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**NOTICE OF A MEETING
SUSTAINING SCIOTO BOARD
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

REMOTE MEETING

August 28, 2024, 2:30 pm – 3:15 pm

AGENDA

2:30pm	Welcome – <i>Glenn Marzluf, Chair</i>
2:35 – 2:40pm	Member Introductions
2:40 – 3:05pm	Member Spotlight – City of Columbus – DPU Program Highlights – <i>Abby Pope, One Coordinator, Sustainable Columbus</i>
	Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Program Highlights – <i>Chloe Welch, Environmental Manager, Division of Surface Water</i>
3:05	Adjourn

Please notify Edwina Teye at 614-233- 4233 or eteye@morpc.org to confirm your attendance at this meeting or if you require special assistance.

**The next Sustaining Scioto Board Meeting
will be on August 28, 2024, at 2:30 pm.**

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Vice Chair

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Secretary

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City of Columbus – DPU Program Highlights

by Abby Pope

One Water - An Update

Abby Pope, One Water Coordinator

Sustaining Scioto Board Meeting 8/28/2024

THE CITY OF
COLUMBUS

ANDREW J. GINTHER, MAYOR

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC UTILITIES



**SUSTAINABLE
COLUMBUS**

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One Water vs. One Water



Joint effort between Ohio Water Environment Association and the Ohio Section of the American Water Works Association.

Vision: A better Ohio through better water.

Mission: Providing solutions in Ohio to effectively manage water, our most important resource.

Training events for Ohio's water professionals.



Hub for national One Water movement.

Vision: A sustainable One Water future for all.

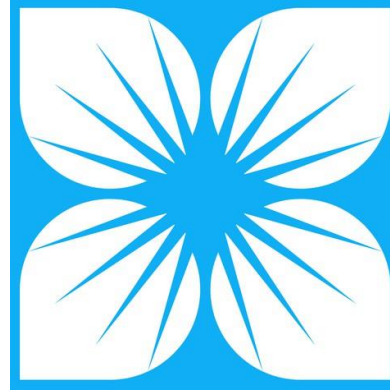
Mission: We inspire and sustain a diverse movement to advance transformative solutions to pressing water challenges so communities can thrive.

Manages all water in a collaborative, integrated, inclusive, and holistic manner.

