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Region's Water Quality Management Plan Approved

In a process that started in 2009, the Areawide Water Quality Management Plan for our region has been completely reviewed by cooperating partners and has now been approved by the TMACOG Environmental Council and the Board of Trustees.

The Areawide Water Quality Management Plan (called the 208 Plan from that section of the Clean Water Act) is our region's agreement on how we will work together to meet the goals of the Clean Water Act. The plan describes responsibilities and covers agreements about how we will build and maintain sewers and water treatment facilities, and how to manage septic systems and sewage problems. Our region's 208 Plan covers Lucas, Ottawa, Sandusky, and Wood counties in Ohio; and Bedford, Erie, and Whiteford townships of Monroe County, Michigan.

Important updates on this current revision affect sewerage responsibilities and how we will manage septic systems. The current plan can be see at:
http://www.tmacog.org/Environment/208currentplan/208WaterManPlan_A.htm

The plan is updated frequently when communities plan for development, or when municipalities join together to build a sewer system. A plan that everyone agrees with is particularly important in Ohio because the Director of the Ohio EPA must deny permits that conflict with the plan.

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