



Partners
for
Clean
Streams

2013 ANNUAL REPORT

PARTNERSHIP 2013



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“My involvement with PCS is motivated by the goal of promoting the essential role of rivers and streams in our communities and how to best involve and engage the public in experiencing and working to preserve and enhance these critical ecosystems.”

– Patrick Lawrence, President of Board of Directors

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As Executive Director of Partners for Clean Streams, it's my pleasure to personally thank you for all your support again this year. Throughout the year, we have focused on partnerships and recognize how they permeate everything we do. I can think of a few examples and you'll see more throughout this annual report.

This year, through our \$800,000 NOAA grant and coordination, the Maumee Corps employed 29 more people, restoring native habitat in the region, putting more boots on the ground and providing more jobs in the field. This investment will pay off for years to come. But the Maumee Corps could not have been possible without partnerships with The Nature Conservancy, Metroparks of the Toledo Area, The Olander Park System and The University of Toledo.

Clean Your Streams Day has always exemplified partnerships, and this year we had new partners step into leadership. Two new Coordinators, Bill Buri and Matt Beil (with Hull and Associates), took on running kickoff locations this year. Our University of Toledo partnership also expanded to include leadership and cleanups along Swan Creek at the UTMC campus. Bridgestone-Firestone and Willig Tires recycled our tires from CYS17 and provided re-usable water bottles.

Another blossoming partnership is with Bass Pro Shops, a perfect fit for us. Bass Pro Shops helped us raise awareness of derelict fishing line and lead in the Maumee River through our Get the Lead Out program and donated items for prizes. And I can't forget to mention that eight jurisdictions participated in Storm Drain Marking hosting almost one hundred volunteers. Or that a group of area professionals taught and engaged kids in the 11th Annual Patch Day Workshop.

Our partnership with the Boy Scouts continues as restoration work at Camp Miakonda continues to grow and thrive. Staff spent this year monitoring and tweaking the success of the Restoring Ottawa River Wetlands and In-stream Habitat at Camp Miakonda project. With the habitat restoration construction completed last year, this year we watched plant and animal diversity increase, bank erosion decrease, lake use increase and educational opportunities blossom. I'm extremely excited to see the ecosystems continue to improve.

These are remarkable examples of how individuals, businesses, governmental agencies and other organizations work together to protect our rivers. PCS is proud to be at the helm, but without these wonderful partnerships, we couldn't thrive. It is your constant support that makes Partners for Clean Streams' work a success. You keep the rivers that connect us clean, clear and safe. The staff, the board, and I couldn't be more grateful for that partnership.

Sincerely,



Kristina Patterson,
Executive Director



All the work we do supports clean, clear and safe water, while many projects also support more specific initiatives. As you read through the report, look for the Maumee RAP logo to see which of our programs support the specific goals of the Maumee RAP.



CLEAN YOUR STREAMS

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Saturday, September 21, 2013

Partners for Clean Streams and our community partners hosted the 17th Annual Clean Your Streams Day on Saturday, September 21, 2013. That day, 941 volunteers became Partners for cleaner rivers by removing 16,366 pounds of trash from the banks of our extraordinary rivers in and around Toledo. Clean Your Streams volunteers began their day by signing in at one of seven kickoff locations and spreading out to large and small rivers at one of 57 cleanup sites. Once at the site, they removed trash and recorded what they found on data cards for reporting to the International Coastal Cleanup and to Ohio's Coastweeks program. After a few hours of picking up trash, volunteers gathered for the Appreciation Picnic to celebrate their achievements in improving local waterways with early results, t-shirts, lunch, and friendly Group Challenges.

Clean Your Streams is the largest cleanup in Ohio's Coastweeks program and the impact can be measured by the amount of trash that was removed in each of these local watersheds: Ottawa River (6,516lbs), Swan Creek (4,185lbs), Maumee River (3,335lbs), and Maumee Bay tributaries (2,330lbs). Our 941 Clean Your Streams volunteers, and the trash they removed, was counted with the other cleanups

worldwide in the 28th International Coastal Cleanup effort. As part of the 2012 International Coastal Cleanup, 561,633 volunteers removed over 10 million pounds of trash from shorelines/waterways in 90 countries. This demonstrates how our local success contributes to a larger global picture.

