



Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission

**AREAWIDE
WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE
POLICY**

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Purpose

In keeping with the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission's role as Designated Water Quality Planning Agency in its five-county Region, the purpose of the Areawide Water Quality Management Structure is to provide a mechanism through which all local governments, agencies, organizations, and individuals in the Region can offer input to MVRPC's Areawide Water Quality Management Plan (AWQMP), collectively address pertinent water resource issues, and coordinate their respective activities in order to further the Region's water quality goals.

Committee Structure

The Committees composing the Management Structure shall serve as forums for input, education, and guidance on water resource issues within MVRPC's five basin planning areas: Upper Great Miami; Lower Great Miami; Little Miami; Stillwater; and Twin Creek. The basin-regional management structure shall consist of the following:

- The Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) Board of Directors;
- The Great Miami Watershed Network;
- The Little Miami Basin Council; and
- The Areawide Facility Planning Subcommittee (AFPSC);

Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission Board of Directors

The MVRPC Board of Directors shall:

- Have the power to adopt the Areawide Water Quality Management (AWQM) Plan and amendments thereto;
- Have the power of approval over facilities plans and other Federally- and/or State-funded implementation plans in relationship to the AWQM Plan and amendments thereto; and
- Assist MVRPC staff in establishing Areawide Water Quality Management Planning review and approval policies.

Great Miami Watershed Network and Little Miami Basin Council

The Great Miami Watershed Network and Little Miami Basin Council shall serve as forums for identifying, prioritizing, and addressing water quality issues of local and regional concern, coordinating water quality management activities within their respective watersheds, and communicating concerns to MVRPC. The Great Miami Watershed Network will be jointly coordinated by Miami Conservancy District and MVRPC. The Little Miami Basin Council will be coordinated by MVRPC.

Participation / Representation

The MCD/MVRPC Great Miami Watershed Network will seek participation from relevant local governments, agencies, organizations, and individuals throughout the entire Great Miami watershed, including MVRPC's Twin Creek, Stillwater, Upper Great and Lower Great Miami basin planning areas. The Little Miami Basin Council shall seek participation relevant local governments, agencies, organizations, and individuals in the Little Miami River basin planning area of the MVRPC Region.

Meetings

The meeting schedules of the Great Miami Watershed Network and the Little Miami Basin Council shall be determined by the participants and the staffs of the Miami Conservancy District and Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission, as appropriate.

Areawide Facility Planning Subcommittee

The Areawide Facility Planning Subcommittee (AFPSC) will serve to offer on-going guidance and input on the wastewater treatment facility planning aspects of MVRPC's 208 Areawide Water Quality Management Plan. It shall serve as MVRPC's primary mechanism for reviewing and gathering input on Facility Plans and Facility Planning Area update proposals. Input gathered will be forwarded to the MVRPC Technical Advisory Committee for its information and any additional input and finally to the MVRPC Board for final review and action.

The AFPSC will have the following responsibilities:

- Assist MVRPC in establishing Facility Plan/Planning Area Update review and approval criteria; and
- Review and offer input on Facility Plan/Planning Area Update proposals.

Participation / Representation

Membership on the AFPSC shall consist of the combined participants of the Great Miami Network located within MVRPC's water quality planning area (Darke, Miami, Montgomery and Preble Counties) and the Little Miami Basin Council (Greene County) that also represent interests from within MVRPC's five-county Region. These participants represent a wide spectrum of water-quality interests, including, but not limited to, local jurisdictions, wastewater treatment providers, watershed protection programs, Soil and Water Conservations Districts, and Health Districts.

Officers

The officers of the AFPSC shall consist of a chair and a vice-chair. The chair and vice-chair will be selected by the members of the Subcommittee. Officers will be elected or re-elected annually.

Meetings

The AFPSC meetings shall be scheduled as often as deemed necessary by MVRPC when relevant issues arise. Whenever possible meetings will be planned to coincide with regular meetings times (either before or after) of the Great Miami Network in order to maximize participation. Prior written and/or electronic notice of all meetings of the AFPSC will be transmitted to all potential participants.