



partnerships for healthy rivers



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About the Maumee Watershed Alliance

In 2012, a group of stakeholders noticed a void in the local watershed groups communicating and partnering together to improve water quality. As a result, The Tri-State Watershed Alliance, Inc. was formed, becoming a Not-For-Profit (501c3) on January 22, 2013. This initial effort was informed by businesses, citizens, local communities and local, state and federal agencies interested in supporting healthy water which leads to stronger economies. With a specific focus on the St. Joseph, St. Marys, and Upper Maumee River watersheds in northeast Indiana, northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan.

Over time, more community and local leaders became involved with the board. In 2019, a steering committee was forward to explore the possibility of developing a regional coordinating council for watershed groups working in the Western Lake Erie Basin. The Tri-State Watershed Alliance was identified as the group to coordinate this effort and promote collaboration and coordination of all the local watershed groups. To help provide more cohesion to the organization, the Tri-State Watershed Alliance became the Maumee Watershed Alliance (MWA). The MWA has representatives from local watershed organizations and local government agencies, along with local businesses and volunteers. The binding link is the interest in improving water quality throughout the Western Lake Erie Basin.

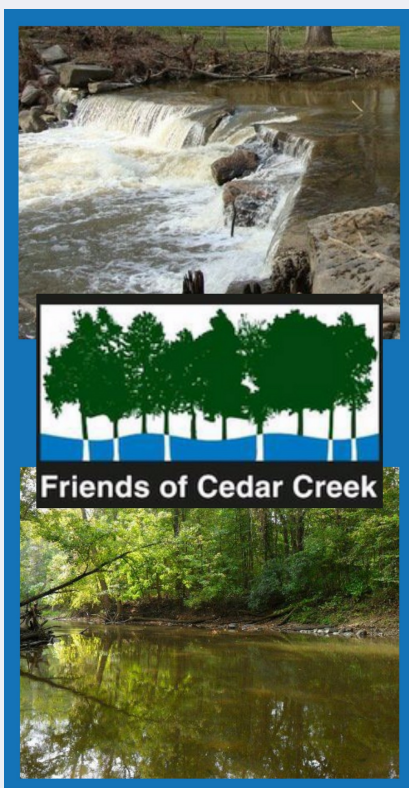
The four core MWA focus areas are:

- Scientific study to identify strengths and needs for the individual WLEB rivers and watersheds.

- Public advocacy and education to increase community involvement in establishing and maintaining healthy rivers and watersheds.
- Leveraging funding opportunities for watershed-related projects, recreation, and economic opportunities.
- Enhancing quality of life opportunities aimed at talent attraction and retention and leading to economic development throughout the region.

Maumee Watershed Alliance

Collaborating Watershed Organizations



Friends of Cedar Creek

Friends of Cedar Creek works to ensure the highest water quality for Cedar Creek and to protect and preserve its watershed including geologic features, native plants and animals.

What is Cedar Creek

- Natural, deeply carved, free-flowing stream
- Canyon terrain
- Glacier's footprint
- Home of Great Blue Herons
- Magnificently forested floodplain
- Drinking water for Fort Wayne

Who are the Friends of Cedar Creek?

- The people - homeowners, students, educators, outdoor enthusiasts and others who participate in educational meetings and advocacy to protect and preserve Cedar Creek.
- The group founded in 1965 to keep Cedar Creek clean and free-flowing, and its woodlands and wetlands natural.

St Joseph River Watershed Initiative

Mission: To improve water quality in the St. Joseph River Watershed by promoting economically and environmentally compatible land uses and practices.

The Initiative, a non-profit partnership, exists to protect, restore and enjoy the St. Joseph River and its watershed, which stretches across 694,400 acres through six counties in Indiana, Ohio and Michigan. Since its inception in 1996, the Initiative has met its goals and is emulated by other watershed projects throughout the country.



Upper Maumee Watershed Partnership



The Upper Maumee Watershed Partnership is a locally-led group of concerned citizens and organizations whose primary goal is the improvement of water quality throughout the Upper Maumee River Watershed and ultimately throughout the Western Lake Erie Basin.

There are numerous issues that the Upper Maumee Watershed Partnership is addressing. They include:

- Flooding and Associated Damage
- Degraded Water Quality/Maintaining Water Supply
- Soil Erosion and Sedimentation
- Limited Recreational Use
- Degraded Wildlife & Fish Habitat
- Commercial/Recreational Navigation
- Point & Non-Point Source Pollution

These issues and associated opportunities are addressed in the watershed management plan released in 2014. The plan inventories areas of concern and spells out specific best management practices that can be utilized to improve these conditions.

Save Maumee Grassroots Organization

Save Maumee Grassroots Organization's purpose is to preserve, protect and improve the ecosystems of the Upper Maumee River & Maumee Watershed by increasing public awareness through advocacy, collaboration, education and hands-on projects.

Save Maumee has been dedicated to raising awareness and facilitating ecosystem restoration projects to improve our waterways and those downstream.

Save Maumee serves as an advisory committee member for the Indiana Department of Environmental Management's (IDEM) Domestic Action Plan for Lake Erie. This international agreement between the United States and Canada identifies the greatest contributors of phosphorus and nitrogen to the Western Lake Erie Basin, and establishes an action plan for addressing the most critical areas.



YOU CAN HELP!

Your donations support current and future efforts in water quality, community engagement and education, and the projects of the MWA and partnering watershed organizations.

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