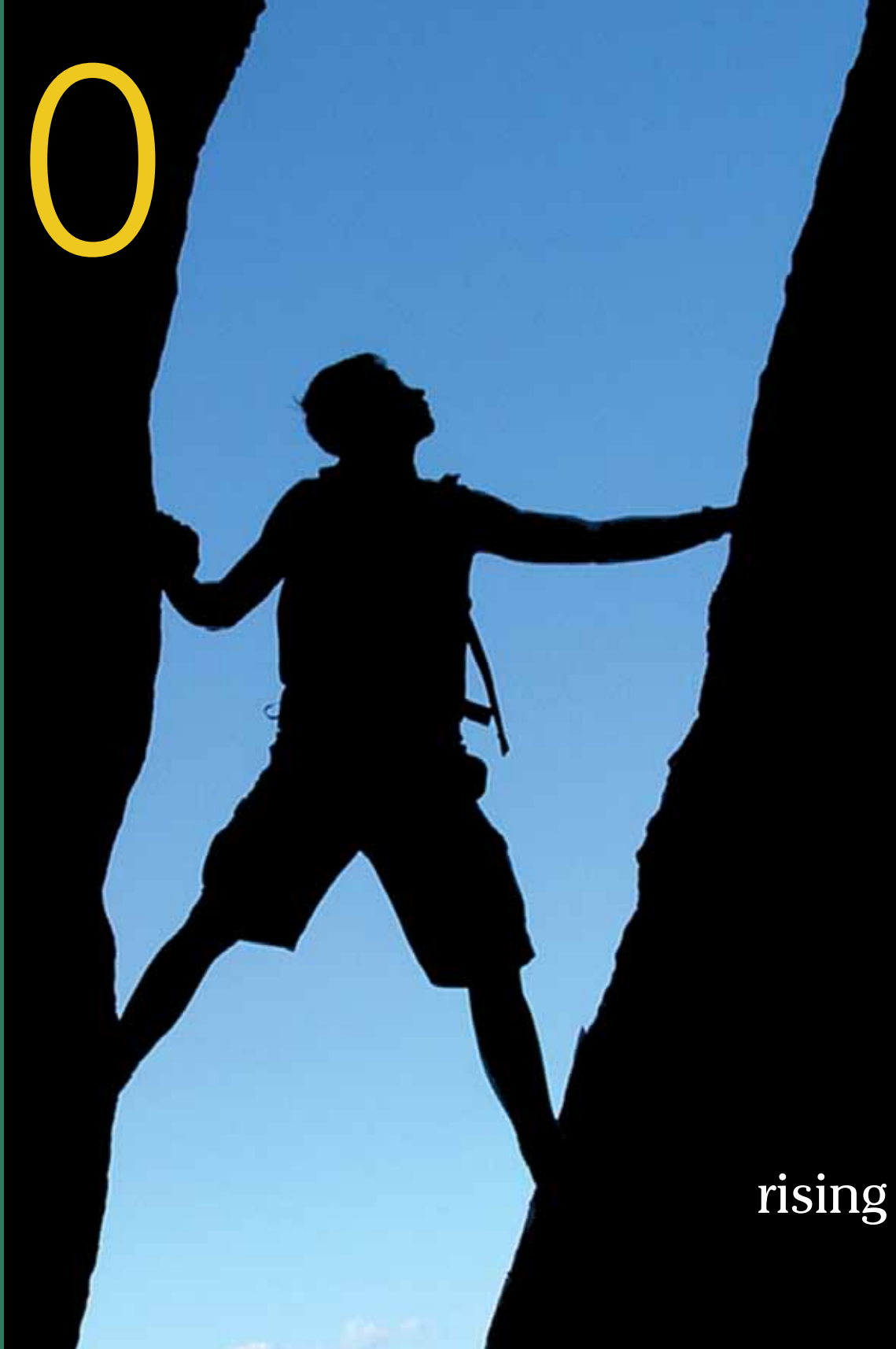


# 2010

Annual Report



rising to the challenge



Toledo Metropolitan Area  
Council of Governments

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*The annual General Assembly of TMACOG members.*

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## Rising to the Challenge

There are reasons to be hopeful about the economic recovery in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan. Indicators are looking up but more importantly, the people in this region have shown what we are made of during these challenging times. We didn't sit around and wait for things to get better, we rose to the challenge and worked to improve our situation.