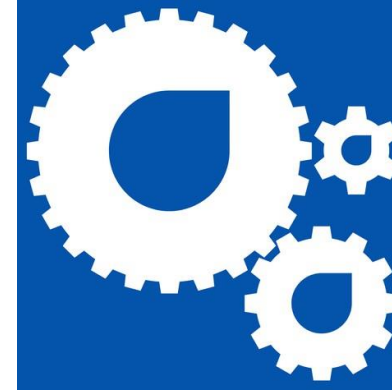
One Wat er Key Issue s



Affordability & Access



Climate Change



**Infrastructure Funding &
Implementation**



Storytelling & Culture



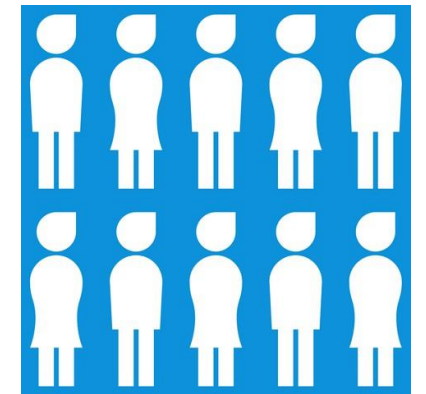
**Sustainable Water
Management**



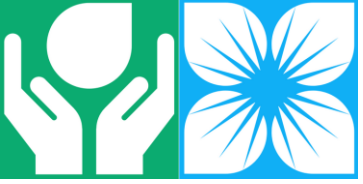
Water Equity



Water Policy



**Workforce & Capacity
Building**

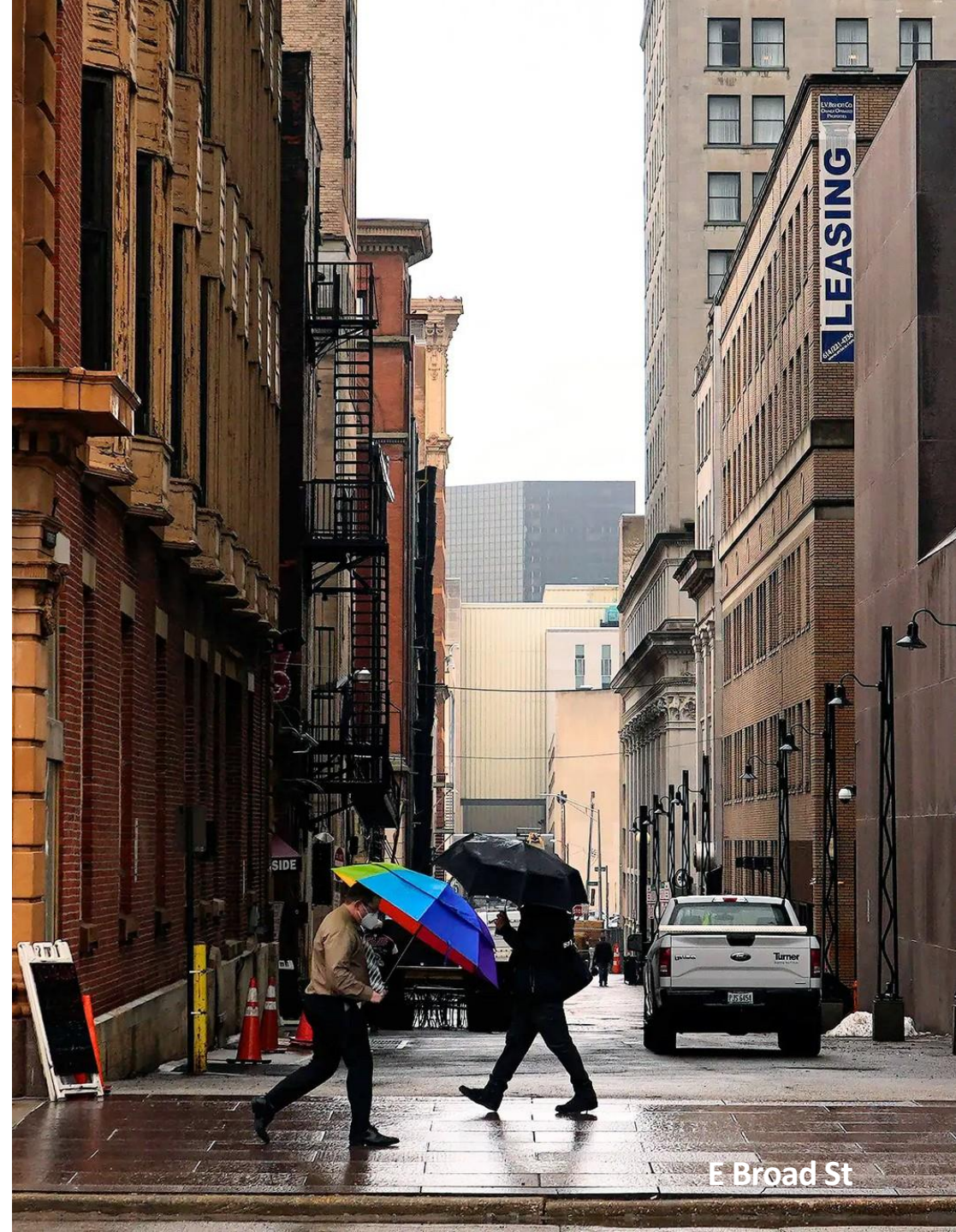


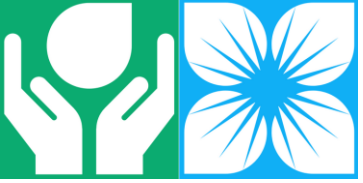
Stormwater Drainage Manual

The Stormwater Drainage Manual (SWDM) establishes stormwater control requirements for all new public and private development in Columbus.

First adopted in 2006, the Manual has only been updated 4 times (2012, 2021, 2022, and 2024).

