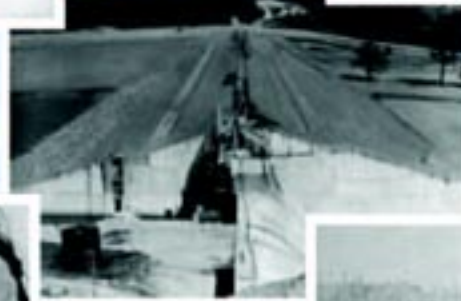




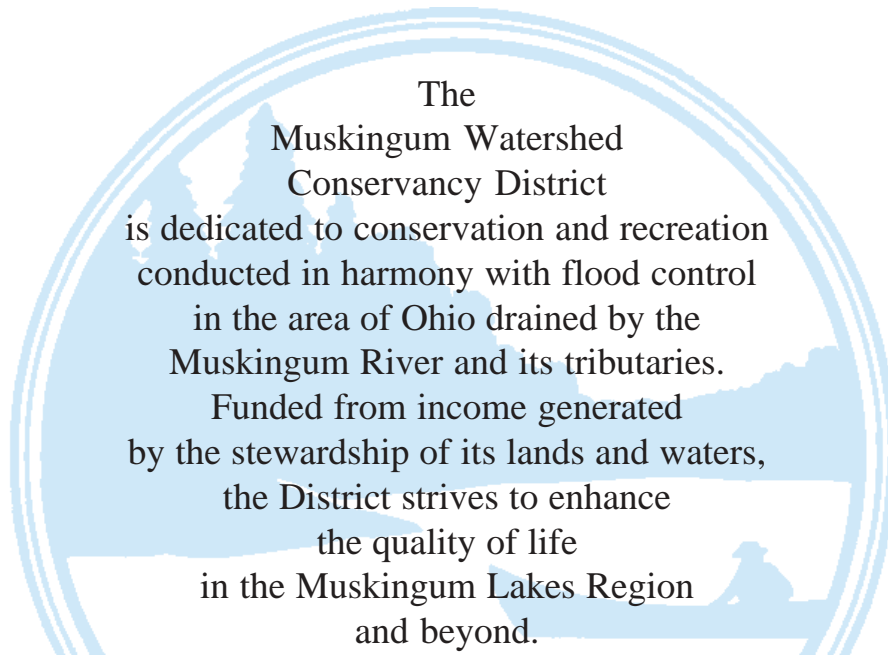
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In Memory

The 2004 edition of the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District Annual Report of Operations is dedicated to the memory of William C. Ward, a longtime cottage site resident at Leesville Lake and a member of the MWCD's Development Advisory Committee.



William C. Ward
1929-2004

Ward, 75, a resident of Portage Lakes, died October 20, 2004. Born in Cleveland, he lived in the Akron area most of his life. He worked as a diamond setter for Rudolph Deutsch Company for 18 years, then went on to franchise Dairy Queen Restaurants in the Akron-Canton, Ohio, area. For 25 years he was a member of the International Dairy Queen Territory Operators Advisory Council.

Appointed to the DAC in 2000, he served nearly six years as an active DAC member and avid supporter of the MWCD.

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MWCD establishes biodiversity reserve at Piedmont Lake

A 350-acre tract of land managed by the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District at Piedmont Lake could become even more friendly for birds and other wildlife after its designation as a biodiversity reserve. Board of Directors approved a resolution on August 20, 2004, that designates the stretch of property near the eastern end of the lake in Belmont County and includes a set of management guidelines to attract and encourage wildlife species.

The property will be managed according to the following guidelines:

- No shoreline development.
- No strip mining.
- No oil and gas surface development.
- No installation of utilities and septic systems.
- No establishment of roads on the site.
- No installation of buildings, campgrounds, cabins, boat docks or other permanent structures.
- The site will undergo reforestation wherever practical.
- Timber harvest permitted by selective cut while maintaining a continuous canopy as much as is feasible.
- MWCD may combat invasive and non-native species in accordance with the best scientifically based practices.
- Hunting continues to be permitted.
- Foot trails permitted.
- Future management decisions must consider the health of the ecosystem represented on the site, not individual species that may enjoy popular support.

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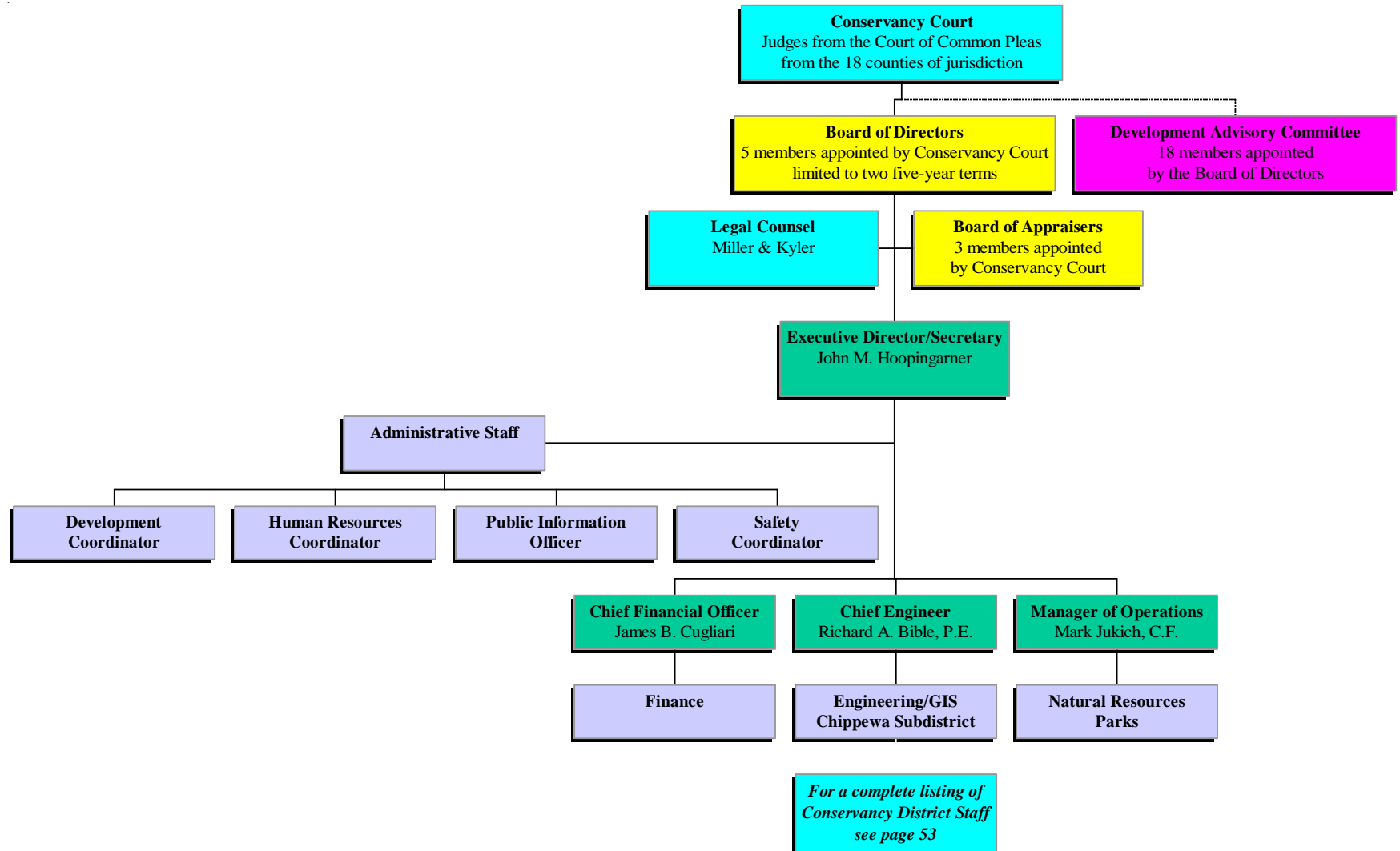
Muskingum Watershed receives \$3.8 million planning loan

Approval of a \$3.8 million loan from a state water management agency is an “historic” moment for the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District as it begins the intensive work to prepare a plan for the collection and use of funds for the maintenance and enhancement of water resources in the district. The Board of Directors agreed on December 17, 2004, to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Ohio Water Development Authority to receive the loan. “This is an absolute crucial turning point for the Conservancy District at this time,” said John M. Hoopingarner, MWCD executive director/secretary. “It is one that we have been working toward for many years and is truly an historic decision.”

The OWDA loan will fund the implementation of a Geographic Information System to identify all parcels of property in the Conservancy District region and help determine the flood protection and environmental benefits received by the landowners from the reservoirs. The MWCD plans to generate funds collected from an assessment to be used for maintenance and improvements to the reservoirs and related water quality enhancement projects.

“There’s tremendous excitement about the future of the Conservancy District and how it can have an important and positive impact on the lives of our residents in the Muskingum River Watershed,” said John Hoopingarner, executive director/secretary. “We see an excellent opportunity to return to the roots of our original Official Plan, especially as it relates to the areas of flood protection and watershed management in the region.”

