

**Revisions Made to the *Nimishillen Creek Watershed - State Action Plan*
January 31, 2007**

Below is a summary of the fourteen changes and additions made to the *Nimishillen Creek Watershed – State Action Plan* based on comments received from the initial State Endorsement review. All other portions of the Action Plan have remained unchanged since the being submitted to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for State Endorsement on June 28, 2006.

1. Comment: Add groundwater pollution potential information.

Action: Added DRASTIC groundwater information (pg. 34) and map (Figure II-12) to the Inventory Section. Added the reference Groundwater Pollution Potential of Stark County report to the references cited (Appendix J). The Table of Contents has been amended to include the figure and information under the groundwater section of the Inventory.

2. Comment: Add Nimishillen Creek Watershed Partners member list.

Action: The following two sentences were added to the Nimishillen Creek Watershed Partners section (pg. 3) in the Introduction:

The Nimishillen Creek Watershed Partners' officers are listed below, but a general list of the Partners members are not listed due to privacy concerns. Contact the Watershed Partners Secretary for more membership information.

3. Comment: Contact local agricultural professionals and try to get their best professional judgment regarding grazing practices in the watershed.

Action: Text about grazing was added (pg. 46) to the Livestock Inventory text found in the Agriculture section of the Plan's Inventory. The Table of Content was modified and a personal communication reference (Andy Bayham, NRCS) was added to the references cited.

4. Comment: Contact the Ohio Farm Bureau and local agriculture professionals about irrigation in the watershed.

Action: An Irrigation section was added under the Agriculture information to include information from the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation and Jan Lukens (pg. 45). The Table of Contents was amended to reflect the new section and two personal references were added to References Cited.

5. Comment: Add information about seeking local endorsement of the plan by local government jurisdictions.

Action: A statement was added to the Introduction section under Development of the Action Plan stating that the NEFCO General Policy Board has endorsed the plan, the Nimishillen Creek Watershed Partners will endorse the plan after State endorsement, and the Watershed Partners and the Watershed Coordinator will solicit endorsement from local entities after State endorsement (pg. 4).

6. Comment: Look for additional protected lands in the watershed.

Action: Added Table II-6 and text to the Protected Lands (pg. 42-23) section found in the Inventory. Lands included in Table II-6 were not previously listed in the last version of the Action Plan. The Table of Contents was updated to include the new table.

7. Comment: Add text to encourage the study of small stream connectivity to the floodplain and a survey of the riparian levees along Nimishillen Creek.

Action: Added text recommending that the upcoming U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's hydrologic study in Stark County include information on floodplain connectivity and a riparian levee inventory (pg. 56).

8. Comment: Add lake information to the Action Plan.

Action: Added information about lakes to the Surface Water section of the Inventory (pg. 25-26). Also included a lake information table in Appendix E (pg. 237) that contains the lake name, size, type, subwatershed location, jurisdiction located, and if it's a public or private lake. The Table of Contents was updated to reflex these changes.

9. Comment: Complete a "quick" entrenchment assessment of Nimishillen Creek and its primary tributaries.

Action: Text, Tables II-16 & II-17, and Figure II-16 were added to the Entrenched Miles, Bankfull Discharge, and Stream Power section (pg. 56-59) of the Inventory. The Table of Contents and References Cited were updated to include the new information added to the plan

10. Comment: Include spills information in the Action Plan.

Action: Spills information from Ohio EPA was added to the Water Quality Issues section (pg. 70) under Potential Contamination Sources. The information includes text, Figure IV-3, and a table with spills information in Appendix H. The Table of Contents and References Cited sections were also updated to reflect these additions.

11. Comment: Include, if possible, a schedule of road and bridge construction in the watershed.

Action: Road construction information from the Stark County Engineers Office was added to the Impervious section in the Inventory in the form of text and Table II-5 (pg. 40-41). References Cited and Table of Contents were also updated accordingly.

12. Comment: Add new home construction data to the Action Plan.

Action: Added new housing statistics from the Building Industry Association to the Land Use Status and Trends section (pg. 38-40) in the Plan's Inventory. The reference to the BIA information was added to the References Cited.

13. Comment: Produce a large map of the watershed to help readers orientate themselves with the watershed.

Action: A large map and summary maps have been created to be included with the printed copies of the Action Plan. An electronic version of the poster will also be available for download from NEFCO.

14. Comment: Make the June 26, 2006, response letter as an appendix item.

Action: The response letter from the Watershed Coordinator was added to the report as Appendix I (pg. 253).

If you have questions regarding any of the changes outlined above, please contact Eric Akin, the Upper Tuscarawas Watershed Coordinator.