First, in 2010 we faced challenges squarely. Partners involved in the Areawide Water Quality Management Plan came to agreement on a complete revision of that important document. Regional partners are also following through on transportation plans made in better times, building intermodal facilities at several locations, improving transit, and continuing to expand the region's bike/hike trail system.

Second, governments were alert to the opportunities presented by challenges. When federal stimulus dollars were offered to our region, the Transportation Improvement Program doubled in size and in budget. Because TMACOG and its partners responded quickly and cooperatively, the budget allocated to TMACOG was utilized on time and we are seeing major improvements to the regional transportation system.

There are other, less clear challenges and opportunities. We don't know yet which alternative energy technologies will pay off, although we have to start making calculated risks to invest. Governments and businesses also have to continue to invest in people – in projects that promote health and education. Smooth seas don't make skillful sailors. One bright side to our rough economic seas is that this difficult economy is making us better leaders, planners, and administrators.



Theodore J. Rutherford  
Mayor, Village of Green Springs  
Chair, TMACOG



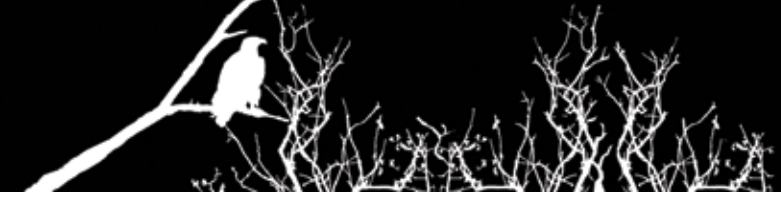
Anthony L. Reams  
President, TMACOG



*Nelson Evans, Second Vice Chair; Tony Reams, President, Ted Rutherford, Chair; and Carol Contrada, Vice Chair.*

### **Vision Statement:**

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



*An abundant supply of fresh water is one of our region's great natural resources. To protect our rivers, lakes, and streams, TMACOG is a forum for parties who work together across political and jurisdictional boundaries to protect our water supply, plan for water treatment, and manage stormwater.*

## Partnerships Strengthen Water Protection

In 2010, TMACOG coordinated a consortium of local governments in the development of a white paper addressing the problems of funding sewage infrastructure. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires that communities separate sanitary sewers from storm drains and make other federally mandated sewerage improvements to protect clean water. In our swampy, flat part of the country with older infrastructure and rural septic systems, this is a challenge



*The Swan Creek watershed drains 204 square miles of northwest Ohio. TMACOG has formed a new committee to implement the Swan Creek Watershed Balanced Growth Plan. Photo credit: Jeff Grabarkiewicz*

People in our region suggested changes to

federal programs that would provide grants, make more communities eligible for loans, create more favorable terms for loans, and extend the payback period.

Partners working on the issue with TMACOG are the Maumee River Basin Partnership of Local Governments (MRBPLG) and the Northwest Ohio Mayors and Managers Association (NOMMA).

Another proactive step taken in 2010 was cooperation to solve regional flooding problems and identify ecosystem restoration opportunities. TMACOG worked with Lucas and Monroe counties, the City of Toledo, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Congresswoman Kaptur's office to look at options – including shared costs and federal programs – and to discuss the scope of a study. The group agreed to work with the Corps on a Watershed Assessment Management Plan; Lucas County and the City of Toledo will be co-sponsors. As the study gets underway, all watershed jurisdictions will be invited to participate.

TMACOG is the administrator for the Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC) which recommends projects to be funded through the Clean Ohio Fund. In 2010, NRAC selected eight projects worth \$1.35 million for projects of the Metroparks of the Toledo Area and the Olander Park System. These projects will preserve 177 acres of open space in Lucas County and keep that land accessible to the public.

TMACOG manages our region's Areawide Water Quality Management Plan (the 208 Plan).

This document details responsibilities for sewer construction and for wastewater treatment facilities in Lucas, Ottawa, Sandusky, and Wood counties in Ohio and Bedford, Erie, and Whiteford townships of Monroe County, Michigan. These communities regularly update the plan to account for new development and new agreements between communities. In 2010, the state of Ohio officially approved the revision completed in 2008, and in June the 2010 revision was approved by the TMACOG Board of Trustees.



*U.S. EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson in Toledo in 2010 to announce Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grants for northwest Ohio.*

## Stormwater

Since most overt water pollution from industry and other point sources has been controlled, stormwater pollution is now the primary factor affecting water quality. TMACOG's Stormwater Coalition is an active regional group that includes representatives from 26 jurisdictions. In 2010, TMACOG added a full-time Environmental Planner to work with the coalition and manage other stormwater work. To address stormwater protection at work sites, TMACOG staff gave a series of presentations to municipal employees covering storage of chemicals and best practices for fertilizing and snow removal. In July, the Stormwater Action Group, a committee of the Stormwater Coalition, was recognized for outstanding performance by the Certified Erosion, Sediment, and Storm Water Inspector organization.