Organizational Structure of the MWCD



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Conservancy Court



*The Honorable
Damian J. Vercillo
ASHLAND*



*The Honorable
John M. Solovan
BELMONT*



*The Honorable
William J. Martin
CARROLL*



*The Honorable
Richard I. Evans
COSHOCKTON*



*The Honorable
David A. Ellwood
GUERNSEY*



*The Honorable
Michael K. Nunner
HARRISON*



*The Honorable
Thomas C. Lee
HOLMES*



*The Honorable
James Ronk
KNOX*



*The Honorable
Jon R. Spahr
LICKING*



*The Honorable
D. W. Favreau
MORGAN*



*The Honorable
Mark C. Fleegele
MUSKINGUM*



*The Honorable
John W. Nau
NOBLE*



*The Honorable
James DeWeese
RICHLAND*



*The Honorable
Jim James
STARK*



*The Honorable
Jane Bond
SUMMIT*



*The Honorable
Edward E. O'Farrell
TUSCARAWAS*



*The Honorable
Timothy A. Williams
WASHINGTON*



*The Honorable
Mark K. Wiest
WAYNE*

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Board of Directors



*Joanne Limbach
President*



*Harry C. Horstman
Vice President*



*David E. Brightbill
Board Member*



*Steve Kokovich
Board Member*



*Thomas L. Tribbie
Board Member*

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Executive Staff



*John M. Hoopingarner
Executive Director/Secretary*



*James B. Cugliari
Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer*



*Richard A. Bible, P.E.
Chief Engineer*



*Mark Jukich, C.F.
Manager of Operations*

Board of Appraisers



Members of the MWCD Board of Appraisers are (L-R): Tom Roe of Wooster (Chairman), Mark Waltz of Dover, and Jim Navratil of Medina.

Development Advisory Committee



*Richard L. Armstrong
Bowerston*



*Richard Bassetti
New Philadelphia*



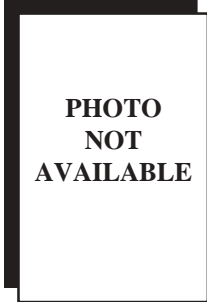
*James W. Bates
Port Washington*



*Norman L. Blanchard
Senecaville*



*Robert G. Blanke
Scio*



*Chris Copeland
Cadiz*



*Myron E. Delaney
Mansfield*



*Ronald Grimm
Dover*



*Faye A. Heston
Canton*



*John Hildreth
Mansfield*



*Raymond F. Kuczowski
Scio*



*F. Scott O'Donnell
Avon Lake*



*David L. Parham
Sherrodsville*



*Ronald P. Sherrer
Toledo*



*William J. Taus
Akron*



*Bonnie Wissler
Mt. Lebanon, PA*



*Bill Ward
Akron*



*Lucinda Zeiher
Martins Ferry*

The historic photographs on the cover are from the MWCD archives...

The Tuscarawas Avenue bridge which spans the Tuscarawas River in Dover, Ohio. March 27, 1913. Looking north from the south bank of the river.

This is perhaps the most famous of all photos taken in Zanesville after the 1913 flood had passed. A mighty current here bent two great bridge trusses around the lower Pennsylvania railroad and Third Street bridge piers. Another truss was lifted over its pier and washed far downstream.

Charles Mill Dam from the right abutment looking across the axis of the dam. May 14, 1936.

This photograph shows the construction of the Clendening Dam tunnel. The Muskingum project was about employing people during the Depression Era. Circa 1936.

Looking south across the Tuscarawas River in Dover, Ohio, two buildings are about to smash into the Tuscarawas Avenue bridge. March 27, 1913.

This photograph shows the Tappan Lake discharge conduit. Circa 1936.

Construction of Leesville Dam, looking downstream through the spillway. Note the blasting operation in progress at the center of the photo. September 8, 1937.

History

The strong seeds of the formation of what later became the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District came from Ohio’s worst natural disaster.

The Great Flood of 1913 claimed nearly 500 lives in Ohio and caused more than \$300 million in property damage. In the Muskingum River Basin drainage area alone, 11 people died and millions of dollars of property damage occurred.

But the story goes back even further.

In the 1800s early settlers came to the Muskingum River Valley for the abundance of natural resources, dense forests and excellent crop soil. As trees were cleared away, the land’s natural protection was destroyed, creating soil erosion and uncontrolled water runoff. These factors contributed to a number of major floods during the 1800s, causing widespread property damage and loss of life.

The single greatest flood disaster followed in 1913, raising the awareness of state residents to the need for reliable flood protection and reduction.

MWCD was created in 1933 under Ohio Law as a separate political subdivision. The Conservancy District encompasses 20 percent of the state or all or portions of 18 counties: Ashland, Belmont, Carroll, Coshocton,

Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Knox, Licking, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Richland, Stark, Summit, Tuscarawas, Washington and Wayne.

By its original plan, MWCD was responsible for raising funds and planning, building and administering flood control and conservation projects. The federal government announced availability of funds to construct the necessary reservoirs and the MWCD joined forces with federal and state governments to accomplish the work. By 1938, the construction of 13 earthen dams and one concrete dam was complete.

In 1939, the Federal Flood Control Act transferred flood control operations and ownership of the dams to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. MWCD remains responsible for conservation and recreation on its lands and lakes.

Each of the 14 MWCD reservoirs connects with the Muskingum River, which was the foundation for the name Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District. The 10 permanent reservoirs are Atwood, Beach City, Charles Mill, Clendening, Leesville, Piedmont, Pleasant Hill, Seneca, Tappan and Wills



The 1913 Flood: Intersection of the B & O Railroad tracks and First Street in Zanesville. Witnesses say a wild river rampaged through this intersection, carrying with it all sorts of debris.

Creek. The four “dry” reservoirs are Bolivar, Dover, Mohawk and Mohicanville, and they impound water only in times of high water.

MWCD’s headquarters is located in New Philadelphia and the Conservancy District’s staff is guided by a Board of Directors. The members of the Board are appointed by the Conservancy Court, which is made up of one common pleas court judge from each of the 18 counties.

Over the years, the success of the MWCD has been the subject of study throughout the United States and in some foreign countries. At the core of this success are four basic policies adopted by the first Board of Directors:

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- 1) The MWCD would pay real estate taxes to the various counties on land not dedicated to public use. For the first 29 years, taxes were paid on all Conservancy District lands. Since then, taxes have been paid on lands not used strictly for public purposes. In all, the total has been well over \$2.5 million.
- 2) The MWCD would operate on a minimum of tax income.
- 3) The MWCD would make its lands and waters available to the public for fishing, swimming, boating, camping, picnicking and other outdoor activities.
- 4) The MWCD would not duplicate the work as any other state or federal government agency, thereby encouraging the MWCD to combine the resources and efforts of some 13 state and federal agencies into MWCD programs and plans.

The value of the Conservancy District’s capital investments during the first seven decades approached \$25 million, and the annual recreation benefits exceeded \$65 million. All of this has been firmly established on a self-sustaining basis – paid through visitors’ fees, commercial and residential leases, contracts for services provided to other public agencies, self-liquidating bonds and occasional federal and state grants.

The MWCD’s system of dams and reservoirs, operated in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, has tamed the watershed and built beautiful lakes that receive millions

of visitors each year. MWCD has developed marinas, campgrounds, boat launch ramps, picnic areas and leased residential sites, which provide visitors with a variety of ways to enjoy the outdoors.



Contour ridges that indicate the freshly planted trees along the shores of Atwood Lake, closely resemble a giant thumb print etched on the land. 1949



Logging barge on Clendening Lake. Circa 1949.



Steep slopes and abrupt turns over rough land are no handicap to this unusual “new” hydraulic control tree planter, developed by H.P. Garritt, Soil Conservation Service forester with the MWCD.



The rear view of the hydraulic-controlled 16-inch mold board double bottom two-way plow that was developed by H.P. Garritt, Soil Conservation Service forester with the MWCD. This view shows how the plow turns the contour ridges of small terraces preparatory to planting the trees. 1949

Introduction

Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District: The idea holds water. In 2004, that description accurately fit the reservoirs of the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District. With reservoirs designed to store floodwaters during times of heavy rains, the MWCD system was challenged frequently to perform during the summer of 2004.

Rains in May and June followed by Atlantic Coast hurricanes in September led to swollen reservoirs that reduced the effects of flooding in the MWCD region – to the tune of an estimated savings in potential property damage of more than \$475 million, according to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The rains also interrupted use of the lakes for recreation, from closed public boat launch ramps to the relocations of camping units in many areas in the MWCD campgrounds.

Two consecutive years of heavy rains again reminded residents of the Muskingum River Watershed region that flood reduction offered by the MWCD dams and reservoirs remains the primary mission of the system.

But the MWCD Board recognized the effects the rain had on the normal activities at the lakes. Late in the year, the Board agreed to freeze most rates for camping at the Conservancy District’s lake parks for 2005, citing the rainy seasons of the past two years.

The Conservancy District also has spent the past several years identifying the needs of the reservoirs to maintain the level of flood protection for the next generation, improve water quality and provide a strong quality of life and economic development potential in this region of Ohio. In 2004, those efforts intensified.

Approval of a \$3.8 million loan from a state water management agency at the end of 2004 was an “historic” moment for the MWCD as it began the work to prepare a plan for the collection and use of funds for the maintenance and enhancement of water resources in the district.

The MWCD Board of Directors in December agreed to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Ohio Water Development Authority to receive the loan. The OWDA loan will fund many tasks, including the implementation of a Geographic Information System to identify all parcels of property in the Conservancy District region and help determine the flood protection and environmental benefits received by the landowners from the reservoirs.

The MWCD plans to allocate funds generated by an assessment for maintenance and improvements to the reservoirs, as well as to protect water quality and provide assistance for projects that assist communities with related efforts in the watershed. Initial plans call for collection of an assessment to begin in January 2007.

With an eye toward improved service for guests, the Conservancy District divested itself of the management duties at Atwood Lake Resort and Conference Center in 2004.

