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What is Clermont County doing?

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.

What is a Stakeholder?

A stakeholder is an individual or organization that has a vested interest in the outcome of a process. You or your organization has been identified by Clermont County as a key stakeholder to participate in the development and implementation of the water resources plan. Your voice and participation is a vital component to the successful management of our water resources in Clermont County.

Why this questionnaire?

To ensure active participation and involvement throughout the development of the water resources plan, Clermont County is developing a stakeholder involvement strategy that will outline the goals, activities, and process for active involvement. First, we need your input. Two stakeholder meetings have been held within the last year and another stakeholder forum will be held in early 1998. The information collected from these questionnaires will feed into the development of the stakeholder involvement strategy as well as shaping a focused agenda for the next stakeholder forum.

Please take a few minutes to fill out the attached questionnaire. Once completed, simply fold it over, tape it closed, and drop it in a mailbox. If you have any questions please contact Paul Braasch, Clermont County Office of Environmental Quality, at

(513) 732-7745.

Please return the questionnaire by **Monday, December 8, 1997** so that the information can be collected prior to the January Stakeholder forum.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Name

Affiliation

Address

Phone

Fax

Email

1. Would you like to continue to receive information on the stakeholder involvement program?

yes

no, please take me off the mailing list.

2. Are you aware that Clermont County is developing a water resources management plan for the East Fork of the Little Miami River?

yes no

3. How do you think the management of Clermont County's water resources will affect you (or the group you represent)?

4. What constituency(s) do you represent?

5. A list of current stakeholder organizations is included with your questionnaire. Are there any other entities that you feel should be represented on the stakeholder group?

yes no

STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

A common method for sharing information, completing action items, and educating different audiences is through stakeholder meetings. Please fill out the following so we can maximize attendance and participation at future stakeholder meetings.

6. Did you attend either of the last 2 stakeholder meetings?

yes , please circle which one/or both (June 4, 1997 or October 31, 1996)

no

7. What were the MOST beneficial parts of the meetings (please specify which meeting)?

8. What were the LEAST beneficial parts of the meetings (please specify which meeting)?

9. For future meetings, please check the most convenient times for you to attend.

during the day after work

on a weekday on a weekend

STAKEHOLDER GOALS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Effective stakeholder involvement can occur only when the stakeholders feel their roles have been clearly defined. The attached background sheet outlines some initial goals, and roles/responsibilities for the stakeholder group to use in answering the following questions.

10. Please list any additional roles and responsibilities you would like to see included for stakeholders.

11. Please check off the following areas where you are most interested in participating.

- Developing outreach/educational materials for the general public
- Informing/educating your fellow constituents on watershed issues
- Assisting Clermont County with the identification of water resources issues
- Providing possible solutions to water resources issues

WATER QUALITY ISSUES AND CONCERNS

As part of the development of the water resources management plan we will focus on identifying water quality issues and concerns that affect the watershed. Several issues have already been identified, but it is important to identify all issues important to the community.

12. What do you feel are the three most important WATER QUALITY issues to Clermont County?

13. What do you feel are the three most important RESOURCE MANAGEMENT issues to Clermont County?

14. Please identify any additional issues/concerns that you feel need to be addressed.

1. Fold over

2. Tape closed.

3. Drop in a mail slot.

Thank You For Your Participation!