In 2010, the Stormwater Coalition published a condensed version of the *Stormwater Management Standards Manual* as a handbook for elected officials. The manual is a guide to regulations and details best management practices. The Stormwater Coalition also distributes tips and fact sheets. These publications provide practical



*Sediment from the Maumee River flowing into Maumee Bay. Stormwater carries sediment and other pollutants*

information for householders or small businesses, and their distribution helps jurisdictions comply with permit regulations. Topics for the 2010 fact sheets include how to use ice-melting products, putting yard waste to work, and proper disposal of household hazardous waste.

## Watershed Planning

Environmental planning districts are usually defined by watersheds. Watershed planning crosses jurisdictional boundaries and requires regional cooperation. In watersheds throughout the region, motivated people and organizations partnered with TMACOG to organize water protection efforts.

In 2009, nearly two dozen jurisdictions in the Swan Creek watershed endorsed a plan that had been four years in development. Continuing that work, a new TMACOG committee with representation by all the participating jurisdictions has been created to implement elements of the Swan Creek Balanced Growth Plan. The plan is organized by priority areas: priority development, agriculture, or conservation areas. As part of a state pilot program, the Swan Creek plan is eligible for incentives including lower rates on state loans and special assistance from state agencies.



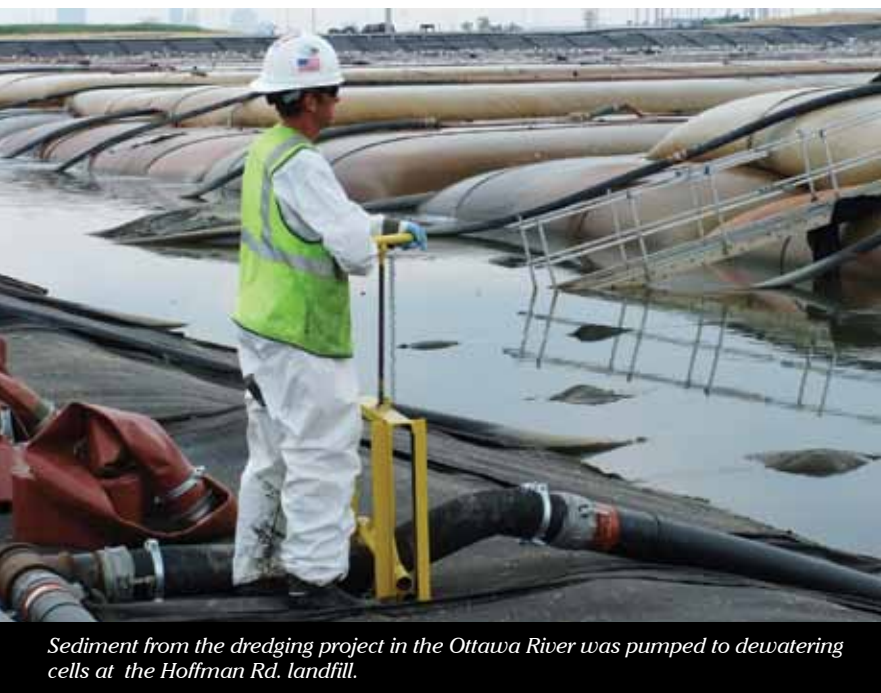
*Eroded stream banks are unstable and contribute to sediment pollution in waterways.*

“TMACOG is a valuable forum for local governments and agencies. Through TMACOG, we collaborate on projects as well as share information. The LSWC District regularly works with members of the Stormwater Action Group as well as the Stormwater Coalition to collaboratively address water quality

issues.” Jeff Grabarkiewicz,  
CPESC, Urban Conservationist,  
Lucas Soil and Water  
Conservation District



*This station on the Portage River collects water samples around the clock.*



*Sediment from the dredging project in the Ottawa River was pumped to dewatering cells at the Hoffman Rd. landfill.*

The Portage River watershed is the site of continued research at TMACOG. TMACOG's Portage River Basin Council suggested that the National Center for Water Quality Research at Heidelberg College install a new water quality monitoring station in the Village of Woodville. Funding was eventually found and the station was completed in 2010. The facility will monitor nitrates and phosphorus compounds that have been connected to thick algae blooms in Lake Erie. Also in 2010, members of the Portage River Basin Council and the Portage River Coordinator submitted a draft Portage River Watershed Plan. This plan is a thorough inventory of the characteristics of the watershed, notes impairments, and makes recommendations for remediation. When the plan is endorsed by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, it will become a resource for decision-making in the watershed.

