




TMACOG fiscal **2012**
Annual Progress Report



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2012 Executive Committee

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Anthony L. Reams

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Vice Chair: Vacant

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Chair: Edward L. Snyder – President, Northwestern Ohio Rails-to-Trails Association, Inc.

Vice Chair: Vacant

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Communications Committee

Chair: Scott Carpenter – Director of Public Relations, Metroparks of the Toledo Area

Vice Chair: Meg K. Adams – External Affairs Manager, FirstEnergy

2012 At Large Members

Todd M. Audet – Deputy Director, ODOT District 2 (ex-officio member)

Stephen J. Herwat – Deputy Mayor - Operations, City of Toledo

Robert P. Mack – Trustee, Township of Perrysburg

Royce R. Maniko – Administrator/Chief Financial Officer, Monroe County

Theodore J. Rutherford – Representative, Village of Green Springs

James M. Sass – Commissioner, Ottawa County

From the Chair



TMACOG members have long known that collaboration is an efficient way to get things done. It's how we are organized. Regional cooperation, non-partisan collaboration, and shared services are our fundamental operating principles. Because of this history, TMACOG is well-positioned to take advantage of a state-wide "beyond boundaries" push for shared services. The way we manage our long-term commitments, respond to opportunities, and anticipate shared resources demonstrate how working together without boundaries benefits us all. Our collaborative achievements include:

- The Areawide Water Quality Management Plan (the 208 Plan), a consensus plan for the development of wastewater treatment facilities in four counties and two townships.
- The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which includes every municipality in Lucas and Wood counties participating in regional transportation planning.
- The Ottawa River where water quality shows marked improvement. Stopping industrial pollution, addressing stormwater, and removing contaminated sediment has significantly, measurably, improved water quality.
- The Westside Corridor, an outstanding example of a cooperative initiative between two park districts, a port authority, a university, and a city.
- The Ohio Conference on Freight, which was built through a partnership of business and industry, advocacy groups, and governments, is now a premier source of information, networking, and planning.
- The Transportation Legislative Agenda, a consensus document recognized by local, state, and federal elected officials.
- The Portage River Watershed Plan, a comprehensive, state-approved plan for reducing excess nutrients and improving habitat in this important Lake Erie tributary.
- The Wolf Creek wetlands project at Maumee Bay State Park now underway. This project will address the problem of bacteria at the park's Lake Erie beaches, keep excess nutrients from reaching the lake, and expand habitat area.

Looking to the future, the regional commitment to shared services is most evident in TMACOG's Regional Water Study. This work is evaluating the complex task of merging separate water utilities. It has the potential to be a state-wide model for regional infrastructure collaboration. We are proud of our history of effective regional cooperation in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan. We will continue to work "beyond boundaries" for the benefit of the TMACOG region.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carol Contrada". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Carol Contrada
Lucas County Commissioner
Chair, TMACOG

Environment

Lake Erie

In northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan, protecting water means protecting Lake Erie. In recent years, harmful algal blooms have raised our priorities for reducing the phosphorus, nitrates, and sediment draining to the lake.

Maumee River Watershed

- Plans for restoration wetlands at Maumee Bay State Park were developed, and construction will begin in winter 2013. These wetlands will capture bacteria and excess nutrients in the water that flows into Lake Erie at the park. The wetlands also provide valuable habitat.

Swan Creek Watershed

- Outdated stormwater structures in built-up areas were inventoried in a grant project. TMACOG staff partnered with Lucas SWCD, Penta Career Center, the Stormwater Coalition, and others to locate conventional stormwater control structures and to recommend innovative stormwater controls to improve water quality.

Portage River Watershed

- TMACOG's Portage Watershed Action Plan was endorsed by the Ohio EPA and Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The approved plan is a guide for reducing the amount of nutrients in the water and improving habitat in this large area. TMACOG's Portage River Basin Council facilitates communication between parties.

Ottawa River Success Story

Incremental efforts and long-term strategies are paying off in the Ottawa River. By ending industrial pollution, addressing combined sewer and stormwater issues, removing dams, and restoring stream habitat, water quality has greatly improved. Signs posted more than two decades ago warning people to avoid contact with water were officially removed in one section of the river, a welcome demonstration that new life is returning to the river.

