



# Ohio EPA Maumee RAP Coordinator's Report

Maumee AOC Fall/Winter Summit December 5, 2013





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# Ohio EPA Activities & Projects

- Ohio's Restoration Targets
- Bullhead sampling
- GLLA sampling
- Silver /Shantee/Halfway
- TMDL studies
- Maumee DMDS







# **Ohio's Delisting Guidance and Restoration Targets**

- Ohio EPA has been working to update targets since 2011
- Update was needed to make Ohio's targets more measurable as well as current with Ohio standards
- Currently, completing internal agency review
- Then, Ohio EPA will host a webinar for local RAP leaders and welcome questions on the targets
- Expect to release final targets in early 2014





# Ohio EPA BUI #4 Evaluation Project

- Sampling completed in June
- Expect liver analytical data late winter/early spring

### **US EPA GLLA Sediment Site Characterization**

- Maumee River Phase 2
  - Sampling completed in June
    - US EPA Mudpuppy sampled River
    - · Ohio EPA staff sampled Cullen Park embayment
  - Expect results this winter, Report late spring/summer
- Swan Creek Part 2
  - Site expanded due to findings of first study
  - Conducted site recon of expanded area in August
  - Sampling is anticipated in Summer 2014





# US EPA Halfway, Silver, & Shantee Creeks Analysis

- Ottawa River Assessment noted contaminated sediment issues in Silver, Shantee and Halfway Creeks
- US EPA Division of Water had money for toxic pollution (priority pollutants, pesticides) evaluation
- 5 of 5 consultants bid on job; Expect to start in early 2014
- Project Objectives:
  - Investigate possible ongoing sources of contamination and locations of historical contamination;
  - Delineate critical areas to be remediated; and
  - Research and then report on options to address the known toxics and critical areas, using local input and expertise
- Maumee RAP will be able to use results to determine possible projects for BU restoration





# Maumee River (mainstem only) TMDL

- Expect TSD by mid-2014
- TMDL underway using contractor provided by U.S. EPA
- TMDL expected to address:
  - minor aquatic life use impairment (nutrients)
  - public drinking water supply use impairment (nitrates)

### TenMile Creek/Ottawa River TMDL

- Expect TSD by mid-2014
- TMDL underway
- TMDL expected to address nutrients, sediment, bacteria





- The Maumee DMDS is envisioned to be a comprehensive, interactive, mapping, searchable, web-based tool that will provide community-wide support for one-stop-shop watershed planning for all the Maumee AOC watersheds.
- The DMDS web site was envisioned to have three modules, now has four:
  - Resource Library (library of reports, analytical data, maps, downloadable information, etc.)
  - Assessment & Mapping (map/chart/graph information via comparisons/cumulative/illustrative) – SPLIT INTO TWO MODULES
    - · Charts & Data
    - Beneficial Use Impairments (status tracking of BUIs, targets, etc.)
  - Projects (information on projects, funding, locations, etc.)





### So far . . .

- February: PCS awarded grant to develop system
- April-May: RFP, proposals, interviews, contractor selection
- Late June: Project kickoff
- July: Design development
- August: Framework development
- Sept.-Oct.: Home and Projects modules design
- Nov.-Jan.: Charts & Data and Library modules design





### Over the next few months . . .

# Projects Module:

- Populate system with existing information such as:
  - Stage 2 Report (2006)
  - TNC Habitat Database (2013)
- Update/complete existing project information
- Add new Project information

# Resource Library Module:

- Design and develop module
- Gather reports, fact sheets, GIS files, static maps, etc.
  - This information will also be populated with any uploaded information from the Projects





### Over the next few months . . .

### • Charts and Data Module:

- Design and develop module
- Determine which analytical data sets will be dynamic & which static

#### BUI Module:

- Design and develop module to determine status of each BUI by assessment unit (creation of status entry forms, formulas, extraction of analytical data)
- Add final BUI Targets and Rationale