In 2010, the City of Toledo was awarded a scrap yard pollution prevention grant to keep contaminants from entering the Ottawa River. TMACOG assisted with the grant application and will partner with the City of Toledo on the project.

The scope of work includes site reviews at scrap yards, work to improve best management practices, and recognition of facilities that implement effective controls. The consultant will test

water samples before and after educational efforts to determine if practices were effective.

In the Maumee Bay region, a plan for wetland restoration near the Maumee Bay State Park was developed and is moving toward implementation. The proposed system of ponds, wetlands, and floodplains would remove and naturally treat excess nutrients which cause beaches to be posted with warnings to swimmers. The wetlands would also provide habitat and attractive natural areas. When approved, the Wolf Creek/Berger Ditch Restoration Plan will be constructed in phases over the next several years.



*A restoration plan would protect Lake Erie beaches at Maumee Bay State Park.*



## Fostering Stewardship

Students from middle school to college age participate every year in water quality testing and analysis in two watersheds in our region. These programs continue to grow with new

from Ohio Environmental Education Fund that provided testing supplies for schools. The grant helped two schools join the program for the first time.

## Air Quality Planning

Air quality planning is part of the work of all TMACOG departments: transportation, environmental planning, and commuter services.

Air quality is affected by emissions from mobile sources (cars and trucks), point sources (factories and other industry), and area sources (backyard grills, lawn mowers). While the TMACOG region is currently in compliance with regulations on the six monitored air pollutants, it is critical that air quality be monitored and considered in planning. Air quality modeling is a factor in both short term and long term transportation plans. A new intermodal facility may increase mobile

sources of truck traffic and raise emissions, but a new bridge could reduce congestion and lower emissions.

In addition to planning activities, TMACOG works to reduce mobile emissions by partnering with organizations working to replace old diesel engines and groups developing alternative fuels. In 2010, TMACOG staff helped Sylvania City Schools implement a grant from

the Ohio EPA to retrofit 27 diesel school buses. The Air Quality Committee also evaluates programs that we might have to put in place should the region fall out of compliance, which could happen if regulations are tightened.

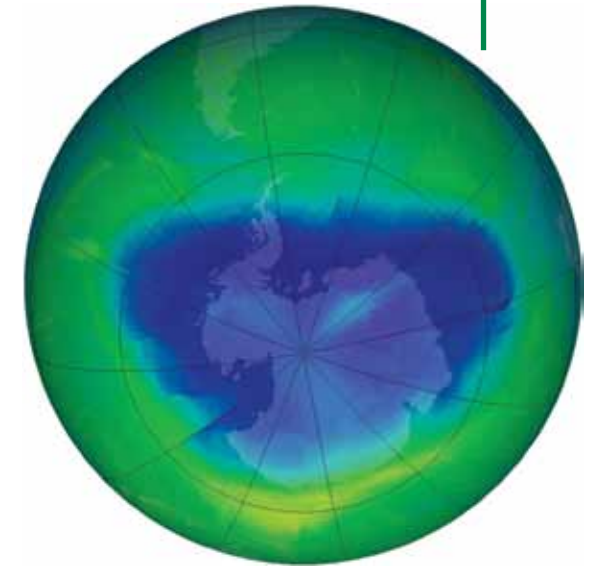
To reduce area sources of emissions, TMACOG markets the Ozone Action Season and Gas Cap Testing and Replacement programs. During Ozone Action Season in spring and summer, TMACOG uses paid media and public relations activities to advise people of the health effects of ozone and recommend steps to reduce household emissions. The Gas Cap Testing and Replacement program is a summer-long project in partnership with the City of Toledo Division of Environmental Services. In 2010, staffers tested passenger vehicles at 24 locations in Lucas and Wood counties and in Lambertville, Michigan. More than 11 percent of cars and trucks had leaky or missing gas caps.

The cap replacements made translate to approximately 8,557 pounds of emissions prevented. These area drivers will collectively save about 86 tanks of gas in a year simply by replacing gas caps.