On June 1, Boykin Management Company of Cleveland assumed all of the routine business functions of the resort according to terms of a 10-year contract with the MWCD, which owns the resort. Boykin, ranked as one of the country’s top 100 hotel management companies, manages a total of 30 properties and more than 8,300 rooms nationwide. According to terms of the contract, all of the resort’s estimated 100 employees shifted from the MWCD to staff of Boykin Management.

The Conservancy District also undertook a concerted effort to review its staffing needs for efficiency and improved service to the residents of the watershed. By the close of 2004, approximately \$400,000 in potential future savings had been identified through the elimination and consolidation of various positions in the organizational structure of the MWCD.

The MWCD Board welcomed a new member in June with the appointment by the Conservancy Court of Cambridge attorney Thomas L. Tribbie, who replaced Thomas A. Depler of Shelby. Depler had completed the maximum two full terms on the Board.

As the Conservancy District heads toward 2005 and beyond, the work of the proposed maintenance assessment and the rains of the

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past two years have combined to challenge the MWCD Board and staff to balance the mission and purpose of the system of dams and reservoirs with the demands for use of the facilities.

“The idea holds water” can mean many different things to many people, groups and organizations. For present and future generations, they are all important and again serve as a reminder of the impact the planners of the MWCD in the 1930s have had on our daily lives in the Muskingum River Watershed in 2004.

Conservancy Court

Chapter 6101 of the Ohio Revised Code provides that the Conservancy Court, comprised of one common pleas court judge from each county in the Conservancy District, shall be vested with the power to exercise jurisdiction over the Conservancy District, including the appointment of the Board of Directors.

The Court of the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District, which meets annually on the second Saturday of June, held its 2004 meeting June 12 in the Tuscarawas County Courthouse at New Philadelphia.

The Honorable William J. Martin (Carroll County) presided. Pursuant to law, the 2003 Annual Report of Operations of the MWCD was submitted to the Court for review and approval, along with reports of subdistricts and a list of transfers of funds.

The Court also appointed Thomas L. Tribbie of Cambridge to an open seat on the five-member Board of Directors of the MWCD. Tribbie replaced Thomas A. Depler of Shelby, who served the maximum two five-year terms on the Board and was not eligible for reappointment.

The five-member Board is appointed by the Court to oversee the operations and business affairs of the Conservancy District. The MWCD manages 54,000 acres of land and water space dedicated to public use – including 10 lakes, five lake parks and Atwood Lake Resort and Conference Center – in an 18-county region in eastern Ohio. One common pleas court judge from each of the 18 counties sits on the Conservancy Court, which meets annually to review the previous year’s operations of the Conservancy District.

In another matter, the Court also heard remarks stressing the need for maintenance of the system from Col. William E. Bulen Jr., commander of the Huntington (West Virginia) District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which oversees the dams located on the MWCD reservoirs.

The Court also received an update on the process to complete the readjustment of the appraisal of benefits received by properties within the MWCD region from John M. Hoopingarner, MWCD executive director/secretary.

Board of Directors

Ohio law mandates that the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District Board of Directors consists of five members appointed by the Conservancy Court. The Board is empowered to handle all of the items necessary or incident to the fulfillment of the purposes for which the Conservancy District was established.

Members of the Board of Directors as of December 31, 2004, were:

- 1) David E. Brightbill of Lower Salem, term expires July 18, 2007
- 2) Steve Kokovich of New Concord, term expires June 3, 2008
- 3) Harry C. Horstman of Scio, term expires June 3, 2005
- 4) Joanne Limbach of New Philadelphia, term expires June 8, 2006
- 5) Thomas L. Tribbie of Cambridge, term expires July 18, 2009

Meetings of the Board are open public sessions and are conducted in accordance with the public meetings laws as required by the Ohio Revised Code. Eleven meetings were held during 2004 at various locations, along with a brief session at the annual Conservancy Court meeting June 14. Meetings routinely are held on the third Friday of each month and begin at 9:00 a.m.

Meetings of the Board were held in 2004 on the following dates and locations:

- January 23
Atwood Lake Resort and Conference Center
- February 20
The Lafayette Hotel, Marietta
- March 19
Atwood Lake Resort and Conference Center
- April 23
Pleasant Hill Lake Park Activity Center
- May 21
Muskingum College
- June 12
Conservancy Court at Tuscarawas County Courthouse
- July 19-20
Atwood Lake Resort and Conference Center
- August 20
The Wilderness Center, Wilmot
- September 24
Tappan Lake Park Activity Center
- October 29
New Philadelphia City Council Chambers
- November 19
Atwood Lake Resort and Conference Center
- December 17
Atwood Lake Resort and Conference Center

Joanne Limbach served as president of the Board during 2004 while Harry Horstman was vice president. Minutes of all meetings are on file in the MWCD’s main office at New Philadelphia.

David E. Brightbill

- Appointed to MWCD Board of Directors on June 11, 1994, as a result of the passage of Ohio House Bill 450, which expanded the Board from three to five members
- Executive Director of the Washington-Morgan Community Action Agency headquartered at Marietta
- Member of the Board of Directors of the Washington County Community Improvement Corporation
- Graduate of Ohio University with a bachelor’s degree in education

For most of his life, David E. Brightbill has been connected to the lakes of the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District.

A native of North Central Ohio, he grew up in the area surrounding Charles Mill and Pleasant Hill lakes. For two summers during his college years, he worked at Pleasant Hill Lake as a seasonal employee of the Conservancy District. Following his college graduation, Brightbill worked for more than 20 years in an office beside the Ohio River.

Steve Kokovich, PhD

- Appointed to MWCD Board of Directors on June 14, 2003, to fill vacancy created by fulfillment of two-term service by Frederic J. Grant III of Zanesville
- Administrator and member of the education department faculty at Muskingum College
- Member of and president of New Concord Village Council

- Member of the board of directors for the John and Annie Glenn Historical Site at New Concord
- Active in development of system of walking trails and community lake for New Concord area. Also involved in the National Road historical and tourism effort
- Graduate of Muskingum College, Ohio State University and Ohio University

Dr. Kokovich may spend most of his days at Muskingum College, but he hardly is a stranger to the facilities of the MWCD. The Harrison County native grew up as a regular visitor to Clendening, Piedmont and Tappan lakes in the region. Kokovich has taught at Muskingum College since 1976.

Harry C. Horstman

- Appointed to the MWCD Board of Directors on June 8, 2002, to fill vacancy created by retirement of Joseph J. Sommer of North Canton
- Member and past chairman of MWCD Development Advisory Committee
- Inaugural member of the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy Foundation, Inc., Board of Trustees
- Camp manager for the United Methodist Church’s Camp Aldersgate on property leased from the MWCD at Leesville Lake, 1965-99
- Commodore of Atwood Yacht Club, 2002
- Member and former chairman of the Conotton Creek Trail development

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- committee
- Spent 34 years as a teacher and administrator in school districts in Carroll, Harrison and Tuscarawas counties, retiring in 1991
- Has served on the boards and/or held memberships in numerous area and regional civic and community organization
- Graduate of Ohio University with a bachelor’s degree in education and Kent State University with vocational director’s certification

Harry Horstman has been associated with the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District for nearly 40 years. As the former manager of Camp Aldersgate on Leesville Lake for 35 years, Horstman spent his summers leading activities for youths and adults.

Upon his retirement as an educator, Horstman has continued his work with the MWCD in various capacities, including as a charter member of the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy Foundation, Inc., Board of Trustees.

Joanne Limbach

- Appointed to the MWCD Board of Directors on June 8, 1996, to fill vacancy created by retirement of Maynard A. Buck Jr. of Cadiz
- Member of the MWCD Development Advisory Committee, 1995-96
- Founding member of Limbach and Associates at Columbus, Ohio, 1992-present

- Director of governmental affairs for The Success Group Inc., 1991-92
- Tax Commissioner, Ohio Department of Taxation, 1983-91
- Tuscarawas County commissioner, 1977-83
- Public schoolteacher in Dover, North Royalton and Columbus districts, 1962-78
- Member of numerous professional and civic organizations throughout Ohio
- Graduate of Muskingum College with a bachelor’s degree in history; also a graduate of Bowling Green State University with a master’s degree in history

Joanne Limbach’s involvement with the Conservancy District goes back to her childhood, when the Steubenville native visited the lakes with her family for fishing. Her connections with the Conservancy District continued locally as she moved to the New Philadelphia area and was elected Tuscarawas County commissioner and from a statewide view as she was appointed Ohio’s tax commissioner.

Thomas L. Tribbie

- Appointed to MWCD Board of Directors on June 12, 2004, to fill vacancy created by fulfillment of two-term service by Thomas A. Depler of Shelby
- Partner in legal firm Tribbie, Scott, Plummer and Padden at Cambridge since 1952
- Former prosecuting attorney for Guernsey County, 1960-68

- Former president of Board of Trustees for Southeastern Ohio Regional Medical Center
- Former chief executive officer for Valley of Cambridge Scottish Rite Masons
- Former member of Board of Directors of National City Bank
- Graduate of Ohio State University with bachelor’s and law degrees

Thomas L. Tribbie is the newest member of the MWCD Board of Directors, being appointed in June 2004 by the Conservancy Court. The Cambridge resident is very familiar with Seneca Lake and its facilities as a cottage site lessee.

Board of Appraisers

The Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District’s Board of Appraisers is a three-member panel that approves the methodology for determining assessments of the MWCD, based on the relative benefits/damages to property owners.