### Overall Administration:

- Design and develop Administrative functions
  - Register users creation, login procedures, vetting of information protocol, endorsement of projects process





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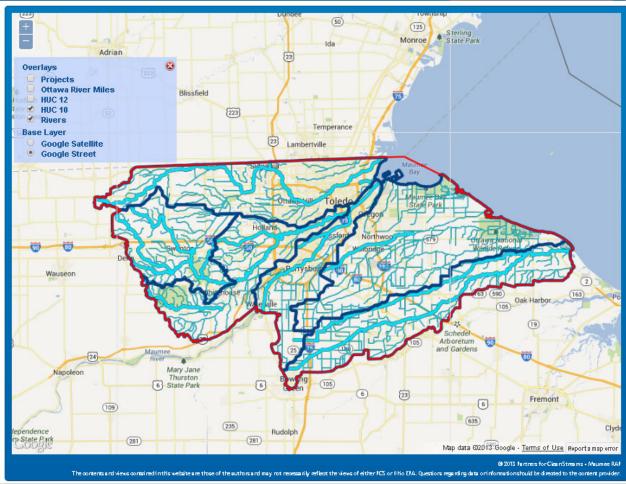
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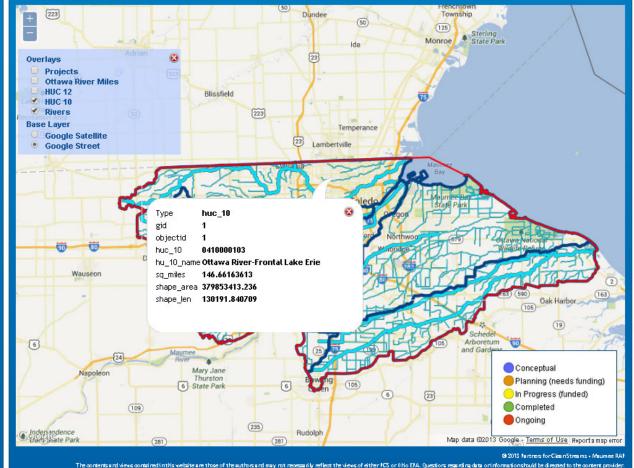
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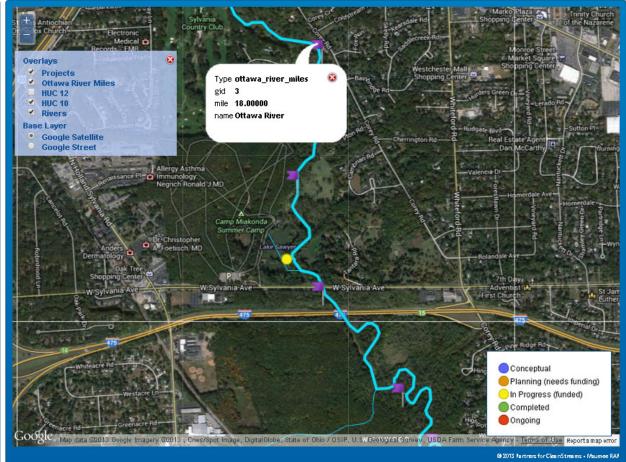
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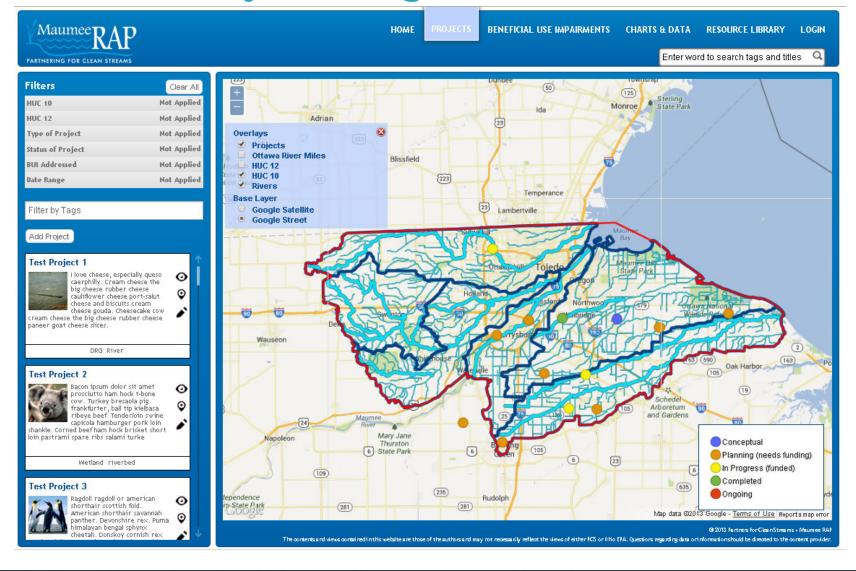