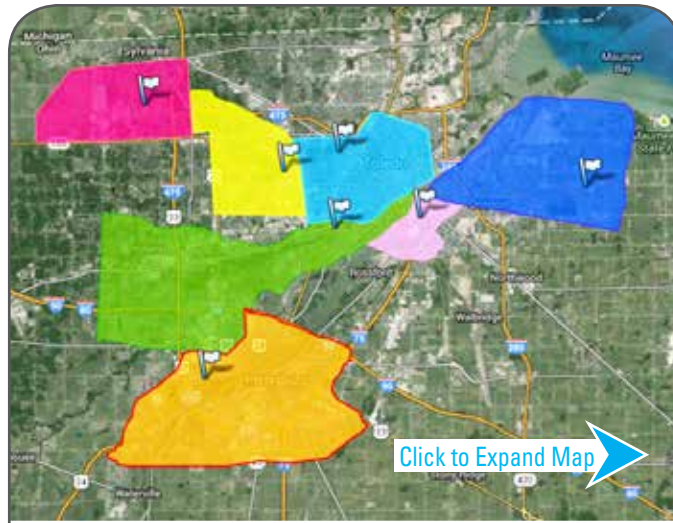
Peculiar Items Found- Hair weave, sewing machine, boat anchor, bait worm containers (40), sled, butter knife, rubber duck, dream catcher, EKG pad, cash register, hockey stick, light saber, TV(2), suitcase, circuit board, air hockey paddle, shot gun shells, wedding veil, Easter egg, car seat

- 941 volunteers participated
- 16,366 pounds of trash removed (approx. the weight of 9 VW bugs)
- 914 trash bags and 96.5 tires.

Our Top 10 Items Found (#of items)



Photo by: The Shutter Monkeys



Total Number of Participants and Sites In Toledo & Surrounding Area

Highland Park Kickoff	47 volunteers
International Park Kickoff	40 volunteers
Sidecut Metropark Kickoff	154 volunteers
Oregon Municipal Kickoff	151 volunteers
Olander Park Kickoff	126 volunteers
University of Toledo Kickoff	284 volunteers
Monroe St. UMC Kickoff	119 volunteers
Other CYS volunteers	20 volunteers
Total	941 volunteers



33 MILES

38 MILES

PERRYSBURG

Cleaned 57 sites, 33 miles of stream, and river banks in 3 watersheds

33 miles is approximately the driving distance from Perrysburg to Findlay

FINDLAY

CLEAN YOUR STREAMS cont'

Challenge Winners

Twenty groups, from Boy Scout troops to large corporations, came together as teams and challenged themselves to improve their community. Here are the results.

Youth Challenge

Battle of the Bags (number of total bags collected per team)..... **Toledo ZOO Teens**

Awesome Effort (number of bags per person on team) **Toledo ZOO Teens**

Most Volunteers (number of total volunteers on team)..... **YWCA Teen Outreach Program**

Collegiate Challenge

Battle of the Bags (number of total bags collected per team)..... **UT Habitat for Humanity**

Awesome Effort (number of bags per person on team) **UT Theta Tau**

Most Volunteers (number of total volunteers on team)..... **UT Habitat for Humanity**

Corporate Challenge

Most Volunteers (number of total volunteers on team)..... **First Solar**

Organization Challenge

Most Volunteers (number of total volunteers on team)..... **Ohio EPA Northwest District Office**



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Photo by: Patrick Lawrence



Photo by: Matt Horvat

CLEAN STREAMS PARTNER AWARD

Cherie Blair has been the Maumee Remedial Action Plan Coordinator for Ohio EPA since 1996. She was the first Maumee RAP Coordinator, working in the district office for Ohio EPA and living in the Area of Concern. Prior to that she worked at the Ohio Lake Erie Commission and helped start the Coastweeks program and the Lake Erie license plate program. She received her undergraduate degree from Adrian College, but her passion for water began as a child. Cherie grew up on Lake Erie, literally, commuting between Marblehead and Kelley's Island.