Identifying macroinvertebrates as part of TMACOG's student water testing programs.

corporate sponsorship and successful grant applications. In the Maumee region in 2010, nearly 800 students from 18 schools performed testing in five watersheds as part of the Student Watershed Watch. Three hundred students were able to attend the Student Summit to share their results from the stage of Nitschke Hall at the University of Toledo. In the Portage River watershed, the Portage River Basin Council was successful in getting a grant



Antarctic Ozone Hole 2010. Posted September 16, 2010 nasa.gov



*People involved in transportation plans in our region are ahead of the curve, showing initiative, and pushing plans forward.*

## Long Range and Short Range Planning

The most pressing challenge faced by the Transportation department in 2010 was management of the final round of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds. As the Metropolitan Planning Organization for Lucas and Wood counties and the three southern townships of Monroe County, Michigan, TMACOG was responsible for selecting and coordinating transportation projects to ensure that \$11.7 million of the ARRA funds allocated to TMACOG were fully utilized. This allocation effectively doubled the size of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), in both budget and numbers of projects to be reviewed. Because of excellent cooperation among jurisdictions, TMACOG committee members, and TMACOG staff, every dollar was allocated and went to work improving the transportation system in the region. With a four-year horizon, the TIP is the short term planning program at TMACOG. However as part of the expediting process in 2010, the TIP programmed future projects as far as 2017. This extended schedule will help ODOT and area jurisdictions budget for future construction.

In long range planning, which looks out 25 years and more, TMACOG began the update of "On the Move: 2007-2035 Transportation Plan." The review process included public meetings, displays and comment options at area libraries, and a web-based comment

function. To ensure that a broad range of stakeholders is heard from, TMACOG expanded the membership of the 2035 Plan Update Task Force to include additional representatives of neighborhood organizations, senior citizens, people with disabilities, schools, churches, and businesses. TMACOG staff also researched data required for the 2035 Plan update: demographics, data on employment and transportation systems, and financial constraints analysis.

Another project begun in 2010 that will continue into 2011 is TMACOG's assessment of our use of all transportation modes in the region. ODOT has directed regional planners to analyze our multimodal system with consideration of public transit and the concept of complete streets. A complete street is one that serves the needs of everyone in town, not just those commuting in a car. Streets should be safe and useful for business and for children, bicyclists, people using wheel-

chairs and public transit, and pedestrians.



*ARRA funds helped secure new mobile cranes at the Port of Toledo.*



*Attendees at a 2035 Plan-Update 2011 public meeting.*



### Fostering Collaboration

TMACOG members sought out opportunities to work together on transportation and freight issues in 2010. TMACOG hosted the fourth annual, two-day, Ohio Conference on Freight which attracted people from 14 states and two provinces. Attendees learned about trends in state and federal programs, new technologies, and discussed opportunities for multimodal cooperation. An outgrowth of the conference is [www.ohiofreight.org](http://www.ohiofreight.org), a state-wide resource that TMACOG maintains.

The 2010 Transportation Summit focused on the northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan area. The day-long meeting was a forum for regional planners, economic development professionals, and academic researchers. Attendees also reviewed the 2035 Plan, our region's long range transportation plan, and provided input for the 2011 update to that plan. Another tool that TMACOG members use is

the 2010 Transportation Legislative Agenda. Sixteen partners representing elected officials, planning agencies, economic development organizations, engineers, and industry groups cooperated to create a document for legislators which clearly states this region's transportation needs and plans.

### Trains, Bikes, and Buses

According to a spokesman from Amtrak's national office, Toledo's Train Day celebration in May is one of the largest in the country, exceeded only by New York City and Chicago. In 2010, more than 4,000 people attended and 50 organizations supplied displays and exhibits. TMACOG is a co-host for Train Day, working with Amtrak and the Northwest Ohio Passenger Rail Association (NOPRA). TMACOG worked with NOPRA on two passenger rail meetings in 2010 providing information on development of passenger rail in the region.



Train Day exhibits in the Grand Lobby of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Plaza.



Break session at the 2010 Ohio Conference on Freight. Follow planning for the 2011 conference and other news at [www.ohiofreight.org](http://www.ohiofreight.org)

**“As a member of TMACOG, I am kept up to date on the state and federal transportation issues that directly impact operations at the Port of Toledo. Being a member of TMACOG has been important in my development as a transportation professional in our community.”**

Joe Cappel, Director of Cargo Development, Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority



“In a tough economic environment, we need TMACOG as a forum for getting things done. I’ve appreciated the tremendous networking opportunities that have helped me in my work as a liaison with various communities in Lucas County.”