The board members, who are appointed by the Conservancy Court and serve staggered terms, also make recommendations to the Board of Directors on property sales and acquisitions based on presentations by MWCD staff.

The Board of Appraisers held four meetings at the MWCD main office in New Philadelphia during 2004: February 27, April 26, September 15 and December 20.

Members of the Board of Appraisers as of December 31, 2004, were as follows:

- 1) James Navratil of Medina, term expires June 3, 2005
- 2) Thomas A. Roe of Wooster, term expires June 13, 2006
- 3) Mark J. Waltz of Dover, term expires June 3, 2005

Thomas A. Roe served as chairman of the Board of Appraisers in 2004. Minutes of all meetings are on file in the MWCD’s main office at New Philadelphia.

After concentrating on the readjustment of the appraisal of benefits for the Chippewa Subdistrict for much of the past few years, the MWCD Board of Appraisers has turned its focus to the proposed readjustment of the appraisal of benefits for the Conservancy District.

Four lead general course for MWCD

The day-to-day operations and business of the Conservancy District primarily are handled by the full-time and part-time MWCD staff, under the leadership of four administrators appointed by the Board of Directors. John M. Hoopingarner is the executive director/secretary; Richard A. Bible, P.E., is the chief engineer; James B. Cugliari is the chief financial officer/treasurer; and Mark A. Jukich is the manager of operations.

John M. Hoopingarner

- Appointed to position September 1, 1989.
- Prior to appointment was in private law practice for 10 years in New Philadelphia.
- Served as chief counsel to MWCD from 1986-89 and associate legal counsel from 1979-86.
- Tuscarawas County native also served as instructor of real estate law at Kent State University, 1985-89.
- Graduate of Muskingum College (bachelor’s degree, 1976) and Ohio Northern University College of Law (juris doctor, 1979).
- Member of numerous professional and social boards, associations and organizations.
- Resides in Dover with wife and two children.

As the executive director/secretary, John M. Hoopingarner holds what generally can be considered the most visible position in the MWCD organization. He routinely serves as the source of official news and information from the Conservancy District, actively participating in public relations and civic affairs as the representative of the MWCD.

Only the agency’s third chief executive, following Bryce C. Browning and Raymond E. Eichel, Hoopingarner performs a mix of mandated and generally expected duties on a daily, weekly and yearly basis. He is expected to perform the responsibilities of secretary of the conservancy district as detailed by law in the Ohio Revised code Chapter 6101 and executive director in accordance with the

bylaws of the MWCD. He also advises the Board of Directors and Conservancy Court on such matters.

Hoopingarner directly supervises the performance of several MWCD staff members, including the manager of operations, chief engineer and treasurer. His role also is to administer and coordinate the development of Conservancy District policies, rules and regulations.

Besides these duties, Hoopingarner oversees the MWCD’s involvement in the operation and maintenance of Atwood Lake Resort and Conference Center through its contract with Boykin Management Company.

Richard A. Bible, P.E.

- Appointed to position April 17, 1995.
- Prior to MWCD appointment, was in private industry for 25 years - 21 years at W.E. Quicksall and Associates of New Philadelphia as design engineer, project engineer and vice president; and four years at Ben Cookson and Associates of New Philadelphia as vice president.
- Served as acting chief engineer for the MWCD for two years while with Quicksall.
- Past president of Tuscarawas Valley Society of Engineers and a member of Ohio Society of Engineers.
- Graduate of Tri-State University in 1970 with a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering. Registered professional engineer in states of Ohio and Indiana.

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- Member of numerous professional and social boards, associations and organizations.
- Tuscarawas County native resides in New Philadelphia with wife, has two adult children. Graduate of New Philadelphia High School.

Richard A. Bible’s responsibilities as manager of operations/chief engineer for the MWCD also are rooted in Ohio law, but have expanded well beyond those legal stipulations to serve the many facets of the Conservancy District’s reach.

Bible performs the work of chief engineer as prescribed by law in Chapter 6101 of the Ohio Revised Code and advises the executive director/secretary and Board of Directors on these items. Bible provides general supervision of operations as superintendent of all the works and improvements of the Conservancy District and its subdistricts.

Bible also is responsible for MWCD communication with agencies of government such as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Ohio Department of Transportation, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and others.

James B. Cugliari

- Appointed to office of chief financial officer/treasurer April 17, 1995.
- Began career with MWCD in December 1985 as assistant auditor/systems manager

- Prior to employment with Conservancy District, served as an auditor for the Auditor of State’s Office for three years
- Graduate of Marietta College in 1982 with a bachelor’s degree in accounting
- Tuscarawas County native graduated from Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School
- Member of numerous professional, community and social organizations
- Resides in Dover with wife and four children

Along with the executive director/secretary and manager of operations/chief engineer, the position of treasurer of a conservancy district in Ohio is provided for and has some mandated responsibilities as detailed in state law.

In his position as treasurer of the MWCD, James B. Cugliari must perform those functions as well as other duties as prescribed by the Conservancy District. Cugliari manages and directs the finances of the MWCD, including planning, procurement and investment of funds; preparation of the annual budget; conducting audit functions; maintenance of all personnel records; long-range forecasting; and the insurance activities for the organization. He also advises the executive director/secretary and Board of Directors on these matters.

Cugliari prepares monthly and annual financial statements and analyzes financial data to determine the fiscal position of the MWCD and subdistricts, along with preparing forecasts of the future financial position and

budget requirements of the Conservancy District. He oversees internal audit functions, coordinates the work of outside auditors and authorizes the procedures for the protection and custody of all funds.

His role also involves managing and supervising the work to be performed by Conservancy District employees, contractors, subcontractors and others relative to the finances of the MWCD. He oversees a staff consisting of an accountant, computer systems coordinator, and two accounting clerks.

Mark A. Jukich

- Appointed to position April 23, 2004
- Began career with MWCD in May 1975 as a staff member in the former Land and Forestry Department
- Prior to employment with Conservancy District, held positions with an Arkansas company and the Timken Company at Canton
- Graduate of University of Minnesota with a bachelor’s degree in forest resources development
- Stark County native graduated from Perry High School
- Member of the Society of American Foresters as a certified forester
- Resides in Stark County with wife and has an adult daughter

As the manager of operations, Mark A. Jukich oversees all day-to-day activities of the various activities and programs of the Conservancy District.

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In his position, Jukich is responsible for many of the revenue-generating operations in the MWCD, including the natural resources programs and the business operations of the MWCD’s recreation programs. Jukich manages and directs the short-term and long-range development of these programs, including planning, budget development and forecasting, personnel and related functions.

Employed for most of his career with the MWCD in the land, conservation and natural resources management areas, Jukich spent many years overseeing the stewardship of the Conservancy District’s resources.

Personnel

Staff from the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District work at several locations and in numerous positions in fulfilling the mission and operations of the Conservancy District.

The MWCD employs nearly 450 people during the summer months when its facilities are in peak demand. This includes part-time and seasonal status employees. The MWCD has about 100 full-time employees.

The following employees received special recognition for their years of service through 2004.

5 years

- Jon L. Clark, construction technician in the Engineering Group
- Jeremy G. Hoffer, assistant park superintendent at Atwood Lake Park

- Darrin S. Lautenschleger, public information officer in the Administrative Group
- Andrew J. Milarcik, construction technician in the Engineering Group
- Gary L. Parrish, park superintendent at Seneca Lake Park

10 years

- Cindi D. Coutts, development coordinator in the Administrative Group
- David H. Filipak, park technician at Charles Mill Lake Park
- David E. Olsafsky, construction supervisor in the Engineering Group

15 years

- John M. Hoopingarner, executive director/secretary in the Administrative Group
- Joseph F. Swaton, park technician at Atwood Lake Park

20 years

- Charles A. Baltic, forest resources specialist in the Natural Resources Group

A complete listing of employees of the Conservancy District as of December 31, 2004, is located on page 53 of this report.

Development Advisory Committee

Created by the MWCD Board of Directors in 1992, the 18-member Development Advisory Committee (DAC) provides an organized public support system for responsive and effective economic development, conservation and recreation programs.

DAC members are appointed by the Board of Directors and serve staggered three-year terms.

David L. Parham served as chairman of the DAC during 2004, and Jim Bates was vice chair. The DAC meets quarterly and held four meetings in 2004:

- 1) February 6 at Atwood Lake Resort and Conference Center
- 2) April 30 at Atwood Lake Resort and Conference Center
- 3) July 30 at Atwood Lake Resort and Conference Center
- 4) October 29 at the New Philadelphia City Council chambers

Through their quarterly and subcommittee meetings, DAC members are updated about MWCD projects and operations. DAC members also present numerous items for discussion and possible action by the MWCD Board of Directors during the year.

There were seven subcommittees that handled DAC items during 2004. They are the Capital

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Improvements, Finance and Development, Government Relations, Natural Resources, Public Information and Education, Recreation and Leases and Volunteer Programs subcommittees.