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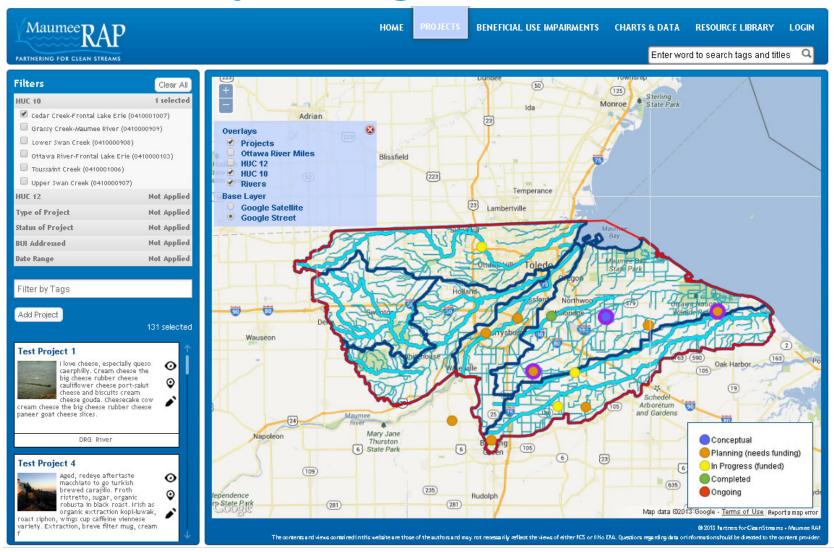
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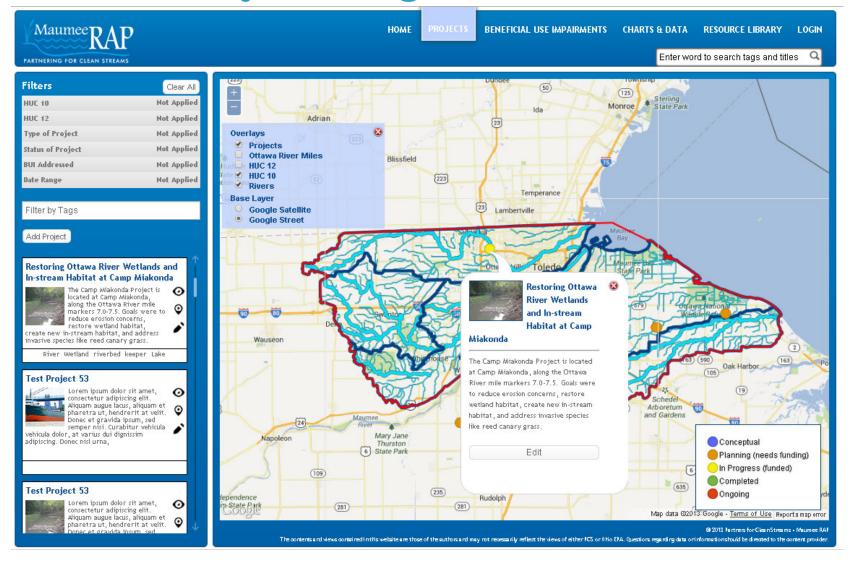
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# **DMDS - Project Info Page**



