

Western Lake Erie Basin
Auglaize, Lower Maumee, Ottawa, Portage, and Tiffin Watersheds
Project Needs, Problems, and Opportunities Request



PROJECT PURPOSE

The purpose of the project is to develop measures to improve **flood control, navigation, water quality, recreation, and fish and wildlife habitat** in the Maumee, Ottawa, and Portage Rivers. Watershed assessments are being completed for each of the 9 separate subwatershed areas covered by the project, and the Maumee Bay itself, with the specific objective of identifying **project needs, problems, and opportunities in each watershed**. Once these separate assessments have been completed (URS, a USACE Contractor, is completing the Tiffin, Lower Maumee, Auglaize, Ottawa, and Portage watersheds while USACE is completing the assessments for the remaining areas), a summary document will be prepared for Congress which will then be used to establish an **integrated set of priority projects and additional studies** to be carried out by either local, state, or federal partners to fix local flooding problems and improve watershed health. The final product can also be used as a tool for local watershed groups to move forward with the rehabilitation of the Western Lake Erie Basin.



WHAT INFORMATION DO WE NEED?

The project team is specifically looking to identify 1) **Project Needs**, 2) **Specific Problems**, and 3) **Opportunities** in the following five areas in your watershed:

- ☞ Flood minimization, water supply, flood risk management (flooding problems, floodplain restoration, bioretention, detention, etc.).
- ☞ Navigation (commercial and recreation).
- ☞ Water quality (specific pollution problem, sedimentation, odors, discharges from pipes, etc.)
- ☞ Recreation (trails, open space, corridors, historic features)
- ☞ Fish and Wildlife Habitat (existing high quality areas, stream and wetland restoration project needs, etc.)

(Project Team Members have already started to gather information about each of the watersheds but it is very important that you help us to assure that your project needs and problems are included in the final summary report. Please provide as specific of information as you can below.)



Check one of the following: Project Need Problem Opportunity Report You Want Us to Know About

Check all that apply: Flooding and Water Supply Navigation Water Quality Recreation Fish and Wildlife Habitat:

Description (include location – be specific as possible and/or name of Report):



Information provided by (optional):

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State/ZIP: _____
Title: _____
Email: _____
Phone: _____

Do you wish to be contacted directly by a project team member: Yes No

Which entity do you represent:

Citizen Elected Official Local/State Government Watershed Group Other



Who Else Would You Recommend We Contact (local public officials, citizens, watershed groups, etc.):

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State/ZIP: _____
Title: _____
Email: _____
Phone: _____



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