- The Salvage & Stewardship Program in Toledo's salvage yards encouraged yard operators to adopt stormwater protection procedures.
- A dam at Toledo Botanical Garden was removed and free flow restored there.
- River banks and streambeds are being improved at several locations on the Ottawa River. TMACOG is working with the University of Toledo where the river goes through the campus.

Environmental Education

TMACOG pursues many strategies to get information about the environment to students, to the general public, and to target audiences. Grants, newsletters, and workshops also help municipalities satisfy permit requirements.

- TMACOG staff presented Good Housekeeping workshops for municipal employees. Topics included how to store chemicals, treat spills, and perform maintenance while protecting water quality.
- TMACOG partnered with schools to install permanent signs in area parks and open lands. Signs describe water management or wetland preservation projects.
- Working with the Rural Community Assistance Program, TMACOG helped present workshops for municipalities on financial management of water and sewer systems.
- More than 800 students were involved in the twenty-second year of the Student Watershed Watch. Students gain hands-on experience when they collect and measure water samples. They learn about careers in environmental fields, practice public speaking, and become environmental stewards.



Transportation

Meetings and Events

The TMACOG Transportation department serves members and satisfies mandates with events that share information, provide education, and encourage regional collaboration on transportation issues.

- TMACOG organized the sixth annual Ohio Conference on Freight with the strong support of the National Association of Regional Councils, the Ohio Department of Transportation, and several other private sector partners. Attendees represented more than a dozen states and the Canadian province of Ontario.
- The Passenger Rail Forum is an annual event jointly presented by TMACOG's Public Transit & Passenger Rail Committee, and the Northwest Ohio Passenger Rail Association (NOPRA). The program looked at progress on the Detroit-Ann Arbor-Chicago high speed route and explored economic development potential in Ohio.
- The 2012 Transportation Summit served more than 200 regional stakeholders. ODOT Director Jerry Wray was the keynote speaker, addressing transportation funding in Ohio.
- National Train Day Toledo was attended by more than 8,000 persons and 50 organizations. The event provides information about train travel and promotes rail safety.
- Bike Month in 2012 was expanded from the previous year's Bike Week and brought in new partners. Events included Ride of Silence, Bike to Work and School Day, and bike tours of historic areas.





Federal Approval and Commendations

Two key federal agencies – the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Authority – commended TMACOG following an extensive certification review. TMACOG's statewide leadership in freight planning and its commitment to including private sector stakeholders in planning efforts earned outstanding commendations. The agencies approved key planning documents produced by TMACOG.

- 2035 Transportation Plan – Update 2011
- FY 2012-2015 TMACOG Transportation Improvement Program
- Air Quality Conformity Report

Westside Corridor Secured

TMACOG and a group of partners completed a 10-year effort with the purchase of 11.6 miles of abandoned rail corridor and ensured its preservation and future development as a multi-use trail.

Safety Locations and Measures Report

TMACOG completed a report that identifies the top 10 locations for vehicle crashes in both Lucas and Wood counties. The report indicates the leading causes of serious injuries and death and recommends appropriate counter-measures.

Traffic Counting

Accurate information about the amount and type of traffic on area roads is critical to planning. In fiscal year 2012, TMACOG completed an inventory of screen line locations that had been in progress for three years. On-going are the Highway Performance Monitoring System counts.

Specialized Transportation

TMACOG coordinates this federal program in Lucas and Wood counties. Three regional grants were approved and handicapped accessible vans were purchased for agencies serving the elderly and people with disabilities.

Regional Sidewalk Policy

The Pedestrian & Bikeways Committee of TMACOG developed a best practices regional sidewalk policy. The policy is coordinated with other design documents and is part of a complete streets strategy.

Public Transit & Passenger Rail Committee

The TMACOG Transportation Council approved expanding the Passenger Rail Committee to include public transit. Stakeholders added to the expanded committee include public and private transit providers, and advocates for transit-dependent clients.



TMACOG Member Services

Membership

TMACOG members consistently find value in their membership. Membership is stable with less than 5 percent allowing membership to lapse in fiscal year 2012 and new members joining. The current membership roster includes 90 governmental and 48 non-governmental members.