With her passion for the area and for water, she continuously goes above and beyond the basic fundamentals of her job by volunteering time in evenings and weekends. She tirelessly works to disseminate information to help groups plan strategically and to leverage more resources for improving water quality in the region. She has become a central pivot point in the work being done by the many partners including businesses, government and non-profit agencies working toward fishable and swimmable waters.

Cherie received the Clean Streams Partner Award because of her countless hours and dedication for the work she does with Partners for Clean Streams and for the Maumee AOC, which goes way beyond her job description as Maumee RAP Coordinator for Ohio EPA.

CAMP MIAKONDA



During 2013, we worked on the wrapping up stages of the “Restoring Ottawa River Wetlands and In-stream Habitat at Camp Miakonda” Project. The site had additional erosion control structures implemented, spring plantings, various educational workshops, class field trips and more. Beyond that, many people have noticed new plants and animals coming back, less erosion on the bank, and increased access to the river and lake. These are great improvements and we look forward to monitoring much more.

Moving forward, the goals for the project include not only assessing and monitoring the successes at Camp, but also developing new educational opportunities for Scouts and other visitors. Since restoration occurred, thousands of people have hiked, learned and fished around the lake, explored the river, and enjoyed the wildlife year round. These activities will continue in the coming years, further illustrating that the main goals of the restoration project are being achieved for those who work, live and play at Camp Miakonda.

Over
26,000
native plants established - not including seed



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RESTORATION FACTS

\$1.35 Million Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) grant from US EPA

In 2012, intense restoration occurred at Camp Miakonda on the Ottawa River and Lake Sawyer with a \$1.3 million Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant from U.S. EPA. During the two months of construction, the Ottawa River received more than 650 feet of bank protection and in-stream structures to help prevent erosion occurring at high-flow events. As part of the project, the north tributary, Hartman Ditch was rerouted back into Lake Sawyer to increase flow into Lake Sawyer. Cunningham Ditch, the southern tributary, was reopened (it had been underground in a pipe) and became an outdoor classroom for stream ecology. Nearly 10,000 cubic yards were excavated from Lake Sawyer, reaching the original depth in multiple areas, increasing fish habitat. Working together, the new features of Lake Sawyer should dramatically decrease sedimentation occurring in Lake Sawyer, reduce erosion on the Ottawa River, and provide high quality habitat for desirable fish and other macro invertebrates.



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The restoration project included:

- Reducing erosion in Ottawa River
- Increasing in-stream habitat for fish and macro invertebrates
- Increasing diversity of in-water habitat for Lake Sawyer, allowing fish to winter over and allowing more active use of Lake Sawyer by Scouts
- Removing nearly 10,000 cubic yards of sediment excavated from Lake Sawyer or over 1,200 dump truck loads
- Installing than 650 feet of erosion control structures in the Ottawa River
- Creating or improving just under 4 acres of wetlands

“The stream and habitat restoration project that Partners for Clean Streams successfully led has impacted more than 20,000 people who annually use Camp Miakonda. Young Boy Scouts have been able to fish, hike, and otherwise explore camp in a manor not seen by our users in many years. Anyone who comes to camp will be exposed to our revitalized Lake Sawyer, protected stream banks and restored wetlands. We truly value our relationship with Partners for Clean Streams!”

Matthew Reineck, Program Director, Erie Shores Council, Boy Scouts of America



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MAUMEE CORPS

The Maumee Corps project began by receiving a grant from the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in late 2011, with on the ground work beginning in early 2013. Since then, it has exceeded our expectations. Partnerships with the Metroparks of the Toledo Area, The Nature Conservancy, The University of Toledo, and The Olander Park System allowed us to create 30% more full-time, seasonal, and/or part-time jobs than we anticipated, all focusing on habitat restoration in the region. This crew of 29 has worked on over 1,400 acres, doing invasive plant species removal, native planting, and preparing for prescribed burning – putting us well ahead of our scheduled goals.

Crews worked well into late fall and plan to continue working in most of 2014. There is much more habitat restoration on deck for our partners, and we're only half-way through the project. The Maumee Corps wouldn't be the success it already is without the outstanding leadership and cooperation with our partners. Together, we're shaping this project to be one of the most visible, on-the-ground cases for cooperation in the Maumee Area of Concern.

