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The scope calls for NEFCO, with input from the Nimishillen Creek Watershed Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), to select ten sites on Nimishillen Creek and tributaries for macroinvertebrate surveying using the sampling methodology described in the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' *A Guide to Volunteer Stream Quality Monitoring*, under its Ohio Scenic Rivers Program .

NEFCO will, with the assistance of the TAC, continue the process of identifying potential solutions to problems, and possible goals and objectives to implement solutions. The previous NEFCO Nimishillen Creek Watershed Management Plan - Phase I (July, 1999) report will be used as a basis to re-evaluate pollutants, problems, sources, and to formulate a goal statement. The TAC will refine the goals and objectives to address the problems, priorities, time frames, task recommendations, funding sources, and an evaluation scheme. NEFCO will also undertake a preliminary feasibility analyses of the goals and objectives. NEFCO will produce a watershed profile for the Nimishillen Creek watershed.

To facilitate the effective application of the knowledge gained and recommendations of best management practices, NEFCO will convene a Nimishillen Creek Watershed Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to provide input into the development of the Strategic Action Plan. The TAC will meet two times formally to review the products of the project. It is felt that resources and expertise that are available through a variety of agencies will create a synergistic success for this project. The TAC includes representation from the: Stark County Health Department, Stark Soil and Water Conservation District, Ohio EPA, Ohio DNR, Stark County Regional Planning Commission, Stark County Sanitary Engineers, elected officials, and interested citizens. The final step would be a compilation of all the component products into a final report: The Nimishillen Creek Action Plan - Phase III.

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