Members of the DAC as of December 31, 2004, including their county of residence, term and ties to the Conservancy District, were the following:

- **Richard L. Armstrong** – Carroll County – 2004 – Armstrong, a cottage site lessee who resides at Leesville Lake, is the retired former commissioner of the Ohio High School Athletic Association.
- **Richard Bassetti** – Tuscarawas County – 2006 – Bassetti, a retired educator who resides at New Philadelphia, has visited the MWCD lakes for many years and is a former MWCD lake ranger.
- **Jim Bates** - Tuscarawas County - 2003 - Bates, a businessman in Port Washington, is a camper at Seneca Lake.
- **Norman L. Blanchard** – Guernsey County – 2006 – Blanchard, a retired educator and school administrator who is a cottage site lessee at Seneca Lake, is the executive director of the Cambridge-Guernsey County Community Improvement Corporation.
- **Robert G. Blanke** - Harrison County - 2004 – Blanke is a retired employee of the Metropolitan Park District of Columbus and Franklin County and resides in the Tappan Lake area.
- **Chris Copeland** - Harrison County - 2005 - Copeland, who is an avid

outdoorsman and a cottage site lessee at Tappan Lake, is an attorney and the economic development director for the Harrison County Community Improvement Corporation.

- **Myron E. Delaney** – Richland County – 2004 – Delaney is a retired State Farm Insurance agent and a fisherman and hunter at Charles Mill and Pleasant Hill lakes.
- **Ronald Grimm** – Tuscarawas County – 2003 – Grimm, who is a Dover High School biology teacher, has spent much of his life enjoying outdoor recreation at the various MWCD lakes.
- **Faye A. Heston** - Stark County - 2003 - Heston, who has served on the boards of numerous civic and community improvement groups in northern Ohio, also leases a cottage site at Atwood Lake.
- **John Hildreth** - Richland County - 2005 - Hildreth has spent 10 years as the program administrator for the Richland County Soil and Water Conservation District, working with MWCD staff on various projects.
- **Raymond F. Kuczkowski** - Harrison County - 2004 - Kuczkowski is retired from Standard Oil Co. at Cleveland, is a cottage site resident at Tappan Lake and an active member of the Tappan Volunteer Fire Department.
- **F. Scott O'Donnell** – Lorain County – 2004 – O'Donnell is superintendent of the financial institutions for the Ohio Department of Commerce and has more than 20 years experience in the banking industry in various executive capacities.

- **David L. Parham** – Cuyahoga County – 2004 – Parham, a cottage site lessee at Atwood Lake and an attorney in Cleveland, specializes in land use planning issues and is a former member of the Shaker Heights City Council.
- **Ronald P. Sherrer** - Ashland County - 2006 – Sherrer, a Toledo resident who has a cottage site at Pleasant Hill Lake, is retired after a career in sales and management.
- **William J. Taus** – Summit County – 2004 – Taus, a cottage site lessee at Charles Mill Lake and president of Furnace Technology Inc. of Akron, designs and services equipment for facilities throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico.
- **Bill Ward** - Summit County - 2005 - Ward, who operates many Dairy Queen restaurants in the eastern part of Ohio, is a cottage site lessee at Piedmont Lake.
- **Bonnie Wissler** - Mt. Lebanon, Pa. - 2005 - Wissler, whose late husband Regis also previously served on the DAC, is a resident of the Mt. Lebanon, Pa., area and a seasonal camper at Seneca Lake Park.
- **Lucinda Zeiher** – Belmont County – 2003 – Zeiher, a schoolteacher in the Martins Ferry School District, spends summers camping and fishing at Piedmont Lake. She has received Huskie Muskie awards for catching muskellunge of 42 inches or greater in length.

Flooding in 2004 has lasting effects

The summer recreation season of 2004 at the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District lakes was memorable by the precipitation that limited activities, events and interrupted the routine use of the lakes. Large amounts of rain that prompted flooding temporarily closed launch ramps, canceled special events in several lake parks and generally drowned out normal activity at the lakes for weeks at a time.

The rains arrived at several locations shortly before Memorial Day, almost as if on cue at the start of the summer recreation season.

By May 24, rainwaters stored behind the dams at Atwood, Leesville, Pleasant Hill and Seneca lakes from a storm the week before had temporarily closed the public launch ramps. Water levels at nearly all of the MWCD’s 10 permanent reservoirs were above normal readings.

At Charles Mill Lake Park, cleanup activities were under way from a storm that ripped through the park, toppling trees and causing other damage.

A day later, with sections of the campground inaccessible at Atwood Lake Park, the park canceled its annual Memorial Day Weekend fireworks show and rescheduled it for September 4 as part of the park’s Labor Day holiday celebration. The park – as well as the

four other MWCD lake parks at Charles Mill, Pleasant Hill, Seneca and Tappan lakes - did open as scheduled for the summer season later in the week, although sections of some campgrounds were closed due to the high water.

In early June, conditions appeared to be returning to normal when the Muskingum River Watershed region was hit hard again by heavy rain. Water levels began to rise again when up to 4.5 inches of rain fell between June 11 and 14 fell across the watershed, according to measurements recorded by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The large volume of rainfall also prompted flash flood watches on several creeks in the region and led to reports of flooded highways, basements and fields.

MWCD officials urged anyone with a camping unit, a boat and/or a dock at the lakes to take precautions. The MWCD also worked with the Corps of Engineers at lake locations to identify areas where high water was anticipated in order to move camping units to safety.

The amount of rain over the period measured by the Corps of Engineers at nine of the MWCD reservoirs as of June 14 was as follows:

Atwood	4 inches
Clendening	2.5 inches
Charles Mill	3.5 inches
Leesville	4.5 inches

Piedmont	2.5 inches
Pleasant Hill	2.6 inches
Seneca	2.7 inches
Tappan	3.2 inches
Wills Creek	2.8 inches

The following day (June 15), the public boat launch ramps were closed and camping units were being moved at Charles Mill and Pleasant Hill lakes as water rose rapidly behind the dams in those reservoirs. Charles Mill Lake had swollen to nearly 8.5 feet above normal summer readings.

A strong flash flood hit Tappan Lake Park in the afternoon June 15 as several inches of water flowed from the hillsides throughout the park and campgrounds into the following day. Numerous camping units had water and mud damage, other camping units were relocated to higher ground and staff at the park spent several days cleaning culverts, remaining debris and repairing other damage.

By June 16, several more public launch ramps had been closed due to the high water. Ramps at Atwood, Leesville and Tappan lakes were closed and Charles Mill Lake had reached nearly 11 feet above normal depth readings. Charles Mill would crest at nearly 12 feet above normal a couple of days later. Conditions worsened at several locations as periodic rainfall added to the problems over the next several days.

By June 21, Leesville and Charles Mill lakes continued to wrestle with the most severe flooding conditions among the MWCD lakes.

Photographs from the June 2004 Flood Event



Flooding from heavy rains presented staff at the MWCD parks with numerous challenges during 2004, including relocation of camping units.



Rising lake levels made many of the access roads throughout the MWCD parks impassable.



High water conditions at Charles Mill caused the closing of the launch ramp off State Route 430.



Damaging storms left twisted trees and debris in numerous MWCD reservoirs.



A flash flood inside Tappan Lake Park created plenty of damage and cleanup work for MWCD crews.

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As of that day, Leesville was at 6.22 feet above the normal summer lake level, slightly less than the pool of record of 6.6 feet above normal set in April 1948. The lake dropped .05 of a foot in the last day. The water level at Charles Mill Lake dropped nearly 1.5 feet over the previous few days.

Marinas at all MWCD lakes remained open, although many docks became inaccessible, and marina staff assisted customers who wanted to check on their boats.

Over the next couple of weeks, water levels receded and summer appeared to return to normal before Hurricane Frances sent some additional rain to the MWCD region right after the Labor Day holiday.

Then it was back to the warnings for boaters, campers and others who use the lakes and reservoir locations for outdoor recreation.

Pounding rain from that hurricane dumped nearly 7 inches of rain over the Seneca Reservoir area and plenty of rain in other MWCD reservoirs prompted MWCD officials to urge boat and camper owners to check on their equipment and for all residents to exercise caution in and around the area's lakes.

Rainfall in eastern Ohio from the effects of Hurricane Frances coming ashore in the southern United States had swollen six of the MWCD lakes several feet above normal by September 9. Readings produced that day by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers showed

that Atwood, Leesville, Tappan, Clendening, Piedmont and Seneca lakes all were above normal summer lake level.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers officials said they did not expect the lakes to crest until they had reached between 3 and 5 feet above normal summer depth readings. From 11:00 p.m. on September 7 until the morning of September 9, a total of 6.75 inches of rain fell in the Seneca Lake region, according to figures provided by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

A few days later, the reservoirs appeared to crest and were beginning a return to normal depth levels, but officials from the MWCD and the Corps of Engineers had their eyes on a second hurricane – Ivan. By September 13, forecasts indicated that Ivan, one of the fiercest Atlantic storms ever recorded, could send rain into the Muskingum River Watershed in a couple of days.

On September 17, the rains produced by Hurricane Ivan blew into the MWCD region and they packed a strong effect. Two lakes, Leesville and Seneca, were closing in on all-time levels by September 18, and all of the lakes east of I-77 were several feet above normal summer levels.

Rain associated with Hurricane Ivan that fell September 17 in the 18-county MWCD region added to the problems already created by the storms of Hurricane Frances a week earlier. Numerous roads in the reservoir regions were closed due to high water, while

public boat launch ramps were closed at nearly every location and several communities were dealing with isolated flooding.

Several days later the reservoirs crested and while no new records for retention were set, a large amount of water was stored. Four of the reservoirs – Leesville, Tappan, Piedmont and Seneca – each reached within one foot of all-time depth levels from the September rains.

According to figures from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, more than \$475 million worth of potential property damage was prevented during 2004 and its precipitation events in the year due to the function of the dams and reservoirs in the MWCD system.

Board, staff work on readjustment of the appraisal of benefits

Approval of a \$3.8 million loan from a state water management agency at the end of 2004 was an “historic” moment for the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District as it began the intensive work to prepare a plan for the collection and use of funds for the maintenance and enhancement of water resources in the district.