Along with the people working for the Metroparks of the Toledo Area and The Nature Conservancy, Partners for Clean Streams hired 8 seasonal interns for the Maumee Corps project. Their focus was on invasive species management. They worked at The Olander Park System, The University of Toledo and the Boy Scouts of America's Camp Miakonda pulling plants, herbicide application, plant surveying, seed collecting, and many more invasive species techniques. They energetically worked throughout the summer and into the fall. In addition to simply removing plants, the interns learned valuable techniques and skills they can apply in future jobs that can be of value to the region.

“ I believe that what we are doing is truly going to help the Maumee AOC and hopefully lead way for other projects... ” “ I am grateful for the opportunity to be doing this work. ”
– Josh Jackson



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FACTS [Click for more Information](#) !



- \$800,000 grant through NOAA to revitalize the area's economy and improve natural habitat areas
- Project partners include the Metroparks of the Toledo Area, The Nature Conservancy, The University of Toledo, The Olander Park System, and NOAA
- 29 employed full-time and seasonal/ part time jobs
- Addressed over 1,400 acres of invasive plant species treatment & removal, native planting, and preparing for prescribed burning in order to restore floodplain forests, wet prairies and habitat along streams
- Work started in early 2013 and continued into late fall of 2013. PCS interns spent the summer improving the Ottawa River at The University of Toledo, The Olander Park System, and Camp Miakonda
- These restoration projects help restore the globally rare habitat in the Oak Openings Region and other areas in the Swan Creek and Ottawa River watersheds



Photos by: Larry Stall

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Photo by: Michael Losey

“ The Maumee Corps, GLRI grant gave me the opportunity to not only gain experience working with the land management crew at the Toledo Metroparks, but it allowed me to practice the restoration techniques I learned in my college classes as well. This experience inspired me to further my career goals in the restoration field. ”
– Paige Arnold, Metroparks of the Toledo Area

“We get the lead out of rivers and people into them.”

Photo by: The Shutter Monkeys



GLO (Get the Lead Out)

The walleye have been coming upstream in the Maumee River to spawn for thousands of years. Every year, thousands of anglers, from hundreds of miles around, come to a small stretch of the Maumee River for the best walleye fishing in the world. When this happens, the anglers, often inadvertently, leave hooks, line and sinkers caught in trees, grasses, snagged on rocks and littering the river bed. As the spring waters recede, our dedicated volunteers take action to protect the river, wildlife, and people by removing these potentially harmful materials.

The volunteers have been doing this for 9 years, each year with renewed passion. This was the first year we teamed up with Bass Pro Shops to share our passion for protecting the Maumee River. In April, we had a “Walleye Run Table” where we passed out trash bags to anglers who returned with very full bags of trash that they collected while fishing for walleye in the Maumee River. Bass Pro Shops provided a small thank you gift to the anglers.

This summer, during 10 river outings, 83 volunteers collected huge amounts of fishing line and 40 pounds of lead sinkers. This is impressive considering how high river levels made it difficult to walk through the river much of the season. By removing the fishing line, hooks and lead, our volunteers created a cleaner and safer environment for people and wildlife.

Thank you to all the volunteers that made this season a success. We are currently looking for sponsors for our Get the Lead Out program to make long lasting impacts for years to come.

Get the Lead Out!

Cleaning fishing line, lead, & garbage from the Maumee River



Photos by: The Shutter Monkeys

- 39.7 pounds of lead were collected.
- 83 volunteers, totaling 179 volunteer hours.
- In 10 outings, volunteers covered 3 miles of the banks of the Maumee River between Perrysburg and Maumee.



Volunteers work to make the Maumee River clean and safe for people walking their dogs, playing with children in the water or simply taking pictures of scenery in local parks.

Photo by: The Shutter Monkeys



“Conservation is one of our main goals as a family and a business. Our intentions in joining forces with the Partners for Clean Streams is to combine efforts in practicing conservation on a local level. We want to get the community involved. Many hands make light work and with all our outdoor enthusiasts on board we can expect a dramatic change in the purity of our environment. We’re excited for this partnership and the direction we’re headed in the years to come.”

– Mandy Hertzfeld,
Special Events Coordinator, Bass Pro Shops



Your First Step to Becoming a Partner for Clean Streams is to Save This Page.