Meg Adams, Manager of External Affairs  
First Energy Corporation

Interest in bicycling for commuting and recreation has been growing throughout the country and in the northwest Ohio region. In 2010, TMACOG promoted annual Bike Week activities working with a series of bike groups and other partners. A Ride of Silence was organized by local riders and promoted by TMACOG as a tribute to cyclists killed or injured on public roads, and as a plea for caution to drivers. Other activities included Bike to Work and Bike to School days, Senator Teresa Fedor’s Ride to the Capitol, displays at local libraries, and group rides in area parks. TMACOG’s Pedestrian & Bikeways Committee worked on an update of the regional signed bike network and developed plans for future multi-use public corridors.

Public transit in northwest Ohio is provided by the Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority (TARTA). TMACOG partnered with TARTA in 2010 by approving \$2 million for the purchase of biodiesel fuel. This purchase allowed TARTA to free up operating funds to begin construction of a new paratransit facility.

### Commuter Services

A working parent needs flexible transportation options. If public transit isn’t enough, the Car Buy program helps Lucas County families purchase a good used car or van. Program participants make a monthly payment for 12 months, take classes in car maintenance, defensive driving, and budgeting, and take possession of the title when they complete the program. In 2010, TMACOG staff secured funding from the Lucas County Department of Job and Family Services to maintain and continue the program through fiscal year 2011 (ending June 30, 2011). To purchase vehicles for the program, TMACOG received a Job Access and Reverse Commute funding award administered through TARTA. The goal for Car Buy program is to help 60 families each year get a vehicle.

The Specialized Transportation program is a project of the Ohio Department of Transportation that helps agencies serving the elderly and people with disabilities. TMACOG works with local agencies in Lucas and Wood counties to submit letters of intent and to complete applications. The applications are scored based on the agency’s need and proposed use of the vehicle. The state-wide program is competitive. In 2010 all of the applications submitted through TMACOG were awarded grants for modified vans: Anne Grady Corporation, East Toledo Family Center, Friendship New Vision, Inc., and Little Sisters of the Poor-Sacred Heart Home.



The 2010 Ride of Silence paused at the Toledo Hospital.



*Like the programmatic departments, all administrative departments of TMACOG are directed by committees consisting of TMACOG members. These members provide their professional skills and expertise to keep TMACOG operating efficiently and purposefully.*

“As the mayor of a small village, when I have questions about certain governmental functions and seek more information, I find that TMACOG is an excellent source.

Here I find knowledgeable employees who are always pleasant and willing to help you find the answers needed. Often, seminars are offered to help as well.”

Ruth B. Marlatt,  
Mayor, Village of Fayette

## Communications

The Communications department creates printed and electronic publications and manages the TMACOG website and Internet-based communications. In 2010, the Communications Committee made recommendations about a social media strategy, reviewed an update of the marketing plan, and provided marketing direction for the Ohio Conference on Freight and other events. With direction from the committee, the staff increased sponsorships of TMACOG events, strengthened relationships with media and with regional agencies, and expanded the influence of TMACOG within the region and more widely.

## Finance, Audit & Administration

In addition to payroll, procurement, and accounting, the Finance department at TMACOG has other significant duties. For the agency as a whole, Finance handles human resource issues, staying current on employment law and researching health care options. The member-led Finance Committee reviews policy changes, the annual budget, and audit reports in great detail before making recommendations to the Board of Trustees. In 2010, the Finance department staff became more involved in work of the TIP Committee. For the Environmental Planning department, Finance produced complex reports required by federal stimulus funds used in the department, and

created budgets for grant applications. The bottom line for fiscal year 2010 was positive, ending in the black.

## Leadership Development

A committee of TMACOG staff and members works collaboratively to help regional officials understand and contribute to the value of TMACOG programs, to solicit participation in regional initiatives, and to identify new leaders who can help TMACOG fulfill its mission and vision. In 2010, Leadership invited speakers from the Toledo Regional Branding Project to address the Board of Trustees and invited guests. They presented the annual Professional Development Day which focused on government decision-making during the economic downturn.