The MWCD Board of Directors in December agreed to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Ohio Water Development Authority to receive the loan and also approved a \$2.2 million contract with a Cincinnati engineering firm to provide the bulk of the services

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needed to determine the benefits received by property owners from the Conservancy District’s system of 14 flood-protection reservoirs.

“This is an absolute crucial turning point for the Conservancy District at this time,” said John M. Hoopingarner, MWCD executive director/secretary. “It is one that we have been working toward for many years and is truly an historic decision.”

The OWDA loan will fund the implementation of a Geographic Information System to identify all parcels of property in the Conservancy District region and help determine the flood protection and environmental benefits received by the landowners from the reservoirs. The engineering firm of Fuller, Mossbarger, Scott and May will guide the work, which is provided for in Ohio law.

The MWCD plans to allocate funds generated by an assessment for maintenance and improvements to the reservoirs and related water quality enhancement projects.

“There’s tremendous excitement about the future of the Conservancy District and how it can have an important and positive impact on the lives of our residents in the Muskingum River Watershed,” Hoopingarner said. “We see an excellent opportunity to return to the roots of our original Official Plan, especially as it relates to the areas of flood protection and watershed management in the region.

“If we don’t take action now, the reservoirs will take a reduced role in flood protection in our lifetime, and be nearly ineffective in the lives of our children and grandchildren.”

The MWCD, a political subdivision of the state of Ohio, was organized in 1933 for flood protection along the streams and tributaries in an 18-county area of eastern Ohio that drains into the Muskingum River. Since that time, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers estimates that the dams and reservoirs have been responsible for preventing about \$6 billion in potential property damage, including more than \$478 million alone in 2004.

But the reservoirs are in need of basic maintenance and improvements to continue their current level of protection. Shorelines have eroded along vast stretches of many lakes, giant loads of sediment are deposited on the bottoms of the lakes every day and various improvements for enhanced water quality have been identified. Estimates generated recently revealed the reservoirs were in need of at least \$250 million worth of work to meet accepted flood protection standards and maintenance needs.

“Basically, you have been deferring maintenance for years, and now you’re trying to catch up,” said Jim Rozelle of FMSM, who will lead the firm’s work for the MWCD. Rozelle, the former general manager of the Miami Conservancy District in southwest Ohio, has more than 30 years of experience and is considered one of the state’s top

authorities on water conservation and related projects.

“I don’t see any reason why this Conservancy District cannot, with some financial assistance, begin to address these maintenance concerns and clean up these problems that threaten the future effectiveness of the system,” Rozelle said.

The MWCD is the largest of 21 conservancy districts in the state and the only one that does not levy an assessment for maintenance of its facilities. MWCD officials have said they hope to begin collection of an assessment from all property owners in the 18-county region in January 2007.

There are more than 1 million parcels of property estimated to be located in the MWCD region. A basic annual assessment of \$12 per property could create a solid resource fund dedicated to routine maintenance and enhancements for the reservoirs, as well as provide the MWCD with opportunities to partner with local, county and state agencies for other worthwhile efforts to protect and enhance water quality and encourage conservation.

At the same time, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – which manages and operates the dams on the MWCD reservoirs – is seeking about \$2.5 billion in federal assistance for improvements in the entire Muskingum River Basin region. Together with the Conservancy District’s assessment proposal, a significant

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economic investment is possible in eastern Ohio.

The MWCD, which operates nearly exclusively on the funds it generates through recreational use of its facilities, cannot produce the significant revenue it needs to cover the increased maintenance costs required by the reservoirs. In addition, the Conservancy District also has endured poor revenues because of the flooding of the past two summer seasons and has seen its cash reserves sink to emergency levels.

Some of the tasks involved in the work include collection of data in the region; meetings with state, county and local officials; public meetings in several locations; amending the MWCD Official Plan; review of the work by the MWCD Conservancy Court; a public information and education campaign; and establishing priority needs in local watershed regions.

A website at www.mwcd.org is being developed to provide information about the process.

New management for Atwood Lake Resort

One of the nation’s top-ranked hotel companies assumed the day-to-day operations of the 104-room Atwood Lake Resort and Conference Center beginning June 1, 2004.

Boykin Management Company of Cleveland took over all business functions of the resort

according to terms of a 10-year contract with the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District, owner of the resort. The MWCD’s Board of Directors approved the management contract during a meeting May 21.

Boykin, ranked as one of the country’s top 100 hotel management companies this year by the trade journal *Hotel Business*, manages lodging facilities in Ohio and several states including the 300-room Columbus Marriott North. It manages a total of 30 properties and more than 8,300 rooms nationwide.

According to terms of the contract, all of the resort’s estimated 100 employees shifted from the MWCD to that of Boykin Management. The MWCD continues as the resort’s owner.

“This is an important and an exciting step in the operation of Atwood Lake Resort,” said John M. Hoopingarner, MWCD executive director/secretary. “We have promised from the start of our operation of the resort in 1997 that we would do the very best job we could unless we could identify a better way to secure the resort’s future in Carroll County and eastern Ohio. We are confident that with the knowledge and reputation Boykin brings to Atwood Lake Resort that we have found that better way.”

The MWCD has owned the resort since it opened in 1965, but for most of that period has leased out its operation to lodging management companies. However, financial difficulties of a hotel management firm in the

mid-1990s led the MWCD to assume the day-to-day operations of Atwood Resort in 1997.

Since then, the MWCD had been able to generate a profit each year until 2003, but most of the loss that year can be attributed to a near three-month shutdown for an extensive \$3 million-plus renovation project of the resort.

Atwood Lake Resort features two golf courses, indoor and outdoor pools, meeting facilities for groups of up to around 300 people, lighted tennis courts, 17 lakeside cottages, a full-service dining room and a chalet snack bar. It is one of Carroll County’s largest employers.

More details about the resort can be found on its website at www.atwoodlakeresort.com.

Staff projects fill busy year

The staff of the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District dedicates itself to dozens and even hundreds of projects and activities simultaneously throughout a year’s time. In 2004, it was no different.

Besides the numerous items listed on the previous and following pages that were conducted by MWCD work groups, many staffers also volunteer for outreach programs that extend the Conservancy District’s involvement, influence and education.

Following are basic details about the various type of activities the MWCD work groups handle.

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Engineering

Routine and specialty maintenance is a major concern and an important part of the short-term and long-term planning processes for the MWCD. In addition, a considerable portion of the MWCD budget is related to maintaining the facilities as overseen by the engineering group.

The Conservancy District manages 10 permanent lakes, more than 54,000 acres of property, five lake parks, a resort and other facilities to be concerned with on a day-to-day and more long-term basis.

Staff members in the MWCD’s engineering group and at the parks are in charge of the planning and execution of the maintenance and major repair/replacement needs for the facilities and equipment.

The engineering and park staffs at all MWCD facilities conducted dozens of routine and specialty projects during 2004. Work, as in most years, ranged from routine maintenance to scheduled and unscheduled improvements.

The engineering group develops a list of projects each year through the planning process that involves the MWCD administration, managers and coordinators, park staffs and others. In most years, more than 100 projects are completed by the end of each calendar year.

Public Information

The public information support arm of the Conservancy District’s operation spent most

of its time in 2004 as it does in other years: utilizing public education opportunities to promote the mission of the MWCD and marketing the recreational opportunities at the facilities of the Conservancy District.

The public information effort for the MWCD utilizes and manages several forms of media to portray the message and image of the Conservancy District. These include the following:

- Lake Views – A quarterly newsletter published by the MWCD and distributed free to more than 10,000 mailing addresses.
- Internet site – Information about the MWCD is posted on its website at www.mwcdlakes.com.
- Press releases – Official information from the Conservancy District is provided to media in the watershed and beyond.
- Promotional activities – The MWCD participates in numerous activities each year, some of which it sponsors, to promote the lakes, facilities and/or mission of the MWCD.

Other activities also are conducted through the Public Information office for direct marketing and advertising about the recreational programs at the lakes and parks.

Human Resources

With a staff of around 100 full-time employees that swells to an overall total of around 400 during the summer months, the work to service the needs of both staff and the

MWCD organization is the focus of the human resources office.

Besides routine reviews of the Conservancy District’s benefit package, health plan and communication efforts for its employees, the human resources support office also studies all aspects of the employment experience, for the staff member and the organization.

Numerous other projects also were conducted in 2004 to enhance the employee-employer relationship for the MWCD.

Safety

The employment of a full-time safety coordinator by the MWCD has resulted in numerous upgrades in staff work practices and conditions of the Conservancy District’s facilities to promote safety for employees and guests.

Numerous programs have been instituted, including a work team that focuses on safety in the workplace, routine safety meetings at regular work locations and special programs designed to promote safe work practices.

Compliance issues for safety have become more complex in recent years and the safety coordinator spent much of 2004 designing specific programs to ensure adherence to local, state and federal guidelines and laws.

Natural Resources

The formation in early 2004 of the Natural Resources group centralized all of the MWCD’s programs related to its environ-

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mental resources and recreational leasing under one management structure.

The Natural Resources group concentrates its efforts in both the stewardship of the MWCD’s natural resources and its recreation programs. Areas managed in this group include agricultural, silvicultural, minerals, dredging/shoreline stabilization and water quality monitoring operations, as well as the management of the 1,200 active leases in the cottage site lease program.

