

# Water Quality Planning

TMACOG's Water Quality department addresses issues impacting waterways in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan, comprising a large portion of the Western Lake Erie Basin. For nearly 40 years, TMACOG has been deeply involved in non-partisan problem-solving efforts to protect and improve our region's water quality. TMACOG members and staff have been part of the process that has led to the steady recovery of our local waterways: from dredging of dangerous chemicals, to dam removal to improve fish habitat, to identifying opportunities for habitat restoration and green infrastructure.

## Water Quality Committees

- **Wastewater Committee**  
Recommends positions on wastewater issues and policies for effective and efficient sanitary sewerage systems. Provides professional training for wastewater system operators. This committee leads development of the Areawide Water Quality Management Plan.
- **Stormwater Coalition**  
A forum for local governments to address drainage, erosion, stormwater pollution, and stormwater management regulations on a cooperative, watershed basis.
- **Watersheds Committee**  
Investigates and addresses water quality issues and policies to improve and protect water quality in our region and Lake Erie.
- **Public Water Supply Committee**  
Recommends positions on public water supply issues and policies to provide the region with safe, abundant, and reliable water for residential and business use. Provides professional training for water quality operators.
- **Regional Water Planning Committee**  
A forum for elected officials to examine regional water systems, including issues of interconnectivity, redundancy, storage, and sustainability.

## Water Quality Council

The policy-making council that approves and supports the work of the water quality committees.

