

Chapter 9

Management Agency and Community Involvement

This chapter discusses the contribution of local jurisdictions and the general public in the development of this plan. It addresses the role of the joint task force established by NEFCO to participate in and oversee plan development. It also summarizes the public meetings which presented the plan with the general public. Local government collaboration and public involvement have been integral in the plan development process.

Ohio River Basin Task Force

The Task Force consisted of representatives from various local government agencies including mayors, county commissioners, sewer agencies, county health departments, planning agencies, park districts, and soil and water conservation districts. The Task Force also included representatives from state agencies such as the Ohio EPA and ODNR. Chief functions of the Task Force included:

- a) Advise NEFCO staff on plan development;
- b) Review and comment on all reports prepared during the planning process;
- c) Assume co-convenor role at public meetings held during the planning process; and
- d) Recommend actions to be considered by the NEFCO Board on the draft Plan.

The Task Force commenced in April 2003 when members were appointed and subcommittees were formed. Task Force meetings convened bi-monthly in 2004 and 2005. During this time, members discussed and debated CWP chapters and other plan development issues, participated in various work groups to formulate plan strategies, and reviewed and commented on draft documents and reports. Table 9-1 lists the Task Force members. Documentation of Task Force activities is available from NEFCO.

Public Meetings

In April and June 2005 NEFCO held public meetings at locations in each of the four counties of the Ohio River Basin planning area. Presentations concentrated on the four principal components of the plan: wastewater planning, home sewage management, nonpoint source control, and the protection of regionally important water resources. The public was given the opportunity to comment on the issues presented. The purpose of these meetings was to introduce and explain the CWP and to obtain public opinion. The draft plan was posted on the Summit County information web site. Opinions and comments from the public meetings were compiled and reviewed by the NEFCO Environmental Resources Technical Advisory Committee (ERTAC) 208 CWP Subcommittee and were used to make revisions to the Draft CWP. Documentation of this activity is available from NEFCO.

**Table 9-1
Clean Water Plan Update
Ohio River Basin Task Force**

Members:

Portage County:	DuWayne Porter, Portage County Health Department James Bierlair, Portage County SWCD Michael Marozzi, Portage County Engineer Dan Moss, Portage County Water Resources Pat Artz, Ravenna Township Trustee
Stark County:	Michael Armogida, Stark County Sanitary Engineer Drue Kovick, Stark County SWCD Brenda Sarsany, Stark County Regional Planning Commission Kirk Norris, Stark County Health Department Brian Wise, Stark County Engineer's Office Jim Adams, City of Canton Health Department Julie Berbari, Stark County SWCD
Summit County:	Edith Chase Robert Holland, Summit County Administrative Services Jay Mosley, Summit County Engineer's Office Joseph Migliorini, Summit County Department of Development Gino Morell, Summit County Department of Environmental Services Genny Barth, City of Akron Bureau of Engineering Jim Oberdorfer, Summit County Department of Development Dennis Weaver, City of Barberton Utilities Manager Bob Hasenyager, Summit County Health Department Bruce Baldinger, Summit County Health Department
Wayne County:	Jim Borton, Asst. City of Wooster Utilities Manager Lisa Johnson, Wayne County Planning Department Tim Patterson, Wayne County Environmental Services Eric Schultz, Wayne County SWCD Ann Obrecht, Wayne County Commissioner Loretta Firis, Wayne County Health Department Dave Hodgson, Wayne County Environmental Services Donald Rhamy, Salt Creek Township Trustee
Other:	Tom Holmes, ODNR Division of Soil and Water Conservation Ron Bell, Ohio EPA-Northeast District Office Barry Cavanna, Medina County NRCS

Alternates:

Portage County:	Lloyd Groves, Portage County Health Department Kerry Macomber, Portage County Commissioner's Office Ron Mishler, Suffield Township Trustee Jennifer Eckorate, Portage County SWCD Scott Miller, Portage County Engineer's Office Claudia James, Portage County Regional Planning Commission Bob Harris, Portage County Regional Planning Commission Wayne Carkido, Portage County Water Resources
Stark County:	Cliff Meidlein, Stark County Regional Planning Commission Carolyn Gabric, Stark County SWCD

Tracy Mills, City of Canton Water Pollution Control Center
 Conrad Moeller, Stark County Sanitary Engineer's Office
 Kevin Monroe, City of Canton Public Works
 Jeff Dotson, Stark County Regional Planning Commission
 Todd Paulus, Stark County Health Department
 Todd Ascani, Stark County Health Department
 Michael Stevens, Lexington Township Trustee
 David Pellegrini, Stark County Engineer's Office
Summit County: David Burdge, City of Akron Public Utilities Bureau
 Susan DeChant, Summit County Department of Development
 Dave Ritter, Summit County SWCD
 Dan Ross, Summit County SCS
 Richard Waltz, City of Barberton Utilities Director
 Joan Anderson, Summit County SWCD
 Scott Wagner, Summit County Department of Development
 Rebecca Staats, Summit County Department of Environmental Services
 Bruce Baldinger, Summit County Health Department
Wayne County: Fred Cannon, Wayne County Commissioner
 Rick Oswald, City of Wooster
 Carol Sanford, Wayne County Health Department
 Betsy Sparr, Wayne County Planning Department
 Matthew Smith, Wayne County SWCD
 Dave Hodgson, Wayne County Environmental Services
 Neal White, Canaan Township Trustee
Other: Rich Blasick, Ohio EPA-Northeast District Office
 Jeffrey VanLoon, ODNR Division of Soil and Water Conservation