Staff members with specific position descriptions are directed to handle specialized activities related to these areas, ranging from identification of trees for harvesting as part of the forest renewal program, to testing samples of water from the permanent impoundments of water for quality to executing lease documents in the cottage site areas.

Cooperating agencies enhance MWCD offerings

The Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District is fortunate to have the support of several state and federal agencies that enable the MWCD to improve its facilities on an annual basis.

From stocking of fish in the MWCD lakes to operation of the dams, the Conservancy District benefits from the expertise and support of trained professionals at these agencies. Officials from the organizations normally meet at least annually with MWCD

representatives for planning and discussion of shared issues.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under the 1939 Flood Control Act assumed flood control operations of the 14 MWCD dams. The dams continue to be owned by the Corps’ Huntington, West Virginia, District Office. The Muskingum Area Office is located off State Route 800 just outside Dover.

During 2004, officials of the Corps and MWCD met twice in accordance with their partnering agreement to discuss common goals and issues. The agencies have assigned various staff members to study assigned areas of interest and make recommendations to the administrations of each.

Ohio Department of Natural Resources

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) and the MWCD cooperate in a number of aspects. The MWCD annually receives a grant from ODNR’s Division of Watercraft for marine patrol operations. Grants also have been obtained from ODNR for numerous other MWCD construction and improvement projects.

The MWCD lakes and most of the surrounding land owned by the Conservancy District are open for public use, including boating, fishing, hunting, hiking and other activities. ODNR’s Division of Wildlife annually stocks the fish in the MWCD lakes and conducts

other wildlife research and development efforts at the reservoirs.

The Conservancy District lakes are located through three separate districts of jurisdiction of the Division of Wildlife. In District 3 in the northeast portion of the state, the MWCD lakes include Atwood, Beach City, Clendening, Leesville and Tappan. District 4 handles activities at Piedmont, Seneca and Wills Creek lakes, while District 2 encompasses Charles Mill and Pleasant Hill lakes.

Ohio Department of Transportation

The MWCD and the Ohio Department of Transportation have cooperated since the formation of the Conservancy District for highway relocations, bridge construction, rights-of-way and maintenance and repair of roads. As part of this effort, ODOT provides an annual paving program to maintain access roads for the MWCD parks, launch ramps and marinas.

Subdistricts

Black Fork Subdistrict

There is no present activity in the Black Fork Subdistrict. No cost is involved in continuing the subdistrict as a vehicle for its intended purpose. In the future should the need arise, its existence could save considerable time and expense in lieu of forming another subdistrict.

Chippewa Subdistrict

The Chippewa Subdistrict is the only active subdistrict in the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District system.

In 2004, the subdistrict was able to schedule and complete numerous maintenance and improvement projects. It was the second year of collection of a maintenance assessment from property owners in the Chippewa Creek Watershed for projects that maintain flood reduction along 33 miles of the creek in southern Medina and northern Wayne counties.

More than \$350,000 is collected annually from the 32,000-plus owners of property in the watershed for the work and continued maintenance. J&L Engineering of Seville again served as the coordinator of the work and activities for the subdistrict.

Maintenance items completed during 2004 in the subdistrict included the following:

- Dam VII-C (Fox Lake Road Dam) – Removal of trash at six different loca-

tions.

- Dam VII-C – Mowing of dam and spillway.
- Dam VII-C – Placement of concrete slabs on banks for stability.
- Dam VIII-C (River Styx Dam) – Tree removal on dam and mowing of dam and spillway.
- Dam VIII-C – Address beaver problem that included trash removal and beaver eradication activities.
- Dam IV-A (Lee Road Dam) – Annual mowing of dam and spillway.
- Dam VIII-D (Holmesbrook Dam) – Annual mowing of dam and spillway.
- Dam VIII-D – Repairs related to construction project on dam in 2003.
- Dam III-A (Hubbard Valley Dam) – Annual mowing of dam and spillway.
- Dam III-A – Repairs related to construction project on dam in 2003.
- Tree and vegetation removal from channel downstream from Dam VII-C.
- Installation of drain improvements at one property in subdistrict.
- Low-water crossing installation at one property in subdistrict.
- Tree and vegetation removal from channel behind Medina Sod Farm.

In addition to the maintenance items, meetings were held regarding the Emergency Action Plan for Dam III-A, the Chippewa Citizens’ Task Force, work on Landis Ditch and the potential establishment of a new office for the Chippewa Watershed Specialist in the Medina County Park complex.

Several issues identified by property owners and/or the auditors’ offices in the two counties regarding the Chippewa project also were researched and resolved. An Emergency Action Plan and Operation and Maintenance Manual also was completed for Dam VIII-D.

Buffalo Creek Subdistrict

There is no present activity in the Black Fork Subdistrict. No cost is involved in continuing the subdistrict as a vehicle for its intended purpose. In the future should the need arise, its existence could save considerable time and expense in lieu of forming another subdistrict.

Duck Creek Subdistrict

The Duck Creek flows through Noble and Washington counties and the original watershed protection project was started as a subdistrict of the MWCD.

The Soil Conservation Service, now Natural Resources Conservation Service, under Public Law 566, and co-sponsors MWCD and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, had worked on the project since 1963. Due to disinterest by those affected landowners along the channel and adverse benefit-cost ratio, activity in the project dwindled. With reluctance, in 1981 the NRCS requested and received agreement from the subdistrict to close out the remaining activity.

In the past few years, interest has resumed among many public officials and agencies to further develop the flood control plan and revive subdistrict activities. Commissioners

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from Noble and Washington counties have passed resolutions supporting the reactivation of the subdistrict and said they believe the support has increased for a flood control project in recent years.

The Washington and Noble Soil and Water Conservation Districts have received funding to develop a watershed management plan for the Duck Creek Watershed. A watershed coordinator also has been hired to facilitate the process.

During 2003, a few public meetings for residents and public officials to learn about the project’s status and provide input also were held.

The management plan will assist the SWCDs in the two counties in setting priorities and securing funds to assist landowners and residents in improving the overall health of the watershed.

Summary of MWCD Owned Land by Reservoir

as of December 31, 2004

Reservoir	County	Acres	Total	
			Acres	Lots
Atwood	Carroll	3410.2550	4552.5050	19.0
	Tuscarawas	1142.2500		
Beach City	Stark	64.0200	1350.3980	2.0
	Tuscarawas	1286.3780		
Bolivar	Stark	815.2115	835.1715	23.5
	Tuscarawas	19.9600		
Charles Mill	Ashland	1811.9564	3351.7964	199.0
	Richland	1539.8400		
Clendening	Harrison	6601.6080	6601.6080	
Dover	Tuscarawas	484.5194	484.5194	52.0
Leesville	Carroll	3709.2330	3709.2330	1.0
Mohawk	Coshocton	3374.7738	3740.1538	
	Holmes	8.5900		
	Knox	356.7900		
Mohicanville	Ashland	40.7540	40.7540	
Piedmont	Belmont	5859.9680	6686.0490	
	Guernsey	130.3010		
	Harrison	695.7800		
Pleasant Hill	Ashland	724.6200	2193.7590	63.0
	Richland	1469.1390		
Senecaville	Guernsey	1461.3291	7615.7691	1.0
	Noble	6154.4400		
Tappan	Harrison	7594.2490	7594.2490	58.0
Wills Creek	Coshocton	3887.7110	5794.8570	14.0
	Guernsey	121.2460		
	Muskingum	1785.9000		
TOTALS		54550.8222	54550.8222	432.5

Summary of MWCD Owned Land by County

as of December 31, 2004

County	Reservoir	Acres	Total	
			Acres	Lots
Ashland	Charles Mill	1811.9564	2577.3304	199
	Mohicanville	40.7540		
	Pleasant Hill	724.6200		
Belmont	Piedmont	5859.9680	5859.9680	
Carroll	Atwood	3410.2550	7119.4880	20
	Leesville	3709.2330		
Coshocton	Mohawk	3374.7738	7262.4848	3
	Wills Creek	3887.7110		
Guernsey	Piedmont	130.3010	1712.8761	11
	Senecaville	1461.3291		
	Wills Creek	121.2460		
Harrison	Clendening	6601.6080	14891.6370	58
	Piedmont	695.7800		
	Tappan	7594.2490		
Holmes	Mohawk	8.5900	8.5900	
Knox	Mohawk	356.7900	356.7900	
Muskingum	Wills Creek	1785.9000	1785.9000	
Noble	Senecaville	6154.4400	6154.4400	1
Richland	Charles Mill	1539.8400	3008.9790	63
	Pleasant Hill	1469.1390		
Stark	Beach City	64.0200	879.2315	2
	Bolivar	815.2115		
Tuscarawas	Atwood	1142.2500	2933.1074	75.5
	Beach City	1286.3780		
	Bolivar	19.9600		
	Dover	484.5194		
TOTALS		54550.8222	54550.8222	432.5

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Accounting of Receipts and Disbursements

The funds of the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District shall be administered through funds established, maintained and disbursed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 6101 of the Ohio Revised Code. When not specifically provided by law, receipts shall be deposited in such funds and disbursements made from such funds as the Board of Directors has heretofore or may hereafter direct.

All earnings from the operation of the works of the Conservancy District and uses of its lands and water (except derived from recreational properties, improvements and facilities), together with all receipt not otherwise assigned by law or by order of the Board, shall be deposited in the general maintenance fund of the Conservancy District.

Financial Overview

The following charts represents the financial history of the Muskingum Watershed Cosnervancy District over the past ten years (*information source: 1995-2003 Annual Reports of Operations*).