~Monthly meetings to discuss changes/updates.





Stormwater Drainage Manual

2024 updates:

- Creation of Type A (Administrative) Variance for Specific Sections of the Manual Correct
- References in Section “4.3.2 Stormwater Control Practice Maintenance Plan”
Update to Appendix B to Allow More Options for Native Plant Species in Stormwater
- Control Practices
Update to Appendix C, Exhibit B to Correct Form and Signatures on CC Plan Cover Sheets
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Anticipated 2025 updates:

Wetland Policy
Tree Policy

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DPU Pump Station Mural

Working with FLOW to use educational public art to promote DPU's mission, beautify a pump station, and reduce graffiti.

Mural will educate about the importance of water, rivers, and watersheds in our daily lives.

Public vote and artist selected end of May/early June.

Nick Stull was the finalist with his design, "Full Circle."



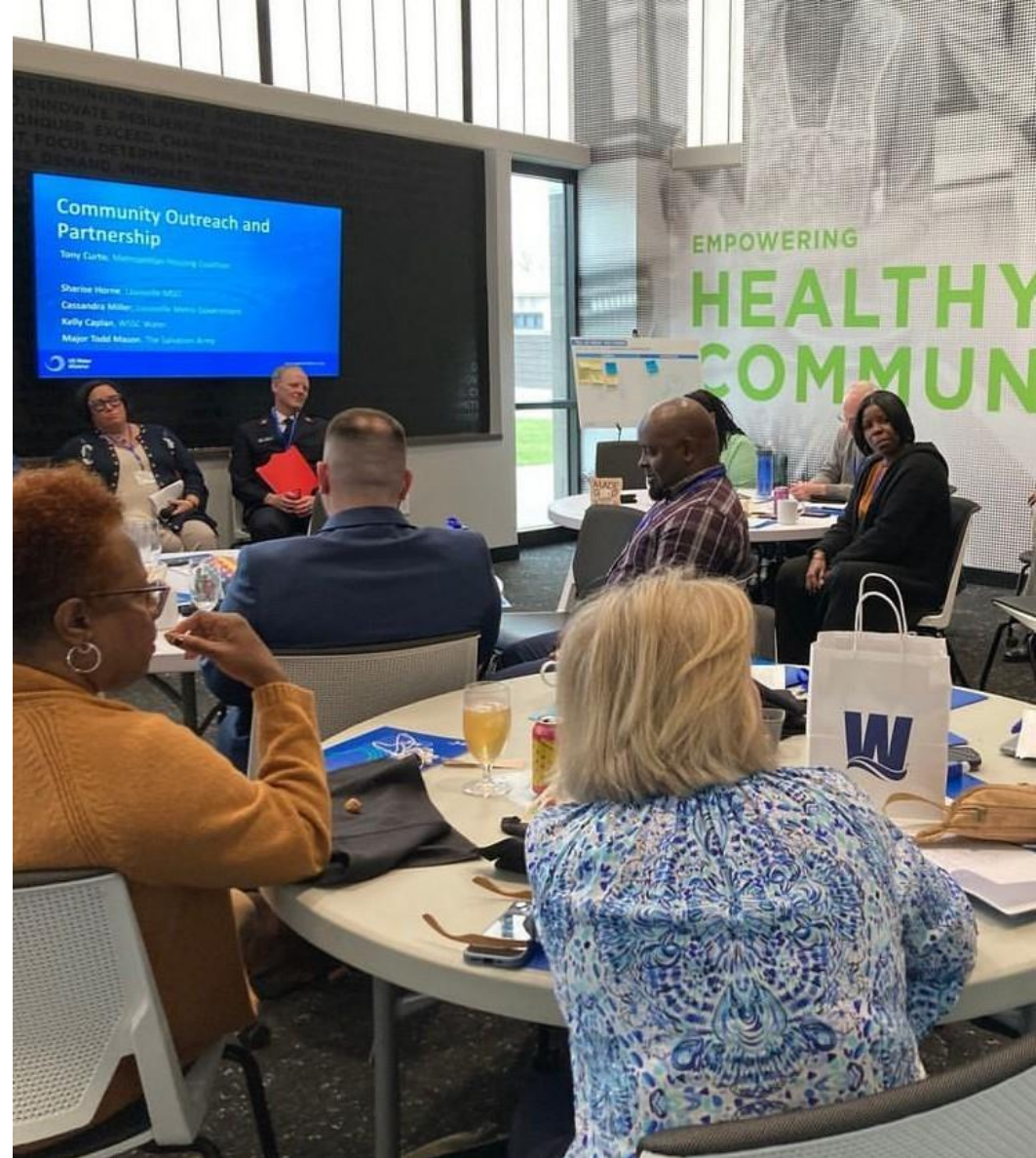


US Water Alliance Water Affordability Taskforce

Building a taskforce of up to 7 community teams with a focused effort on water and wastewater affordability.

Create, implement, and evaluate an approach to improve the affordability and resilience of their community team's water services.

24-month commitment; kick-off convening held in Columbus.



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OHIO EPA DIVISION OF SURFACE WATER PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Chloe Welch, Environmental Manager, Central District
Office & Statewide Water Quality Program

