conservation District

3-year grant through December 2009

- Contacted farmers to recruit participation in available conservation programs
- Coordinated discussions with Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District for project funding opportunities
- Initiated Ales Run restoration project in partnership with ODNR, Division of Mineral Resources Management

East Fork Little Miami River

Watershed Coordinator: Becky McClatchy

Sponsor: Clermont Soil and Water Conservation District

3-year grant through 2009

- Coordinated 300 feet of streambank/riparian habitat restoration in partnership with Clermont County Engineers
- Facilitated repair or replacement of 10 home sewage treatment systems in partnership with Highland and Brown County Health Departments
- Administered 8 mini-grants for installation of rain gardens
- Facilitated preservation of 100 acres of land protection with conservation easements
- Avey's Run Stream Restoration Project received American Council of Engineering Companies State of Ohio Honor Award

Euclid Creek

Watershed Coordinator: Claire Posius

Sponsor: Cuyahoga SWCD

3-year grant through December 2011

- Completed design report for Euclid Creek East Branch Dam Removal project
- Facilitated adoption of riparian and wetland setback ordinances in 3 communities
- Submitted Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program proposal to NRCS for East Fork dam removal
- Facilitated process to receive Water Resource Restoration Sponsor Program funding for East Branch Dam removal project
- Facilitated South Euclid Rain Barrel Allowance legislation – allows disconnection of downspouts
- Developed The Great Lakes Watershed Restoration Program Grant application with Rocky River to enable stormwater retrofit to all communities
- Facilitated one of the first green infrastructure detention basin retrofit projects in Cuyahoga County. The project includes wetland restoration, detention basin retrofit project, and planting 13,000 native plants
- Obtained Funding for Dusty Goldenrod Conservation Easement Project to protect 12.5 acres
- Conducted the Euclid Creek Environmental Awareness Survey

Firelands Coastal Tributaries

Watershed Coordinator: Breann Hohman

Sponsor: Friends of Old Woman Creek Association, Inc

Employer: Erie Soil and Water Conservation District

4-year grant through December 2010

- Submitted draft Old Woman Creek watershed action plan for preliminary review
- Updated Erie County stormwater and floodplain regulations
- Established 2 rain garden demonstration sites and conducted 6 workshops
- Developed plans for Brod Ditch and Old Woman Creek restoration projects
- Coordinated hardwood restoration project at Old Woman Creek Reserve
- Coordinated water quality monitoring training sessions for volunteers

- Organized Pipe Creek litter clean-up event
- OWC International Coastal Clean up
- Hosted Friends of Old Woman Creek “open house”
- Biocycle Magazine and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Website featured articles on the Old Woman Creek rain garden program

Grand Lake St. Marys and Wabash River

Watershed Coordinator: Laura Walker

Sponsor: Mercer Soil and Water Conservation District

3-Year grant through December 2011

- The Grand Lake St. Marys and Wabash River Watershed Action Plan received full endorsement
- Recruited and documented of participation in conservation practices identified in the Grand Lake St. Marys / Wabash River Watershed Action Plan
- Facilitating implementation of a special Environmental Quality Incentive Program for the Grand Lake St. Marys watershed
- Facilitated communication between lake resident and agricultural stakeholders

Grand River (Lower)

Watershed Coordinator: Vicky Domonkos

Sponsor: Grand River Partners, Inc.

6-year grant through December 2008

- Coordinated local involvement in Vrooman Road bridge replacement project
- Facilitated purchase of 287 acres of high quality wetlands and riparian forest for protection
- Facilitated protection of 7 acres with conservation easement
- Coordinated restoration of 25 acres “Ashcroft Woods” located adjacent to Grant River

Honey Creek

Watershed Coordinator: Leigh Ann Gerardi

Sponsor: Miami Soil and Water Conservation District

3-year grant through December 2011

- Implementing the Honey Creek Watershed Action Plan

“The watersheds that have coordinators supported by this program are substantially ahead of other watersheds who rely solely on volunteers, governments or contractors, especially in terms of implementing watershed plans and carrying out restoration.