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Filter by Tags

#### Add Project

#### Restoring Ottawa River Wetlands and In-stream Habitat at Camp Miakonda



0 located at Camp Miakonda, along the Ottawa River mile markers 7.0-7.5. Goals were to reduce erosion concerns. restore wetland habitat, create new in-stream habitat, and address

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#### Description

Partners for Clean Streams (PCS), the Maumee RAP's non-profit, was awarded a \$1.36 million Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) grant to restore stream habitat, reduce erosion, enhance wetlands, and improve upland habitat along the upper Ottawa River. After years of planning and preparation, including surveying, modeling, and design in cooperation with the US Army Corps of Engineers, the Request for Proposals was released in July 2012 the project was constructed in the fall of 2012.

**HUC 10** 

► Ottawa River-Frontal Lake Erie (0410000103)

**HUC 12** 

► Heldman Ditch-Ottawa River (041000010307)

Goals

- ▶ Address erosion occurring along 1200 linear feet of bank along the Ottawa
- ▶ Restore at most 10 acres of wetlands.

**BUIs Addressed** 

- > 3: Degradation on fish and wildlife populations
- ▶ 6: Degradation of benthos
  ▶ 14: Loss of fish and willdlife habitat

Start Date

01-01-2011



#### Type of Project

- ▶ Construction
- ▶ Education
- ▶ Outreach
- ▶ Stream/Riparian
- ▶ Upland/Terrestrial
- ► Invasive Species

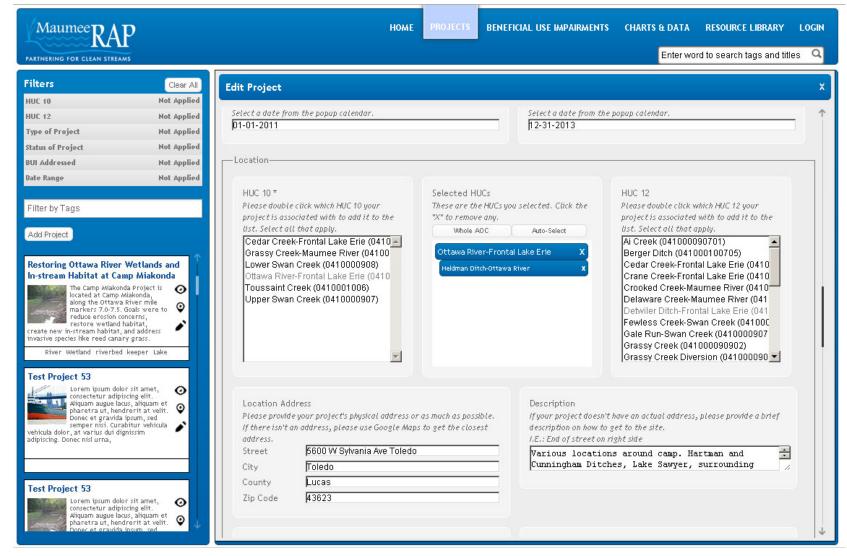
#### HUC 10/Watershed

▶ Ottawa River-Frontal Lake Erie (0410000103)





# DMDS - Project Entry Form







# What you can do . . .

#### O NOW:

- Create Registered User account (user name, password, hint)
- Some portions of the registration are still in development, but please go ahead and create a user log in
- Most of the site is currently locked and not available
- We will be assigning "owners" to already entered projects
- A User Account is necessary to enter or edit information in the DMDS but not to visit and use the site

