

# TAC Meeting Minutes

June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016

- **Previous Minutes**
  - Previous minutes were reviewed and approved
  
- **Watershed Coordinator Update**
  - Amy and Sarah completed the ORAM training, hope to check Level 3 Wetlands in Raccoon Creek Watershed soon to evaluate their evaluation techniques
  - The EPA has approved the combined chemical, fish, and macroinvertebrate study plan for 2016
    - Data collected by RCP will be useable by the EPA
  - MAIS begins 6/13/16
    - There is alcohol available at the Zaleski office if RCP needs it for bug preservation
    - Amy and Sarah will need volunteers to help with MAIS sites
    - Sarah currently has all of the white pans from the ODNR shed
    - Sampling will begin with Little Raccoon Creek, and West Branch, and then move on from there
  - Fish sampling will begin at the end of June
    - Plan to coordinate with other watershed groups for volunteers
  - Jen Bowman is working on the NPS report for 2015
    - Raccoon Creek didn't get high flows for 2015
      - More effort will be put in to make sure high flows are taken in 2016
      - Jen won't do an updated fish/bug use section for this report, and will wait for the TMDL to be published
  
- **Water Quality Specialist Update**
  - Sarah attended the Ohio Storm Water Conference
    - She will give Kaabe contact information of an individual who sells pond skimmers, possibly to use for the steel slag beds
  - The Gallipolis storm drain stenciling event went very well
    - Plan to do many more storm drain stenciling events in many counties
    - Very good community engagement during the event
  - 2 interns for the summer
    - Alex and Lincoln
      - They will be helping with storm drain stenciling and other watershed needs during the summer

- **Sampling Review for 2016**
  - The schedule is broken up into 3 sections
  - Kaabe and Mary-Anne are monitoring Ilesboro
  - Headwaters LTM is done
  - East Branch 1&2 need to be sampled
    - East Branch 3 is no longer actively maintained or monitored
  - East Branch 7 and Forrest aren't working
  - LRC High Flow wasn't taken
    - Might be able to estimate it
    - LRC floods the roads during high flow conditions
      - Dangerous conditions for sampling
    - January/February might be best time for taking high flow
  - LRC Project monitoring is complete
  - An improvement has been noticed in the mouth of West Branch after Harble Griffith and Orland
  - Sarah will forward spread sheets of data from sampling to Kaabe and Mary-Anne
  - EPA is doing 4 LRC fish sites, RCP will be doing 4 as well
  - RCP does 3 West Branch fish sites, EPA will do 2
    - Fish sites in West Branch have not been sampled since 2010
  - Need to contact EPA to touch base and make sure that everyone is on the same page and will be sampling what they say they plan to sample
  
- **2016 Maintenance Plan**
  - Carbondale channel maintenance estimate has not been provided yet
    - May put off the doser channel maintenance for a while
    - It will cost ~\$50,000 to rework and paint the silo
  - Fiscal year ends at the end of June
    - Sarah will be ordering lime for the doser soon
  - EB 1 should not be monitored for 2016
    - Site 2 should be visually inspected once a year
      - Never has a measurable flow
  - EB 2
    - Drop the forrest site from monitoring, await repair
    - Fix the elephant pipe at Kern Hollow
  - EB 3 should be abandoned
    - Sarah will shut the valve at EB 3
  - Middle Basin
    - Pierce Run isn't working, we will continue to monitor it quarterly
    - The discharge pipe will be left where it is
    - Mary-Anne submits the report to the Army Corps for Pierce Run
      - Never receives a response
  - Little Raccoon Creek Maintenance

- Buckeye Furnace isn't sampled, but we do sample the mouth of Buffer Run
      - Mulga Run
        - Steel Slag beds abandoned for now
      - Middleton Run, abandon project
        - Bracket the site with sampling
          - Tell Jen we want it off of the NPS report
    - Tell Jen to Stop reporting on projects we abandon
      - Keep a total project list, but denote the projects that are “not actively monitored”
    - None of this will be on the 2015 report
- **Daniels Reclaim OSM Grant**
  - RCP will ask for \$7,000 in admin costs
  - RCP needs to set up their SAMS
    - If RCP is unable to take on the responsibility of being the admin for this fund then Amy will contact Buckeye Hills to see if they will do it
  - Jackson SWCD and Voinovich School have written letters of approval for RCP
  - AMY will receive an ATP (Authorization to proceed) soon, and will need to publish it in the Jackson County Times before anything can proceed
    - Need to talk to Michelle Gilbert
  - Kaabe met with the Bolton's to discuss Illesboro project
    - Did a delineation of the of the water resources in the area
      - Currently in the designing phase
      - Project will begin construction in 2017
- **AmeriCorps**
  - Education events have been going well
  - Day long programs, teachers would like to make them recurring events
  - Camps
    - Ours are in June and July
    - Volunteered at the leading creek camp, Gallia Camp, and others
  - Have helped with the large amount of monitoring going on currently
  - 2 new AmeriCorps members (Chad Ghatt and Kara Robinson) will be starting in August, and Dustin and Steve will be going on to do other great and awesome things
  - Dustin and Steve participated in the MAIS level 2 training
  - The Clean sweep is on June 18<sup>th</sup> at 9am and will begin at Waterloo
  - RCP/RCWTA will be holding a slalom/potluck on July 31<sup>st</sup> at Lake Hope

- **New Business**
  - Amy and Sarah will be at the Ohio State Fair for MRM in August
  
- **EPA updates**
  - First round of sampling has been completed
  - All access to private lands has been acquired, fewer than 5 sites still need permission
  - Sarah Maj will send spreadsheet of locations that EPA has permission to access to RCP
  - Kelly Capuzi will send sample plan to RCP
  
- **Next Meeting date**
  - September 7<sup>th</sup> at 9am