- Jane Goodman
 Communications Director,
 Cuyahoga River Community Planning

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2008 Individual Grant Major Accomplishments:

Huff Run

Watershed Coordinator: Maureen Wise

Sponsor: Rural Action

3-year grant through December 2011

- Implementing the Huff Run Watershed Action Plan

Leading Creek

Watershed Coordinator: Raina Fulks

Sponsor: Meigs Soil and Water Conservation District

3-year grant through 2011

- Completed feasibility study and preliminary design for the Thomas Fork Doser Project to reduce acid runoff from abandoned mines
- Drafted contracts and funding agreements to initiate reclamation at three other top acid mine drainage sites, including Casto's Seep, Hysell Run, and Bailey Run
- Submitted proposal and awarded a 2008 Natural Resource-Based Public Awareness Project grant from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to support stream clean-ups, youth education, wetlands tours, and publication of the Leading Creek newsletter

Little Miami River

Watershed Coordinator, Dennis TenWolde

Sponsor: Little Miami River Partnership

3-year grant through December 2009 - Discontinued June 2009

- Assisted with development of application for Little Miami River Conservation Reserve Enhancement Project

Middle Cuyahoga

Watershed Coordinator: Maia Peck

Sponsor: Northeast Ohio Four County Regional Planning and Development

4-year grant through 2012

- Developing Middle Cuyahoga River Watershed Action Plan

Monday Creek

Watershed Coordinator: Mike Steinmaus

Sponsor: Rural Action

3-year grant through December 2009

- Developed plans and specifications for Shawnee Steel slag leach bed reclamation project
- Obtained agency commitments and developed plans for 10 subsidence closures to reduce acid runoff to streams
- Facilitated \$20 million appropriation to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for watershed restoration



Olentangy River (Lower)

Watershed Coordinator: Heather Dean

Sponsor: Friends of the Lower Olentangy

3-year grant through December 2009

- Coordinated volunteer workdays for Como Park reforestation
- Gathered data for development of Rush Run restoration project
- Coordinated with local partners to explore needs for Clean Water Act Section 319 grant funding
- Facilitated planning efforts in partnership with Division of Watercraft for the Columbus Water Trail
- Hosted 6 decision maker forums on the following issues:
 - Land use policy
 - Zoning and development code analysis
 - Green infrastructure meeting
- Hosted 5 rain barrel workshops

Olentangy River (Upper)

Watershed Coordinator: Brian McCombs

Sponsor: City of Delaware

3-year grant through December 2009

- Informed and educated the public regarding Central Avenue low-head dam removal
- Promoted controlled agricultural drainage demonstration project
- Recruitment and documentation of participation in conservation practices identified in the Upper Olentangy Watershed Action Plan

Portage River

Watershed Coordinator: Elaine Moebius

Sponsor: Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG)

4-year grant through December 2010

- Developing Portage River Watershed Action Plan
- Implementing Clean Water Act Section 319 grant to replace failing home sewage treatment systems – 75 replaced
- Assisted Ohio EPA with total maximum daily loads public participation process
- Coordinated communication of local viewpoints regarding flooding to state and federal agencies
- Maintained communications with Wood County Engineer on ditch petition to clean out 32 miles of South and East Branch Portage River

Raccoon Creek

Watershed Coordinator: Ben McCament

Sponsor: Voinovich School, Ohio University

3-year grant through December 2009

- Raccoon Creek Headwaters Watershed Action Plan received full state endorsement
- Reduced acid load reductions in Raccoon Creek at all acid mine drainage implementation projects is 4,706 lbs/day, and metal loads (Fe, Al, and Mn) have been reduced by 849 lbs/day
- Assessment of the East Branch acid mine drainage treatment project consisting of 7 steel slag leach beds shows improvement of pH from 4 to 6
- 23.3 stream miles with the watershed have recovered to meet water quality standards for warm water since 1995



Educating citizens about watersheds is crucial. Considering the major role that water plays in the lives of every Ohioan, continuing to support watershed partnerships and their coordinators should be a priority for the state.

- Karen Chapman
Concerned Citizen

Rocky River

Watershed Coordinator: Jared Bartley

Sponsor: Cuyahoga SWCD

3-year grant through December 2009

- Coordinated removal of Baldwin Dam
- Developed restoration framework documents for Baldwin Creek, Abram Creek, Healy Creek and Upper East Branch
- Coordinated 2 volunteer riparian plantings
- Developed and submitted grant proposal for stormwater retrofits in Baldwin and Abram Creek sub-watersheds
- Planned demonstration rain garden installation at Broadview Heights City Hall

