

May 10, 2000

Franklin Township Trustees
5611 Manchester Road
Akron, OH 44319

Dear Trustees:

As part of our ongoing work on the Upper Tuscarawas River Watershed, NEFCO is scheduling meetings this month with local officials, from communities within the watershed, to discuss our Watershed Action Plan. Our intention is that, through discussion, it will be possible to identify key elements from the Plan that can be feasibly implemented at the local level. Local input is crucial for determining what actions would be most beneficial and feasible.

I have enclosed a draft copy of the Upper Tuscarawas River Watershed Action Plan and a draft of the associated Cost Analysis for your review. I have also included the Executive Summary of the full Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (CWMP) - Phase I (July, 1999) which was previously sent to Franklin Township. You may find it helpful to review the full report as well. After looking through these documents, please consider what actions you feel would be most beneficial to implement in your Township. For example, you might consider those actions which revolve around construction or Home Sewage Disposal Systems (HSDS) to be most relevant. The Action Plan contains possible funding sources. Of course, implementing a given action is contingent upon the availability of resources. After developing potential strategies for Franklin Township, it will then be possible to further investigate funding opportunities.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Zangwill
Environmental Planner

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Enclosures