HOW TO BECOME A PARTNER

MARCH Youth Patch Day Workshop



This dynamic educational workshop is designed to empower children to take greater ownership of the local waterways. Through hands on activities, participants in grade K-5th learn about various water quality issues and what can be done to have a positive effect on them. Activities are designed to fulfill Boy and Girl Scout requirements for merit badge and the Maumee RAP Patch.

JUNE - AUGUST Get the Lead Out



This internationally recognized event is a great opportunity to make a clear difference for the Maumee River and the wildlife. Volunteers of all ages remove potentially harmful derelict fishing line, lead and lures and trash that have accumulated in and along the banks of the Maumee River after the spring fish runs. The program goes throughout the summer allowing for many public and private group outings. All collected lead and line is properly recycled or reused.

APRIL - SEPTEMBER Storm Drain Marking



As part of the Give Water a Hand Campaign, we connect municipalities, citizens and active volunteers to protect our drinking water. Volunteers mark storm drains with the phrase "Drains are for Rain, Flows to Waterway" and pass out educational flyers to homes in local neighborhoods. Citizens take action by protecting their storm drains from harmful pollutants that would otherwise go into local streams untreated.

SEPTEMBER Clean Your Streams



For our largest event, hundreds of volunteers of all ages, armed with gloves and bags, remove tons of trash from dozens of local stream banks all over the greater Toledo area. Every piece of trash is reported as part of the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup. After a morning of removing trash from stream banks, parks, and more, volunteers celebrate clean water with an Appreciation Picnic.

OTHER WAYS TO DO YOUR PART

Can't volunteer but want to make an impact?  Donate to support clean streams!



Scan QR code or visit <http://bit.ly/1h7UosA>

YOU CAN DO YOUR PART BY CONSERVING OR PROTECTING WATER AT HOME.

For more conservation ideas & tips, to volunteer, or for the most up-to-date event information, visit us at:

PartnersForCleanStreams.org

or call **419-874-0727**

“Clean, safe, natural habitats and waterways are at the heart of both Metroparks and Partners for Clean Streams. Working together for these common goals makes our partnership strong and allows us to collaborate on projects that benefit the entire region.”

Tim Scheiter, Metroparks of the Toledo Area



Photo by: The Shutter Monkeys

Photo by: Shawn Rienhart

Partners for Clean Streams Inc. is striving for abundant open space and a high quality natural environment; adequate floodwater storage capacities and flourishing wildlife; stakeholders who take local ownership in their resources; and rivers, streams and lakes that are clean, clear and safe.



Photo by: Tony Schmenk

SDM (Storm Drain Marking) Sunday April 27, 2013



What is the best way to spread the word about keeping storm drains clean and clear of trash and harmful things? Storm Drain Marking of course! Storm Drain Marking informs citizens that drains lead directly to the nearest ditch or stream without treatment and that we all need to be careful of what goes down the drains. This program partners jurisdictions, volunteers, and citizens together to [Give Water a Hand](#) by using storm drains properly. First, jurisdictions select local neighborhoods ideal for volunteers to mark storm drains. Volunteers then mark the selected storm drains and pass out educational door hangers to the residents. Ultimately citizens are empowered to make educated decisions on what to let go down the storm drain and into the rivers.

This year, 95 volunteers marked 369 storm drains as part of Global Youth Service Day. Volunteers worked in Waterville, Oregon, Rossford, Northwood, Ottawa Hills, Holland, Genoa and Sylvania. The participating groups ranged from college groups, to Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, to religious organizations. Storm Drain Marking is part of our bigger [Give Water a Hand](#) campaign raising awareness, educating citizens and providing practical “do’s and don’ts” to protect water quality. We are delighted at the success of this program and its far reaching impact.