August 2024



**Environmental
Protection
Agency**

2024 FIELD SEASON UPDATES

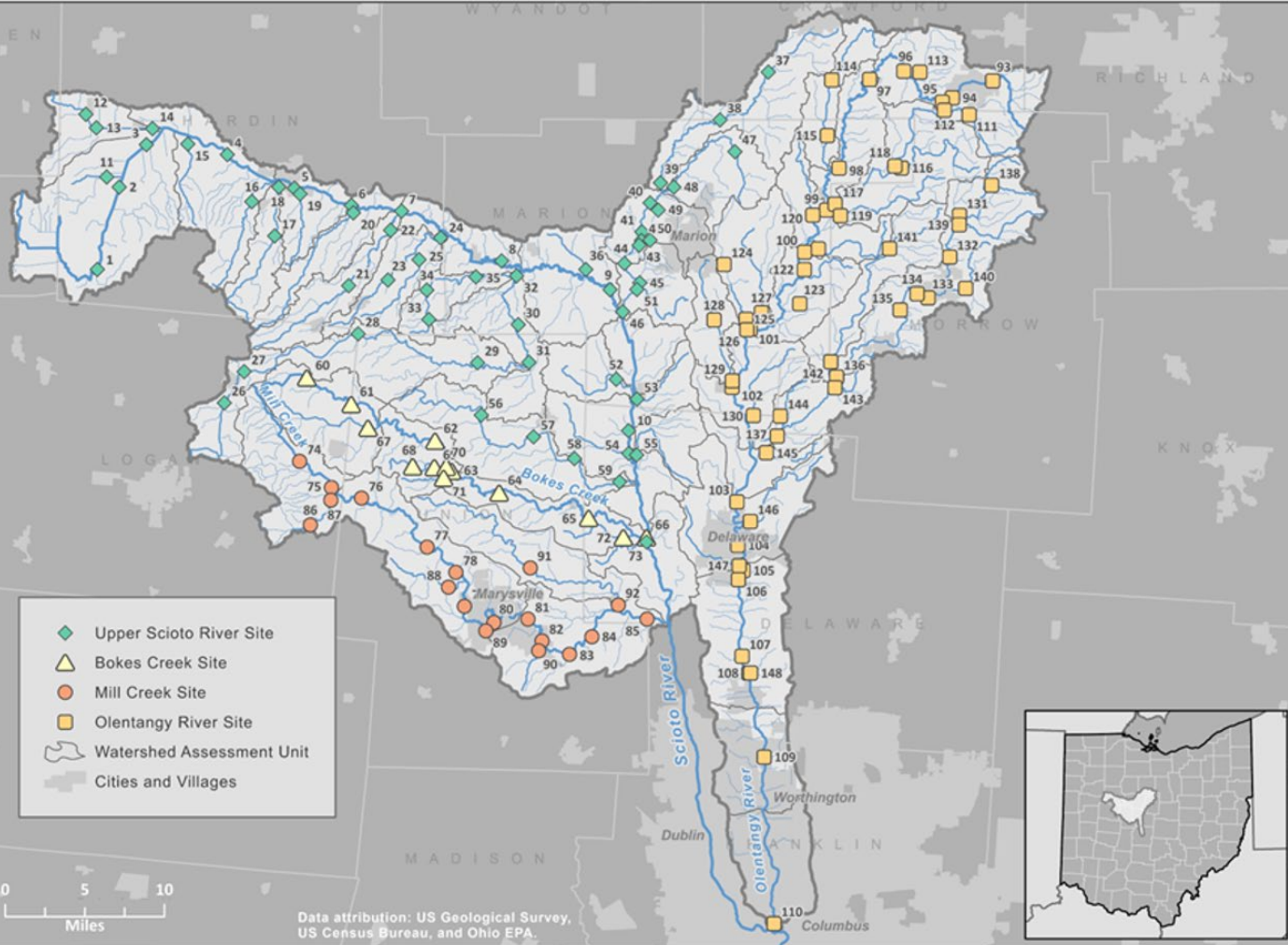


- Targeted basin work:
- Upper Scioto/Olentangy/Mill/Bokes watersheds (Central Ohio)
- Blanchard/Ottawa watersheds (NW Ohio)
- Grand/Ashtabula/Lake Erie Tributaries watersheds (NE Ohio)



UPPER SCIOTO, OLENTANGY, MILL, BOKES CREEKS SURVEY

Upper Scioto/Olentangy/Mill/Bokes
Watershed Sampling Locations, 2024



- 148 sites
 - Upper Scioto watershed: 60