New members in fiscal year 2012:

- American Rivers
- Davey Resource Group
- Black Swamp Bird Observatory
- Partners for Clean Streams
- Spengler Nathanson PLL
- Springfield Local School District

TMACOG Tech

This popular series of education seminars is building professional capacity among TMACOG members. Topics have included:

- Identifying and applying for state and federal grants
- Ohio's Sunshine Laws
- Economic development tools for local officials
- Senate Bill 5: Ohio public employee bargaining reform
- Ohio's Local Government Innovation Fund
- Water/Wastewater utility management (with RCAP)

Leadership

At the 2012 General Assembly on January 25, TMACOG members elected new officers: Carol Contrada, Lucas County Commissioner, Chair; Nelson Evans, Mayor of Perrysburg, Vice Chair; and Don Nalley, Council Member City of Fremont, Second Vice Chair.

TMACOG President Anthony L. Reams was honored by the National Association of Regional Councils with their annual Walter Scheiber Leadership Award. The award is granted to a director or president of a regional council of governments who demonstrates professional and executive management excellence in carrying out regional concepts, approaches, and programs.

Facilitation

- TMACOG continues to facilitate discussions and studies about how to best integrate a regional water utility. In 2012, TMACOG joined with the City of Toledo and Lucas County to secure a grant from the Local Government Innovation Fund to further the process.
- TMACOG's transportation staff has been monitoring discussions about the future of the Ohio Turnpike. Staff created a white paper describing the options that have been proposed. The white paper does not advocate for any one choice but does express consensus opinions of members and transportation stakeholders in the region.

2012 Governmental Members

Fulton County, Ohio*

Village of Archbold
Village of Delta
Village of Fayette
Village of Lyons
Village of Metamora
Village of Swanton
Swanton Local School District
Wauseon Exempted Village Schools

Henry County, Ohio*

City of Napoleon

Lucas County, Ohio

City of Maumee
City of Oregon
City of Sylvania
City of Toledo
City of Waterville
Village of Berkey
Village of Holland
Village of Ottawa Hills
Village of Whitehouse
Township of Jerusalem
Township of Richfield
Township of Spencer
Township of Springfield
Township of Swanton
Township of Sylvania
Township of Washington
Metroparks of the Toledo Area
Sylvania Area Joint Recreation District
Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority
Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority

The University of Toledo
Springfield Local School District
Oregon City Schools
Ottawa Hills Local Schools
Sylvania Schools
Toledo Public Schools
Washington Local Schools

Monroe County, Michigan

Township of Bedford
Township of Erie
Township of Whiteford
Port of Monroe
Monroe County Community College

Ottawa County, Ohio

City of Port Clinton
Village of Clay Center
Village of Elmore
Village of Genoa
Village of Oak Harbor
Village of Put-in-Bay
Village of Rocky Ridge
Genoa Area Local Schools

Sandusky County, Ohio*

City of Clyde
City of Fremont
Village of Gibsonburg
Village of Green Springs
Village of Lindsey
Village of Woodville
Terra Community College

Wood County, Ohio

City of Bowling Green
City of Fostoria
City of Northwood
City of Perrysburg
City of Rossford
Village of Bradner
Village of Cygnet
Village of Haskins
Village of Hoytville
Village of Luckey
Village of Millbury
Village of North Baltimore
Village of Pemberville
Village of Portage
Village of Risingsun
Village of Walbridge
Village of Wayne
Village of West Millgrove
Township of Henry
Township of Lake
Township of Middleton
Township of Perrysburg
Township of Troy
Northwestern Water & Sewer District
Wood County Park District
Wood County Port Authority
Bowling Green State University
Owens Community College
North Baltimore Local Schools
Northwood Local Schools
Rossford Exempted Village Schools

* County is not a member

2012 Non-governmental Members

American Rivers
ARCADIS U.S., Inc.
Associated General Contractors of
Northwest Ohio
BP-Husky Refining, LLC
Beckett & Raeder, Inc.
Black Swamp Bird Observatory
Black Swamp Conservancy
Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.
DGL Consulting Engineers, LLC
Davey Resource Group
E.S. Wagner Company
Eastern Maumee Bay Chamber of
Commerce
Envirosafe Services of Ohio, Inc.
Feller, Finch & Associates, Inc.
First Energy
First Federal Bank of the Midwest
Genoa Bank
Henry County Chamber of Commerce