FACTS

In conjunction with Global Youth Service Day, an international event

369 catch basins were stenciled

1,010 homes received educational door hangers

95 participants

8 Jurisdictions including Waterville, Oregon, Rossford, Northwood, Ottawa Hills, Holland, Genoa and Sylvania

 **DRAINS ARE FOR RAIN** 
FLOWS TO WATERWAY





PATCH DAY Sunday March 3, 2013

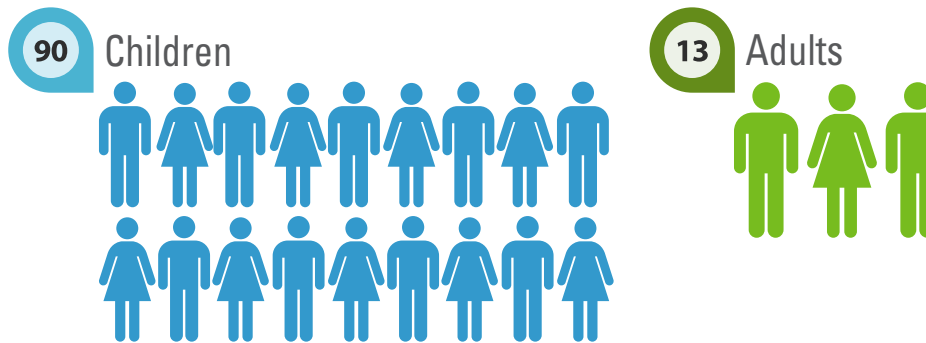
Congratulations to the 90 Scouts that learned all about water at our Youth Patch Day Workshop on Sunday, March 3rd. The group of energetic Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts in kindergarten through 5th grade earned the blue and white embroidered Partnering for Clean Streams Patch by participating in various water-related activities. Professionals who deal with water daily came to lead activities to teach children and their parents about how important water is in our daily lives. All of the sessions included hands on activities. The kids sang about rain gardens, made worm bins, learned about the water cycle and their local rivers

and explored how waste water is treated. They also learned about Storm Drain Marking and how to protect the water that enters the storm drain system. The event ended with a visualization of how little of the water on this planet is fresh water and how only a portion of the fresh water is drinkable. The participants of the Workshop are now better stewards of our precious water resources. Some of the participants were excited to come back next year. One parent commented "the kids loved it!" and another pointed out that "There was lots of information that the kids would not have otherwise come across." A huge thank you goes

out to all those who participated and all those who helped make this event possible. We look forward to next year's Workshop!

- Topics included various water conservation subjects, such as rain gardens, waste water treatment, water cycle, watersheds, and storm drains
- Each participant received a bag of take-home educational activities

PARTICIPATION



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AFFIRMATION OF BUILDING COMMUNITY

In addition to events and restoration projects, Partners for Clean Streams focuses on integrating and building community. We do this in many ways but one important piece of affirmation is the approval and winning grants such as these..

Winning the “Giving with a Purpose” Grant Award

In the fall of 2013, we won a competitive grant from a foundation called Learning by Giving. Learning by Giving is run by Buffet’s sister, Doris, with seed money from The Oracle himself. In the fall of 2013, PCS learned that we had been nominated for the national grant competition as part of a massive open on-line course (or MOOC), which is basically a term for a huge, on-line-only class. In this course, called Giving with a Purpose, over 10,000 course participants learned how to strategically invest money in a non-profit organization positioned to make a meaningful impact and likely to show mission-related results. It taught people not only to look for charities “close to your heart” but to also go through a rigorous research, evaluation and scoring matrix, much like a business or stock investment.

Seven hundred organizations were nominated by students and then subjected to a rigorous peer review process. The 80 highest performing organizations advanced to a finalist round and 40 were evaluated and selected by peers in the course, with the Foundation determining final grant amounts (which

varied). PCS received a \$1,000 grant and perhaps more importantly, the recognition as one of the few finalists that we are making a meaningful difference, are strong in our non-profit management, and are poised to achieve even more good in our community.

At PCS, we appreciate and carefully manage every donated dollar, leveraging every personal gift into thousands more in donated resources to make a difference in clear, clean, and safe waters here in Northwest Ohio. This national recognition is a welcome affirmation that PCS does make a strong impact, which is great news for anyone wanting to donate to a high impact, local non-profit.

For more information about the national Learning by Giving Foundation awards, please check out the [Results of World’s First MOOC on Effective Charitable Giving](#) and the [Giving with Purpose Infographic](#).