 - Olentangy watershed: 56
 - Mill Creek watershed: 19
 - Bokes Creek watershed: 13
- Link: [Quality Assurance Project Plan \(QAPP\)](#)

MUSSELS!



Rabbitsfoot mussel




Purple wartyback mussel

SECTION 208 PLANS

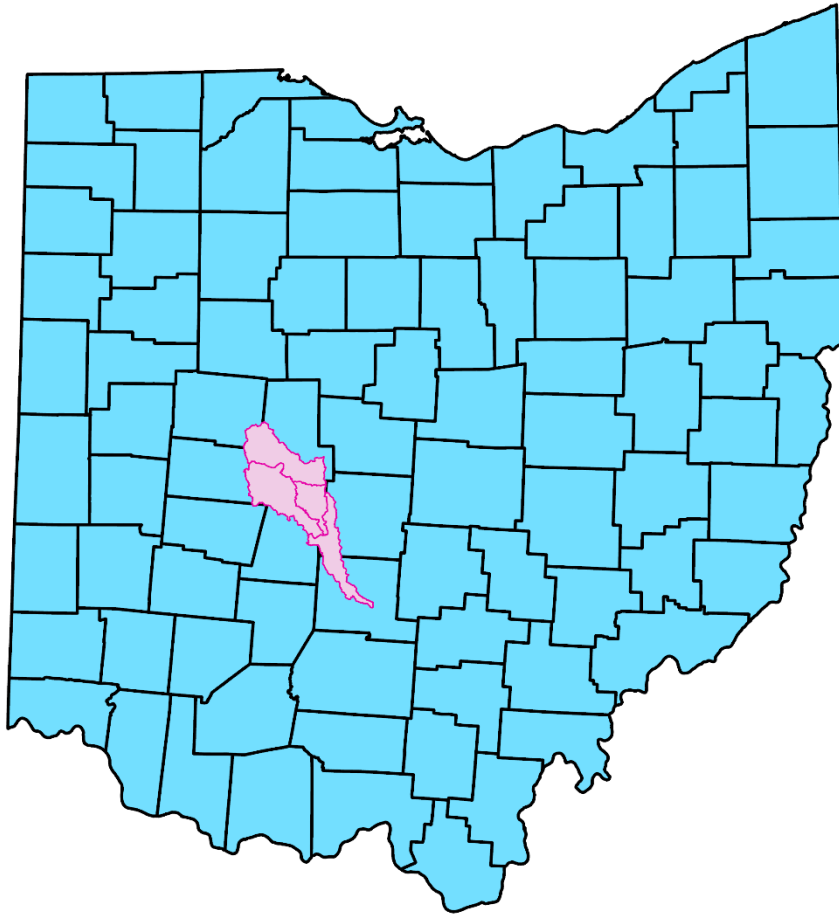


- Required by the Clean Water Act
- Regional Scope
- Water Quality Waste Issues
 - Sewer Collection/Treatment
 - Stormwater Runoff
 - Nonpoint Source Pollution
- Link: [Ohio EPA 208 Program Webpage](#)

