### Implementation Strategies for reducing NPS Nutrient Impacts





Environmental Protection Agency

### **Ohio's Clean Water Goal**



... to successfully achieve designated aquatic life use in 100% of Ohio's large rivers by 2020 ...

### **Ohio's clean water**

... can be further refined to ...

goal

restore impaired waters protect high quality waters reduce NPS pollution

#### **Implementation Strategic Balance**



### **TMDL & Watershed Planning Process**



### Implement Actions

### It sounds SO simple!

Gibson's Hierarchy of Implementation Purgatory **Advocates** Money **Experience Authority** 

#### People

**Cranky Butts Murphy's Law Bad Weather Change Orders Bureaucracy** 

**Planners are NOT implementers** Plan globally—Implement locally Getting started is harder than getting done! Planning is a science--implementation is art! Process

#### Okay, so implementation is hard. What else do we need to know?

- 1. What needs done?
- 2. Where will it be most effective?
- 3. Who are the primary implementers?
- 4. What does success look like?

## What needs to be done?

Planners (TMDL writers) and implementers need to speak the same language.

Standardized DELIVERABLES				
Objectives	Deliverables	Units		
Stream Restoration	Restore Stream Channel using NCD	Linear Feet		
	Install in-stream Habitat Structures	Structures		
	Install Grade Structures	Structures		
	Plant Cover/Manure Crops	Acres		
Agricultural BMPs	Install Controlled Drainage System	Acres		
	Install Livestock Exclusion Fencing	Linear Feet		

### What's been done?

Standardized deliverables allow implementers an ease of reporting using<sub>common</sub> terminolo 99

Implementation Progress Report				
Deliverables	Units	Goal	Complete	
Restore Stream Channel using NCD	Linear Feet	1,200	1,400	
Install in-stream Habitat Structures	Structures	3	0	
Install Grade Structures	Structures	2	2	
Plant Cover/Manure Crops	Acres	12,000	6,000	
Install Controlled Drainage System	Acres	125	125	
Install Livestock Exclusion Fencing	Linear Feet	5,200	0	

### Where will it be most effective? Fitting the practice to critical areas



A buffer strip along the small stream flowing past this feedlot is NOT going to solve the problem at hand.



### Nutrient Reduction NPS Implementation<sub>St</sub> rategies



### **Nutrient Impaired Stream Strategies**



### **Source Reduction Strategies** Ag BMP's ... Myths & Realities

Practices Ranked by Water Quality Effectiveness	Ranked by 2009 Ohio EQIP Contracts
Critical Area Planting (342)	Waste Storage Facilities (313)
Riparian Forest Buffer (391)	Livestock Fencing (382)
Herbaceous Riparian Buffer (390)	Heavy Use Area Protection (561)
Filter Areas (393) (NOT CP-21)	Access Road (560)

Effectiveness based upon an analysis of BMP's ability to enhance:

Water Storage Slow Water Release Nutrient Retention and Cycling Sediment Retention

### **Source Reduction Tools**

Reducing nutrients at the source is challenging yet critical to improving water quality.



#### **Cover Crops**

Holmes County SWCD Completed under provisions of #08(h)EPA-33



#### **Exclusion Fencing**

OSU Extension Completed under provisions of #02(h)EPA-11

#### Erosion Control Tools Streambank Stabilization



Honey Creek Miami Co. SWCD #06(h)EPA-06 Little Miami River Warren Co. SWCD #07(h)EPA-23 Little Miami River Greene Co. SWCD #02(h)EPA-13

### **Drainage Management Tools**

Reducing the rate and amount of runoff provides important nutrient reduction and water quality benefits.



Controlled drainage is a practice that is gaining momentum as a tool for mitigating the impacts of tile drainage.

### **In-Stream Management Tools**

Restoring natural function and flow dramatically enhances a stream's assimilation of nutrient loads.





#### Restoration of Clover Groff Run **City of Columbus** Completed under provisions of #08(h)EPA-18

### **Restoring Stream Function** as a nutrient reduction tool





#### **Powderlick Run**

Pre-Restoration Assimilative Capacity N= 0.29 mg/L per hour Post Restoration Assimilative Capacity N=11.9 mg/L per hour

### **Urban NPS Implementation Strategies**

#### Stormwater Management

- Retention
- Infiltration
- Reduce Erosion
- BMP Retrofits

#### Regulatory Practices

- Riparian Zones
- **BMP** Incentives
- Fertilizer Rules
- Permits
- Land Use

#### Riparian Management

- Wetlands
- Natural Flow
- Urban Forests
- Floodplains

### Stormwater Mgmt Tools Rain Gardens

Attractive and effective tools for reducing the rate and amount of stormwater runoff.





#### Village of Glenwillow Village Government Complex

Completed under provisions of #10GLRI-CUY-82

#### **Stormwater Mgmt Tools—Green Roof**

**City of Dublin** Completed under provisions of #10SWIF-044



This green roof serves as a stormwater management tool as well as an important educational tool for the city of Dublin.

#### Stormwater Mgmt Tools Pervious Pavement





#### **Bath Twp. Government Complex**

Completed under provisions of #10SWIF-012

Total Costs: \$34,560

### Stormwater Mgmt Tools Wetland Treatment Areas



**Geauga***C***ounty***P***arks** Completed under provisions of #10(h)EPA-08

### **Nutrient Impaired Stream Strategies**



Stream Channels Wetland Areas Riparian Forests Natural Flow Eroding Banks

Protect

Wetland Areas Riparian Forests Floodplains Stream Channels

Erosion Manure Application Stormwater Runoff Livestock Access



## **Close the Implementation Loop!**



### Acknowledge Success!!! Success inspired future success

#### #10SWIF-044

Dublin Community Recreation Center-Green Roof Demonstration Project

Project Sponsor City of Dublin Surface Water Improvement \$50,650 SWIF Funds

Local Project Contact Michelle Crandall City of Dublin 5200 Emerald Parkway Dublin, OH 43107

#### **Environmental Results**

Installed 2300 square feet of a green roof plant system on the city's Recreation Center building

Installed 2 rainwater harvesting systems to use for watering the green roof



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#06(h)EPA-23 #06(h)EPA-35 #08(h)EPA-16 Stillwater River Low

Dam Removal

Project Sponsor Five Rivers Metroparks Federal Section 319(h) Grant \$900,548 Federal (total) \$603,832 Local Match (total)

Local Project Contact Joe Zimmerman Five Rivers Metroparks 1375 E. Siebenthaler Ave. Dayton, OH 45414

Environmental Results Removed Englewood low dam in the Stillwater River Restored 7000 linear feet of stream channel and 2 acres of riparian trees and shrubs Conducted dam mitigation and restoration workshop



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# **Questions?**

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