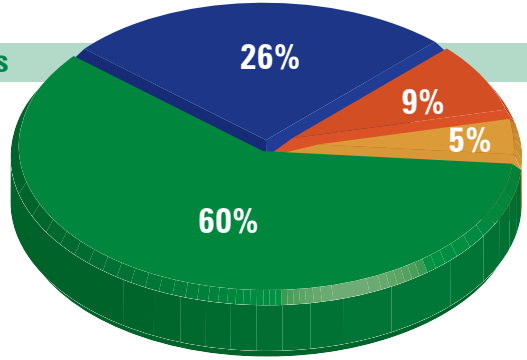
Home Builders Association of Greater
Toledo
Hull & Associates, Inc.
Huntington Bank
Jones-Hamilton Company
Jones & Henry Engineers, Ltd.
Lourdes University
Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority
Maumee Valley Adventurers, Inc.
The Mannik & Smith Group, Inc.
Maumee Valley Heritage Corridor
Monroe Bank & Trust
Monroe County Chamber of Commerce
National Electrical Contractors
Association (NECA)
Northwest Ohio Regional Economic
Development (NORED)
Northwestern Ohio Rails-to-Trails
Association (NORTA), Inc.
Ohio Contractors Association

Ohio Farm Bureau—Lucas, Wood &
Ottawa Counties
Oregon Economic Development
Foundation
Partners for Clean Streams, Inc.
Perstorp Polyols, Inc.
Poggemeyer Design Group, Inc.
Regional Growth Partnership
Rudolph/Libbe Companies, Inc.
Safety Council of Northwest Ohio
Spengler Nathanson P.L.L.
Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.
Toledo Refining Company
Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce
Toledo Trucking Association
Transportation Advocacy Group of
Northwest Ohio (TAGNO)
URS Corporation
WSOS Community Action
Commission, Inc.

2012 Fiscal Year (July, 2011 – June 30, 2012)

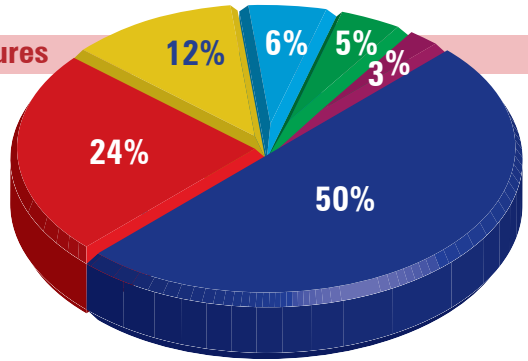
Composite Statement of Revenues

Federal Program Support	1,393,614
Member Dues and Assessments	592,367
State Program Support	206,631
Project Contributions & Other Local Funds	108,111
Total Revenues:	2,300,723



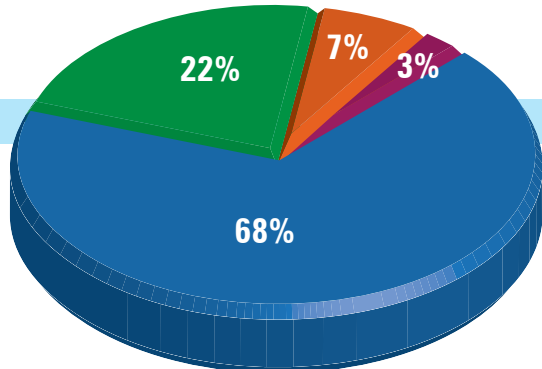
Composite Statement of Expenditures

Direct Wages & Fringe Benefits	1,143,237
Administrative Wages & Fringe Benefits	560,185
Direct Program Costs	283,400
Administrative Overhead Costs	128,475
Consultant/Pass-through Costs	121,392
Contingencies & Reserves	64,034
Total Expenditures	2,300,723



Funding Distribution by Activity

Transportation	1,574,329
Environment	499,597
Member Services	162,763
Contingencies & Reserves	64,034
Total	2,300,723



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Vision:

TMACOG will be the governmental partner of choice to coordinate regional assets, opportunities, and challenges.



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