Government Agencies Responsible for 208 Plans

	TMACOG		MVRPC
	OKI		ERCOG
	NOACA		State of Ohio
	NEFCO		

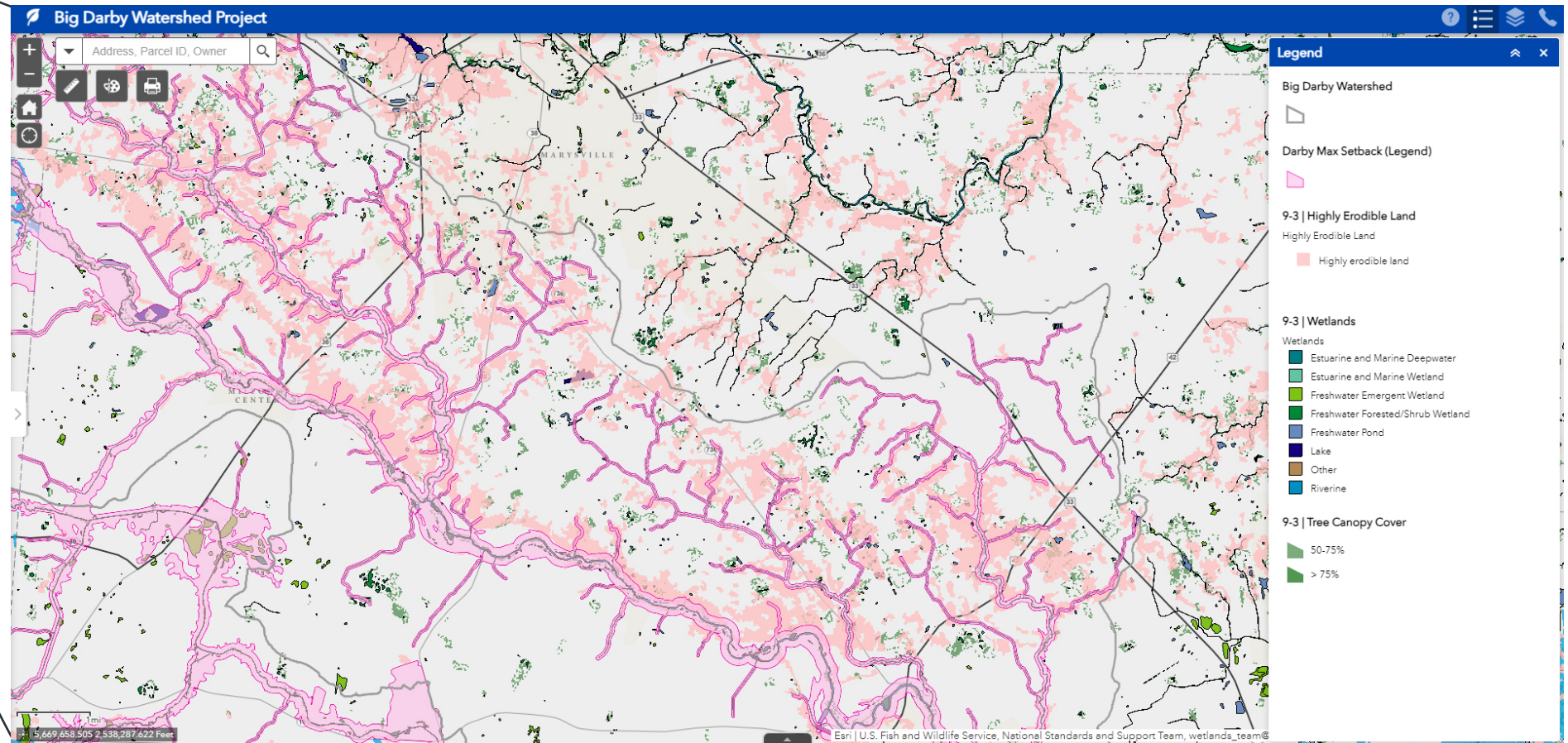
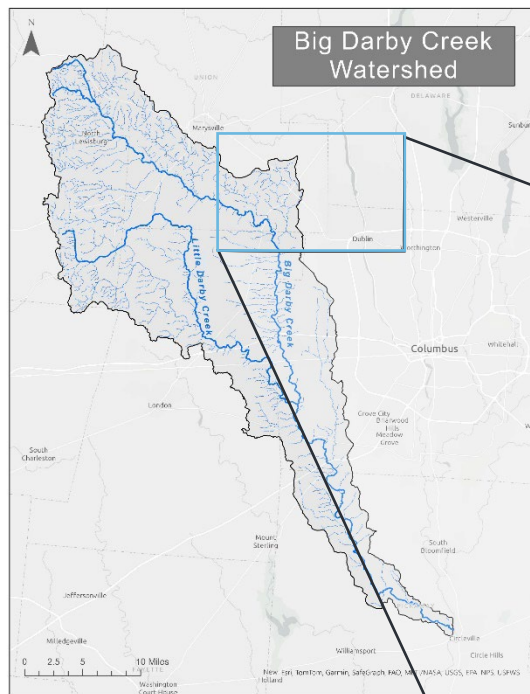
APPENDIX 9-3: PROPOSED EXPANSION OF EXISTING PROTECTIONS