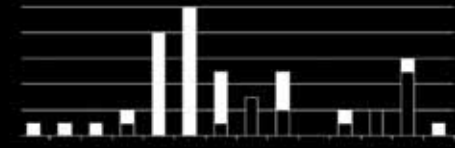
## Membership

Member services are essential to the growth, effectiveness, and value of TMACOG. In 2010, Membership Committee members solicited venues and sponsorships to make five county receptions available at no cost. Committee members accompany staff on recruitment visits and at government meetings to

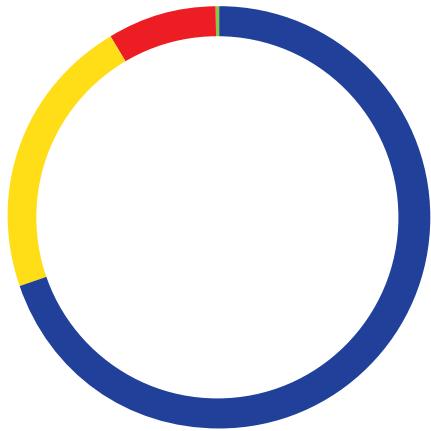
convey the value of TMACOG membership on a peer-to-peer basis. The Membership Committee also develops the program for the annual General Assembly of TMACOG members. The 2010 program focused on what people in the region can do to attract, create, and sustain businesses using our own resources. In a difficult economy, 94 percent of members renewed in 2010 and TMACOG welcomed back two lapsed members.



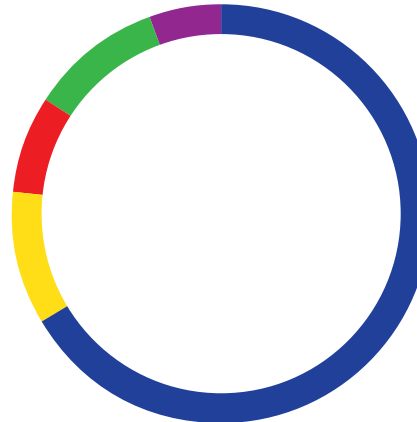
*Networking at TMACOG's Ottawa County reception.*



## 2010 Revenue/Expense (unaudited)

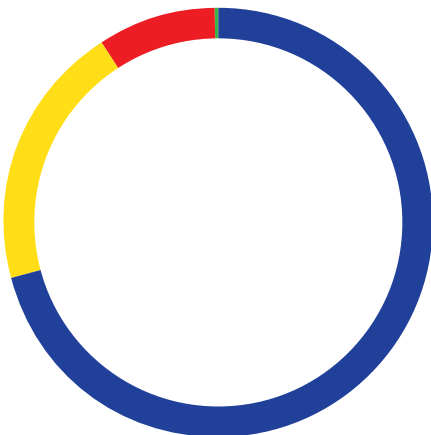


<b>Revenues \$2,570,540</b>	
Federal/State Contracts	69.79%
Dues & Assessments	21.80%
Local Project Support	8.39%
Interest	0.02%

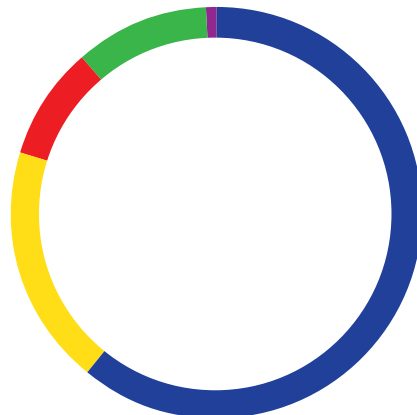


<b>Expenses \$2,570,540</b>	
Personnel	66.49%
Consultant/Contractual	10.23%
Programs	7.57%
Operations	10.18%
Reserve	5.53%

## 2011 Revenue/Expense (budgeted)



<b>Revenues \$2,923,964</b>	
Federal/State Contracts	70.99%
Dues & Assessments	20.04%
Local Project Support	8.95%
Interest	0.02%



<b>Expenses \$2,923,964</b>	
Personnel	61.05%
Consultant/Contractual	18.85%
Programs	8.77%
Operations	10.65%
Reserve	0.68%

“Today, more than ever, TMACOG recognizes the value of partnering with a major university to help move the economic development in our region forward. The organization is also an invaluable link for us – connecting members of both the private and public sectors as we work to enhance and implement our common goals.” Timothy F. Smith, Associate Vice President, Research & Economic Development, Bowling Green State University



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Sherri McNeill – Senior Centers, Inc.  
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### Environmental Council

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Ronald Lajti – Ottawa County  
Brian Miller – Lucas County  
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Nancy Osborn – Ottawa County  
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Ryan Simmons – Monroe County

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### Transportation Council

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Institute  
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\* Past chairs of TMACOG

