

# TAC meeting minutes

## Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2015

- **Introductions/Review of last meeting**
  - Last meeting held February 18<sup>th</sup> 2015, skipped June meeting
  
- **Biological Monitoring**
  - 37 total MAIS sites of which 11 remain to be sampled (have been too muddy)
  - Little Raccoon Creek sites are doable and should be completed soon
  - Raccoon Creek Middle Basin sites are still muddy and possibly will not be completed this year.
    - Believed that MAIS scores are not representative of water quality here due to poor habitat conditions.
  - A second pass is required on Hewett Fork for fish
  - Sandy Run, Dunkel, and Siverly still need fish sampling
  - Amy will attend the EPA Water Quality retreat on October 8<sup>th</sup> and present information about Raccoon Creek
  - Rachel T. will be sending out an email containing the new HUC map of Ohio
  
- **Chemical Monitoring**
  - LTM low-flow
    - A large number of Summer rain events have set back sampling (mildly behind)
    - Did not complete West Branch
    - Middle Basin and Pierce Run were done together
  - No samples were taken during January and February due to weather
  - No high flow data taken at Little Raccoon Creek (will be done either at the end of the year or early next year)
  - Collected data twice at OTF (odd because OTF is usually completely dry during low flow)
  - Land-owner contacts
    - Need to refresh contacts as they may be out of date
    - New signs have been put up around sampling sites that say no trespassing
    - Jen suggested sending out letters to ask permission
    - Jen and Natalie are required to have Signed Right of Entry forms to go on private property to sample

- **Contract Updates**
  - **Sarah**
    - 60% of time spent monitoring, cut outreach and education
    - Manages data entry
    - Ohio EPA 319 grant
      - Gives her the ability to work with non-point source pollution beyond AMD
    - AEP Grant
      - Pays for working with AEP students doing training, demos, and being a technical resource
  - **Amy**
    - Contract expires in December
    - Will be updating 2012 proposal
      - Plans to stay focused primarily on Raccoon Creek, also on 319 Grant
  
- **2014 Water Quality Report (available at [www.watersheddata.com](http://www.watersheddata.com))**
  - 41.7 Miles of stream restored to date
  - Detailed yearly comparisons to help monitor construction sites
  - Tables are helpful in showing the impact of tributaries on the mainstem
  - All data can be found on Watersheddata.com
  - Plan to put a copy of Raccoon Creek's monitoring plans on Watersheddata.com
  - Natalie has offered her lab equipment for Raccoon Creek's use to get distilled water for equipment blanks
  
- **AMD Projects**
  - Lake Morrow has erosion issues and a large blow out (the blow out was fixed)
  - Middleton had a blowout which needs repaired
  - Flint Run Berm
    - All in post construction phase
  - Rachel will look into seeing if the EPA will remove tires from Lake Morrow
  - Information on projects needs to be entered into Maintenance tracker
  - Ron Warner 2 year sampling
    - Replace SAPS and steel slag beds in the watershed
      - To be done every 5 years
  - Install a Weir at the Carbondale Dose
  - Unable to do all MAIS sites
    - 37 sites yearly
    - Weather and lack of people restrict ability to get them all done
      - Possibly give some sites to Kelly Johnson and her students

- Middle Basin MAIS sites will be dropped for 2015
  
- **ODOT Mitigation Reporting Needs**
  - Provide reduction data for first three years
  - Must show a 60% decrease in load during three year period
  - May require strategic sampling (quarterly)
  
- **AmeriCorps Update**
  - Sampling
  - Fall Kids Camps October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>
  - October 4<sup>th</sup> Canoe Float
  - Annual Dinner
    - November 1<sup>st</sup> at 4pm
    - In New Marshfield
    - Bob Eichenberg will be speaking
    - 5 members are needed for the board
  - Will be working the beer tent for OU's homecoming football game
  - Finishing grant reporting from last year
  
- **New Business**
  - Open House at the Zaleski office Tuesday October 20<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm. Raccoon Creek will set up display.
  
- **Next TAC meeting will be December 9<sup>th</sup> from 9-12**