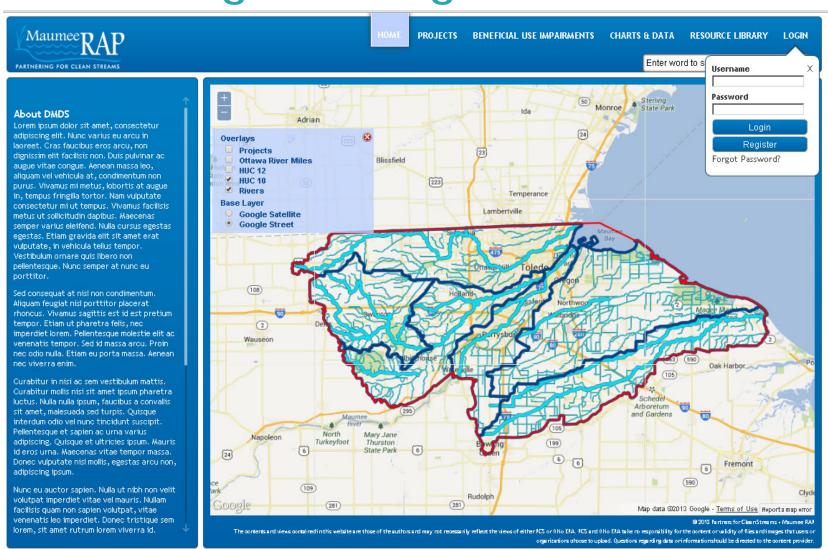
### IN JANUARY:

- The Projects Module will be unlocked
- Log in with already created username and password
- Edit information for already entered projects you "own"
- Add and edit your "new" projects





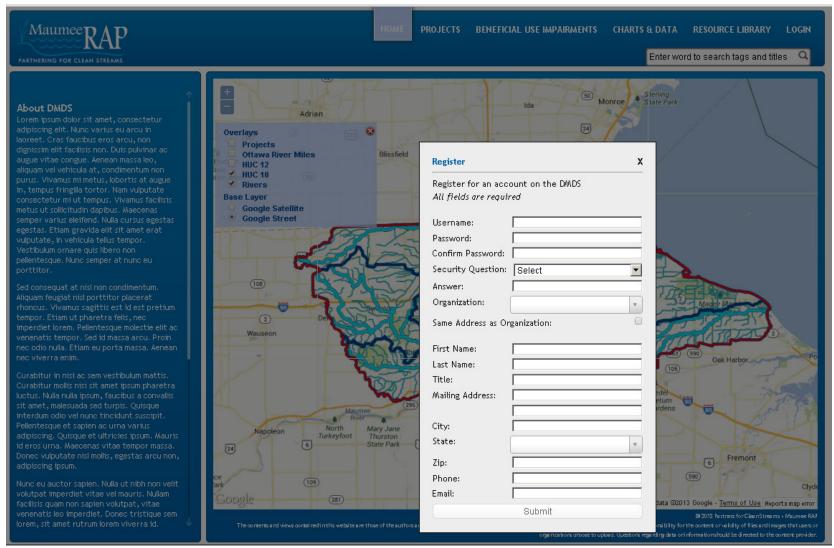
# DMDS - Register or Log in







# **DMDS - Registration**







## Things to REMEMBER . . .

- What should be added to DMDS
  - Any project that might be needed to restore our area's ecosystem
  - Current project emphasis is focused on BUIs removal
  - <u>IMPORTANT</u> Anything uploaded to the DMDS is available for public review. Confidential or otherwise non-public information should not be uploaded.
- URL for the DMDS site:

http://pcs.eyesonthewater.org/





# Need support for the DMDS . . .

- Re-establishment of Maumee RAP Advisory Committee
  - Created to:
    - Guide what is needed and where it should be done based on the outputs from the DMDS tool
    - Vet information submitted into the DMDS
    - Provide endorsement of projects that are priority projects for the Maumee AOC
  - Project Advisory Team (PAT)
  - Science Advisory Team (SAT)
  - Introductory Informational meeting week of Dec. 16
  - If interested in serving contact Cherie or Patrick





# **Questions?**

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