Sandusky River

Watershed Coordinator: Cindy Brookes

Sponsor: WSOS Community Action Commission, Inc

3-year grant through December 2009

- Coordinated training of Certified Crop Advisors on soil testing protocols to reduce phosphorus runoff
- Coordinated stratified soil testing project to reduce phosphorus runoff
- Provided leadership in Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES) survey to assess social and behavior change in Rock Creek sub-watershed
- Conducted 3 tours of the Sandusky River to increase awareness of local decision makers and stakeholders

Scioto River (Upper)

Stillwater River

Watershed Coordinator: Greg McGlinch

Sponsor: Darke/Miami Joint Board of Supervisors

3-year grant through December 2009

- Hosted a Manure Management Field Day for 80 farmers
- Submitted Letter of Intent sent into the Army Corp of Engineers for the feasibility and deconstruction of the West Milton dam
- Received funding to reconstruct 2 waterways, install 1 rain garden, and conduct 150 lawn soil samples in the Stillwater Watershed
- Signed up two producers and assisted others with information about the Great Miami Water Quality Trading Program
- Assisted 4 producers with participation in the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Program
- Continued the promotion of the Annie Oakley Corridor Project and assisted in signing up an additional 6 acres
- Coordinated a volunteer clean-up event, which removed 5440 lbs of litter and debris from the Stillwater River
- Recruited and documented of participation in conservation practices identified in the Stillwater Watershed Action Plan



Sunday Creek

Watershed Coordinator: Kaabe Shaw

Sponsor: Rural Action

3-year grant through December 2011

- Pursued funding to implement several acid mine drainage reduction projects
- Coordinated agreements to establish Trimble Land Lab to promote youth education
- Sunday Creek Stewardship book printed and distributed to local watershed residents

Tinkers Creek

Watershed Coordinator: Mike McNutt

Sponsor: Cuyahoga County Board of Health

4-year grant through December 2010

- Submitted Draft Tinkers Creek Watershed Action Plan for preliminary review
- Developed and submitted Clean Water Act Section 319 for restoration of 4,000 feet of Hudson High School Creek
- Hosted statewide stormwater conference for over 500 participants
- Hosted "Breakfast for the Mayors" for 19 participating local mayors
- Coordinated stream litter removal event

Twin Creek

Watershed Coordinator: Monica Rakovan

Sponsor: Miami University Institute of Environmental Sciences

3-year grant through June 2010

- Coordinated restoration of 2 wetlands with buffers, totaling 10 acres
- Initiated volunteer monitoring program
- Explored use of native grasses as alternative to growing switch grass in order to reduce runoff of sediment and nutrients
- Development of source water protection plan and nitrate study.

Upper Grand River

Watershed Coordinator: George Warnock

Sponsor : Grand River Partners, Inc

4-year grant through December 2012

- Developing Upper Grand River Watershed Action Plan

West Creek

Watershed Coordinator: Colby Sattler

Sponsor: West Creek Preservation Committee

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2008 Individual Grant Major Accomplishments:

6-year grant through December 2008

- Submitted and received full endorsement of the West Creek Watershed Action Plan
- Initiated West Creek Confluence Floodplain Restoration Project with removal of 200,000 square foot building and parking lot and re-vegetation of the site
- Coordinated purchase of 55 acres of land for preservation to protect 7,000 feet of West Creek

White Oak Creek

Watershed Coordinator: Melody Dragoo

Sponsor: Brown SWCD

3-year grant through December 2009

- Recruitment and documentation of participation in conservation practices identified in the White Oak Watershed Action Plan

Yellow Creek

Watershed Coordinator: Maggie Corder

Sponsor: Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District

4-year grant through December 2012

- Developing Yellow Creek Watershed Action Plan



Ohio Watershed Coordinator Grant Program

The Ohio Watershed Coordinator Grant Program works because an army of dedicated people, agencies and organizations makes it work. Collectively, we accepted and support the premise that providing relatively modest grants to fund watershed professionals is an effective way to align and focus resources for our watersheds. Less than a decade out, watershed coordinators have proved this premise by multiplying the program at least ten-fold with grants and other funding leveraged for their watersheds. They achieved this by developing intimate understandings of their watersheds and the people and institutions working within them. So, let's reserve the greatest recognition for the watershed coordinators themselves. They are the catalysts, facilitators, gatherers, interpreters, communicators, and day-to-day work-horses of watershed management in Ohio. Their collective enthusiasm and passion for the resources and communities they serve is truly inspiring, and it is a privilege working beside them.

- Greg Nageotte
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