Winning a Toledo Community Foundation Grant

We’ve also been awarded a \$17,000 grant from the Stranahan Supporting Organization of the Toledo Community Foundation to support our stream cleanup programs next year. Our grant will purchase more permanent, re-usable supplies and materials, support staffing, expand our impact and involve more volunteers for our signature Clean Your Streams event. It will support our Outreach Coordinator’s ability to build and roll out expanded opportunities to remove lead and line in the Get the Lead Out program. Beyond those programs, this grant will expand our stream cleanup opportunities to reach even more groups and families throughout the year and clean river banks not cleaned during our large scale events. We are so grateful for this wonderful opportunity to expand our stream cleanup programs. Watch for exciting new opportunities in the near future to make a difference for clean, clear and safe water.

• Winning a technology grant of \$1,800 from The Norcross Wildlife Foundation allowed the purchase new ipads to be used for educational purposes.

DONATIONS & FUNDERS

Financial Snapshot

The financial snapshot included is not an audited report but a glimpse of the financial state as of December 31, 2013. This reflects that PCS is prudently managing resources in a difficult economic time and has been able to continue supporting all of our programs and staff. This year, PCS had our first audit, for our 2012 calendar year and passed with flying colors. The clean audit reflects our careful management and fiscal practices.

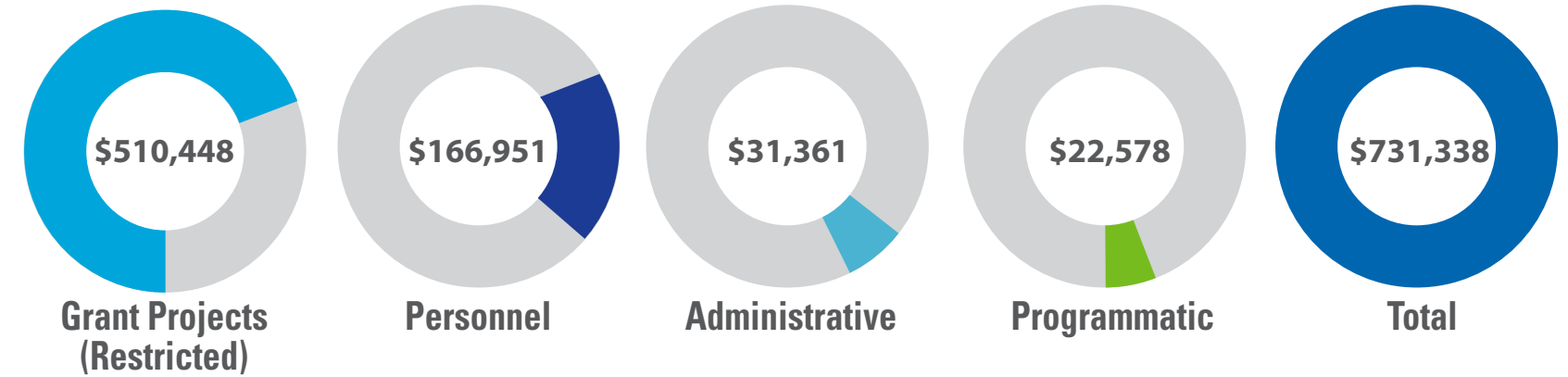
In addition to the large Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant from US EPA in 2010, PCS was selected to administer an \$800,000 "Jobs Challenge" grant through NOAA focused on getting people back to work on various smaller habitat restoration projects. The 2013 finances reflect kicking off this new NOAA grant and will continue into 2014. All of the Miakonda GLRI grant will be spent by the end of the year.

As you can see from the charts, we need to increase the amount received in individual and business donations so that PCS can become more self-reliant and to position the organization to better leverage future grants. At this time, a vast majority of our income is program or grant specific, while more private donations would allow us the flexibility to develop new initiatives and grow our current programs.

PCS aims to multiply every dollar from private donations with at least three dollars from grants and foundations. Using in-kind resources, we lower our expenses so that your donations stretch even farther. PCS is grateful for those members and businesses that have been able to continue supporting us as we work to improve water quality, habitat, and our overall quality of life for our families and their families to come.