## 2010 TMACOG Governmental Members

Members are listed in the following order: cities, villages, townships, special districts, schools

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Village of Archbold  
Village of Delta  
Village of Fayette  
Village of Lyons  
Village of Metamora  
Village of Swanton  
Northwest State Community College

### **Henry County, Ohio\***

City of Napoleon

### **Lucas County, Ohio**

City of Maumee  
City of Oregon  
City of Sylvania  
City of Toledo  
Village of Berkey  
Village of Holland  
Village of Ottawa Hills  
Village of Waterville  
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  
Ottawa Hills Local Schools-Board of Education  
Springfield Local Schools-Board of Education  
Sylvania City Schools

Toledo Public School District  
Washington Local Schools  
Oregon City 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 Grand Rapids

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  
Township of Freedom  
Township of Henry  
Township of Lake  
Township of Middleton  
Township of Perrysburg  
Township of Portage  
Township of Troy  
Northwestern Water & Sewer District  
Northern Wood County Port Authority  
Wood County Park District  
Eastwood Local Schools  
North Baltimore Local Schools  
Northwood Local Schools - Board of Education  
Rossford Exempted Village Schools  
Wood County Educational Service Center  
Bowling Green State University  
Owens Community College

\* County is not a member

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Ohio Farm Bureau—Lucas, Wood & Ottawa Counties  
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# the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments



## Vision Statement

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

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## What is TMACOG?

The Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments is a non-partisan, voluntary, planning partnership made up of members in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan. TMACOG is the primary clearing house for transportation and environmental planning in our region. Our members are cities, counties, villages, and townships, as well as schools and colleges, park districts, and other groups including non-governmental organizations.



## Benefits of Membership:

### A Voice in the Regional Agenda

TMACOG members contribute to TMACOG's legislative agenda, write formal resolutions, and draft planning documents that prioritize needs. Your participation ensures that your voice is part of the message. Statements written and endorsed by TMACOG members are respected by state and federal decision-makers.



## Planning:

Members represent their jurisdiction or agency on specific planning projects, such as the Transportation Improvement Program (the TIP), the Veterans' Glass City Skyway, and the Stormwater Management Standards Manual.



## Cooperation:

Members join in non-partisan, cooperative management of issues that cross regional boundaries: water quality, air quality, roads and bridges, public transit.

## Partnership:

Members find public and private partners for infrastructure projects.



## Funding:

Members learn about sources of funding for repair and renovation for roads and bike trails, sidewalks, sewers, dams and more. Members in Wood and Lucas counties and three southern townships of Monroe County participate in the TIP.

## Access:

Members have ready access to the professional TMACOG staff and are introduced to state and federal regulatory agencies including the Ohio EPA, ODOT and others.

## Influence:

Members have the opportunity to meet with state lawmakers in a decision-making environment.



## Products For Members

### The annual Directory of Public Officials:

Direct contact information for elected officials and agencies in cities and counties, villages and townships in 15 counties of northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan.

### The Big Picture:

TMACOG's newsletter e-mailed to you monthly.

### Invitation to Seminars and Workshops:

TMACOG invites members to the annual General Assembly and to training opportunities throughout the year. When there is a cost, members pay a discounted rate.

## Contact TMACOG for more information about joining a regional partnership:

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## Participation

### Standing Councils and Committees:

Members are entitled to a place on councils and committees that make important regional decisions in a non-partisan, regional planning forum. These groups meet regularly (monthly, bi-monthly, or quarterly), usually at TMACOG offices.

### Environmental Planning

- Watershed committees: Maumee, Swan Creek, Ottawa, Portage, Maumee Bay
- Stormwater
- 208 Plan: Areawide Water Quality Management Plan

### Transportation Planning

- Transportation Improvement Program (the TIP)
- Long Range Transportation Planning
- Freight
- Pedestrian & Bikeways
- Passenger Rail
- Commuter Services
- System Performance and Monitoring

**“I believe TMACOG helped me progress more quickly on the learning curve for recently elected people. I attended a TMACOG-sponsored Ohio Sunshine Law seminar at Owens Community College shortly after becoming Mayor, which was valuable.”**

*-Rod Opelt, Mayor, Village of Lindsey, Sandusky County*



“As the mayor of a small village, when I have questions about certain governmental functions and seek more information, I find that TMACOG is an excellent source. Here I find knowledgeable employees who are always pleasant and willing to help you find the answers needed. Often, seminars are offered to help as well.”

*Ruth B. Marlatt, Mayor, Village of Fayette*