- Conserve environmentally sensitive areas
- Avoid impacts of new development to sensitive areas - riparian corridors, wetlands, highly erodible slopes, forested areas
- Outlines allowable and prohibited uses in these areas

9-3 PROTECTIONS OF WATERSHED

Big Darby Watershed Project Planning Map



OTHER 208 UPDATES

- August 2024 Public Notice for Proposed Updates

Link: [Section 208 Plan Updates](#)

Comment period through 5 p.m. on Sept. 29, 2024

Hybrid public hearing at 2:30 p.m. on Sept. 16, 2024 ([online registration required](#))

- Additional plan updates will be ongoing/forthcoming



H2OHIO RIVERS PROGRAM

- New H2Ohio Rivers Program announced December 2023
- Goal: focus on improving and maintaining the health of Ohio's Large Rivers
- \$47 million dedicated over the biennium
- Focus areas that intersect with Ohio EPA:
 - PFAS
 - Dam Removals
 - Mussel Survey
- Link: [H2Ohio Rivers Program](#)



H2Ohio

Rivers Program

PFAS Prevalence Study

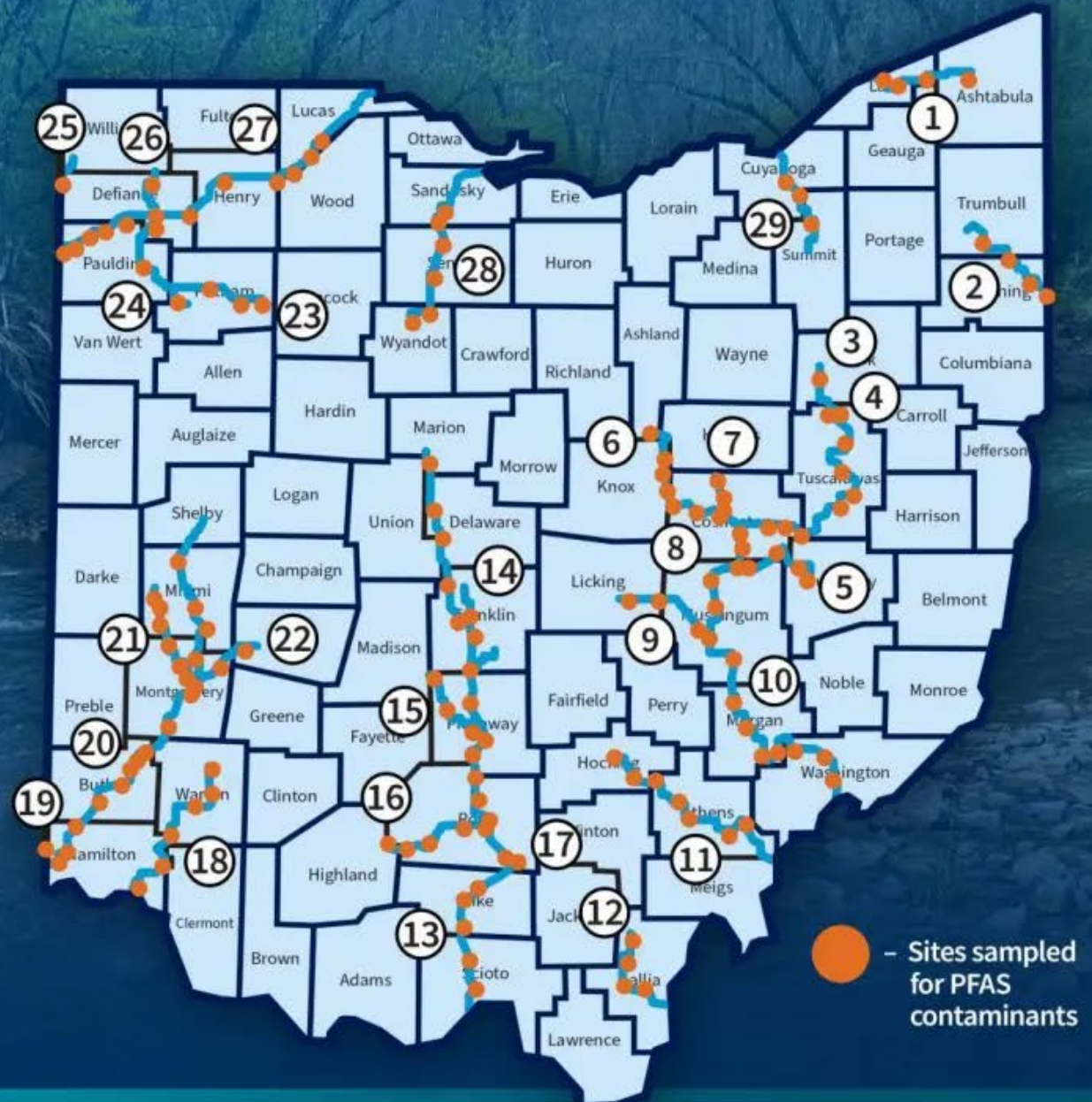
Study of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in Ohio Rivers

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|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Grand River | 8. Walhonding River | 15. Big Darby Creek | 22. Mad River |
| 2. Mahoning River | 9. Licking River | 16. Paint Creek | 23. Blanchard River |
| 3. Tuscarawas River | 10. Muskingum River | 17. Salt Creek | 24. Auglaize River |
| 4. Sandy Creek | 11. Hocking River | 18. Little Miami River | 25. St. Joseph River |
| 5. Wills Creek | 12. Raccoon Creek | 19. Whitewater River | 26. Tiffin River |
| 6. Killbuck Creek | 13. Scioto River | 20. Great Miami River | 27. Maumee River |
| 7. Mohican River | 14. Olentangy River | 21. Stillwater River | 28. Sandusky River |
| | | | 29. Cuyahoga River |



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RULES UPDATES



- Credible Data Rules (OAC 3745-4) soon to be out for IPIR
- Link: [DSW Announcements Page](#)
- Link: [Sign up for Agency Updates through GovDelivery](#)

TMDL UPDATES

- Draft modification (addendum) to Big Walnut TMDL out for comment through 5 p.m. on Oct. 28, 2024
- Multiwatershed Bacteria TMDL out soon
- Link: [Water Quality Programs – Documents Available for Comment](#)
- Can also sign up for TMDL program updates through GovDelivery



Thank You

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