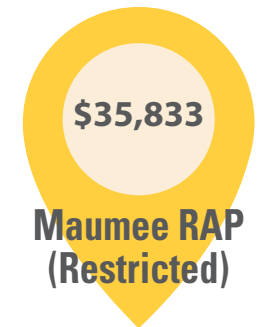


WHERE THE MONEY GOES



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Before Partners for Clean Streams was a non-profit organization, an active committee of citizens, government agencies, and industries formed the Maumee RAP (Remedial Action Plan) committee and undertook many of the key initiatives for water quality in the Toledo area for many years. The goal of the Maumee RAP is to restore the Maumee Area of Concern, as defined by the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement. This agreement was made in 1987 between U.S. and Canada to identify, restore and protect major rivers in the Great Lakes with serious degradation issues. The Maumee RAP committee was formed locally in 1988 by TMACOG and eventually grew into forming its own non-profit, Partners for Clean Streams, in 2007. The work of all the Clean Your Streams volunteers today is helping to fulfill the action plan framework set in 1988, as one example. The RAP Advisory Committee is now one of the committees in the PCS family. PCS is the local partner recognized by the state and federal RAP program. Through PCS, the RAP Committee continues to work closely with the federal and state agencies to guide cleanup and restoration of the most impacted rivers throughout our Area of Concern (which is generally the Northwest Ohio region). In this report, look for the Maumee RAP logo to help identify those projects critical to the RAP process working to make streams and rivers in our region fishable and swimmable.



BECOME A PARTNER

The greater Toledo area is blessed with extraordinary rivers, creeks, and lakes. We rely on these waters for recreation, drinking, and for so much of what provides the high quality of life that we enjoy. From the tiniest creeks to the wide bends of the Maumee, these waters have shaped the identity, family traditions and landscapes of our region. These waters connect us to each other through shared memories and experiences.

Between skipping rocks and watching clouds along the river bank, the Toledo area water ways became an unconscious - but integral - part of our lives. Kids growing up in the greater Toledo region are still blessed by our area's many waterways. But those blessings require care. Pollution, trash, and damaged streams can ruin our trips and family traditions. Luckily, we are also blessed to be able to care for our rivers. From Bowling Green to Point Place and everywhere in between, volunteers and professionals are working to restore creek beds, clean river banks, reduce flooding, and so much more to make our rivers and streams clean and clear. And they need your support.

By becoming a [Partner for Clean Streams](#), you keep the dynamic cleanup events that have connected so many people to our rivers and streams, strong and viable. Your support keeps our dynamic engagement and education events, like Clean Your Streams Day and Get the Lead Out, coming back year after year.

These events inspire students and families, build a sense of community and keep our rivers and streams safe for people and wildlife.

All Partners are invited to become voting members by donating a minimum of \$50 as an individual or \$500 as a business or municipality. Voting members elect our Board of Directors and celebrate our success at our annual meeting. Don't want to be a voting member but want to support us? That's fine too- just make your one-time, unrestricted gift with no obligation. All donations are tax deductible and are used for programs dedicated to protecting local rivers and streams in your community. Most importantly, your financial donations help keep our trademark cleanups and engagement events alive.



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“We are Partners for Clean Streams and your donations make all this possible.”

“We are dedicated to the waters of the Toledo region. But it is dollars donated by people like you that make our work possible”



BP - Husky Refining LLC



MEMBERSHIP & DONATION

Individual

\$15 Student/ Senior
 \$25 Individual
 \$35 Family
 \$50 Contributor*
 \$100 Conservator*
 \$250+ Preservationist *

Organization

\$100 Patron
 \$250 Sustaining
 \$350 Support
 \$500 Contributor*
 \$1,000 Conservator*
 \$2,500+ Preservationist*

Community Partner

As a Community Partner, your organization or business can support all of our programs throughout the year. You are demonstrating that your business is dedicated to the community and to maintaining a healthy environment. With your support, we are able to provide high impact volunteer cleanups and public education events for conserving our waterways. In addition to other member benefits Community Partners also receive:

- Prominent logo recognition on our website, seen by thousands of interested citizens
- Prominent logo recognition on all event promotional materials, such as 800 t-shirts and thousands of flyers and posters

BENEFITS

- Logo recognition on our website and promotional and event-specific materials (\$500 - \$2,500+ Levels)
- One vote on issues at our Annual General Meeting
- E-notices of events & monthly E-newsletters

*Members at these levels or above will be granted voting privileges to select the Board of Directors annually. All donations are tax-deductible



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