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Stakeholder Involvement Program

Clermont County, Ohio

Background Sheet

Introduction

Clermont County is currently in the process of developing a comprehensive water resources management plan for the East Fork of the Little Miami River. The Plan will address multiple water quality, land use, and economic development issues in the County. Clermont County recognizes that the involvement of local stakeholders is critical to the success of this Plan. Outlined below are the anticipated goals, roles and responsibilities, and products for the Stakeholder Involvement Program. These items provide a framework for discussion and may be modified based on stakeholder input. If you are interested in participating in the Stakeholder Involvement Program or would like to receive more information, please contact Paul Braasch, Clermont County Office of Environmental Quality, at (513) 732-7745.

Goals of the Stakeholder Involvement Program

The goals of the stakeholder involvement program include the following:

- Involve organizations/individuals that have an interest in the outcome of the Plan to ensure their needs and concerns are addressed during its development.
- Maintain the participation of the stakeholders throughout all phases of the project.
- Ensure broad community representation in the development of the Plan.
- Provide a forum to educate stakeholders and then, in turn, have the stakeholders educate their constituencies on various issues associated with the Plan.

Roles and Responsibilities of Stakeholders

- Stakeholders will identify who they represent and act as an advocate for them.
- Stakeholders will ensure that all relevant interests are adequately represented.
- Stakeholders will assist in identifying additional project issues not already identified.
- Stakeholders will articulate issues and conflicts up front in an attempt to address these issues early on in the process and lead to collaborative solutions down the road.
- Stakeholders will assist the county in developing public acceptance and support for the Plan

through outreach and education.

- Stakeholders will provide solutions to addressing some of the water resources issues identified in Clermont County.

Products of the Stakeholder Involvement Program

- A Stakeholder Involvement Plan that will set the road map for how the group will operate.
- Issues and concerns regarding the development of the Plan will be addressed.
- Outreach and education products that can be disseminated to various interests throughout the county.
- Communication forums to exchange information and share ideas.