Figure 1
Year End Cash Balance/Receipts and Disbursements

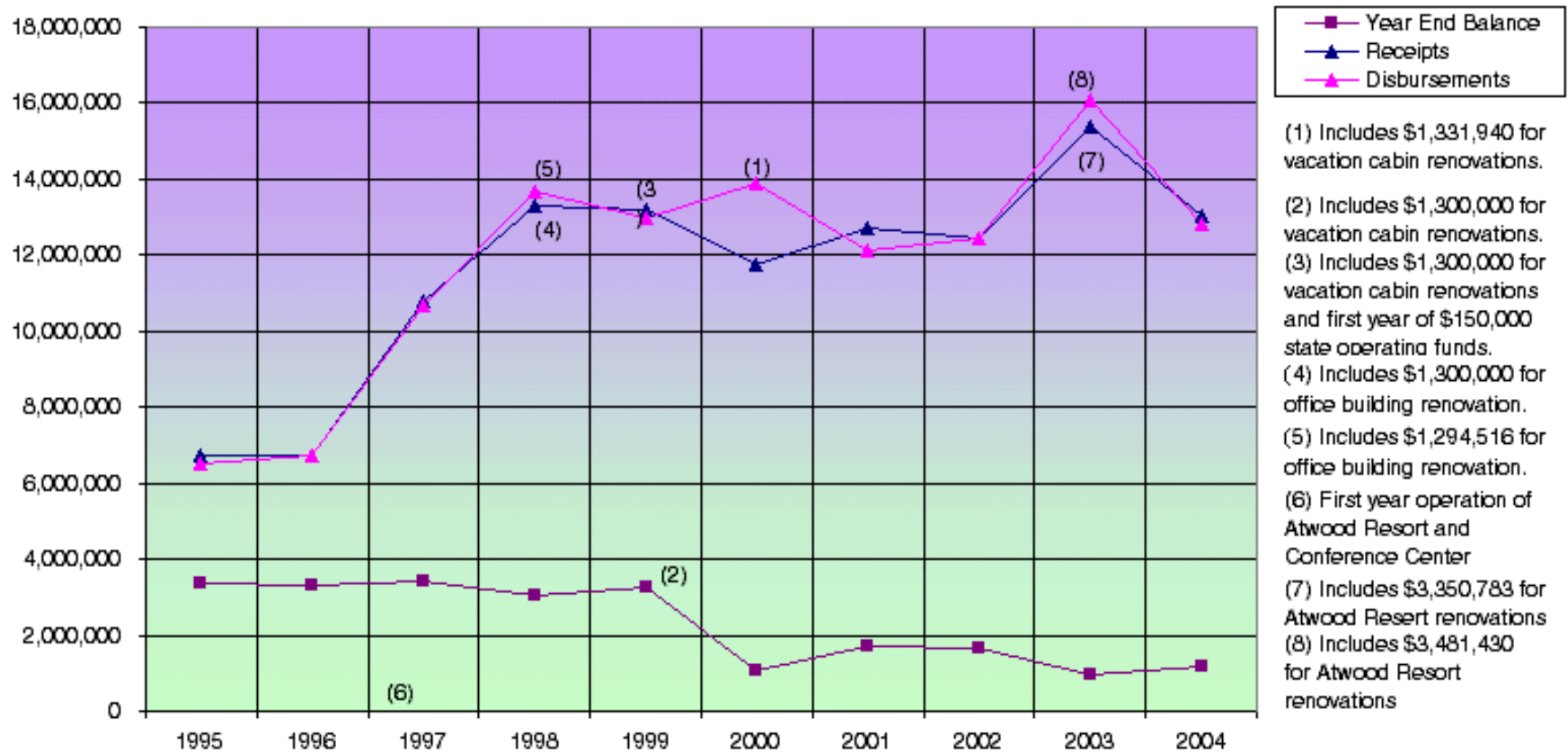
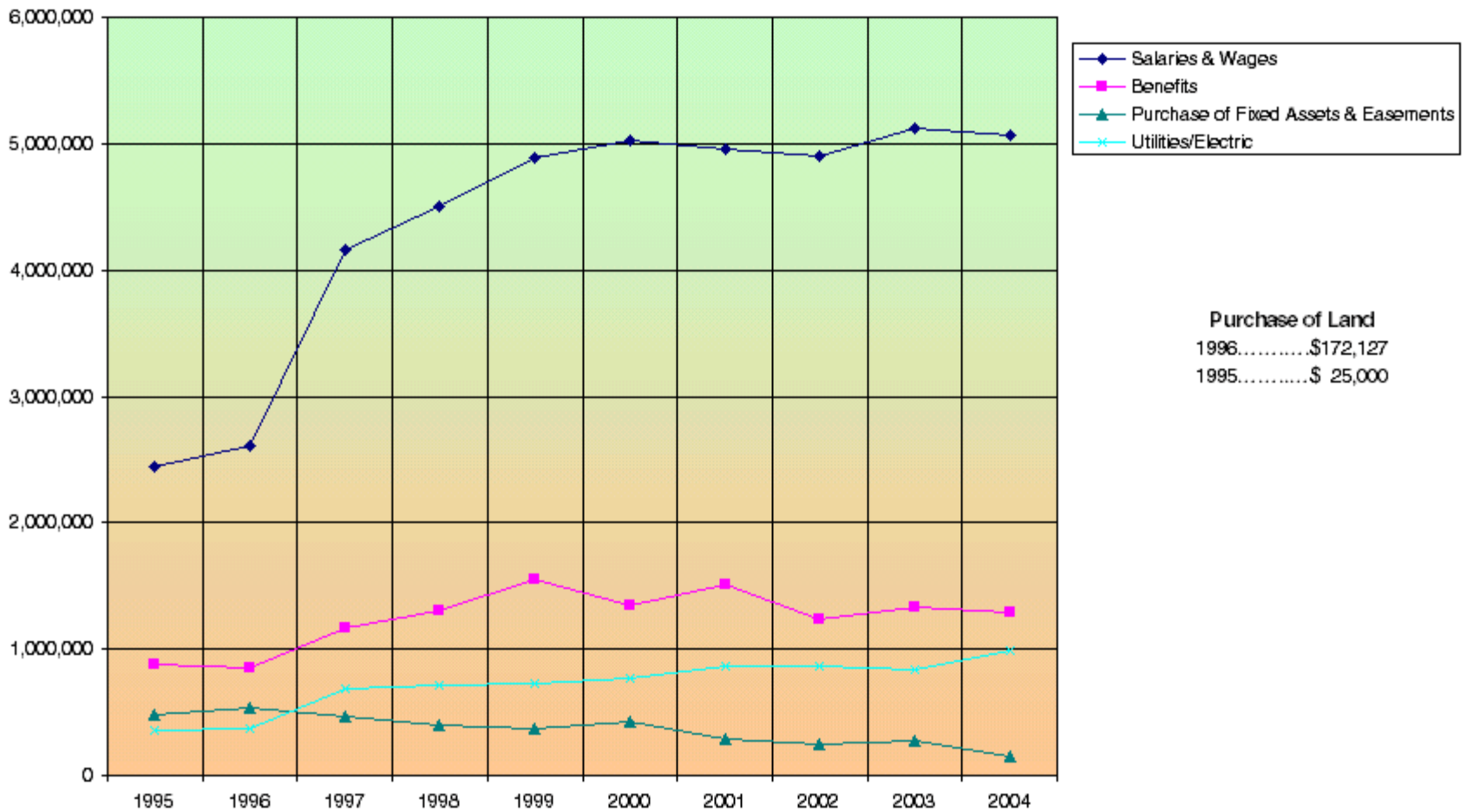


Figure 2
Major Expenses by Category



Purchase of Land
 1996.....\$172,127
 1995.....\$ 25,000

Figure 3
Major Revenue Sources

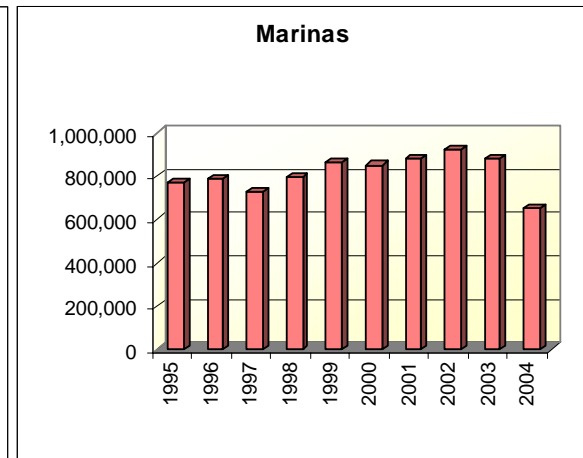
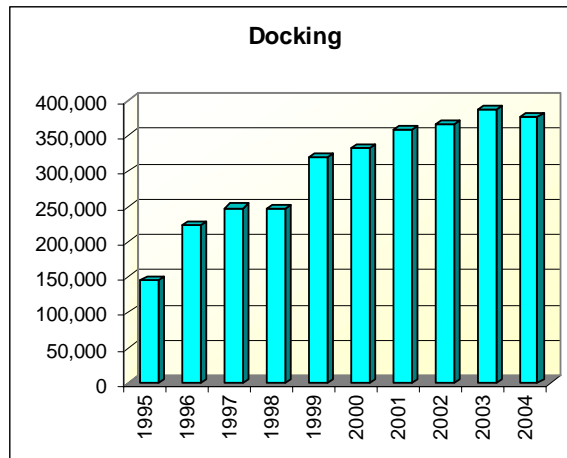
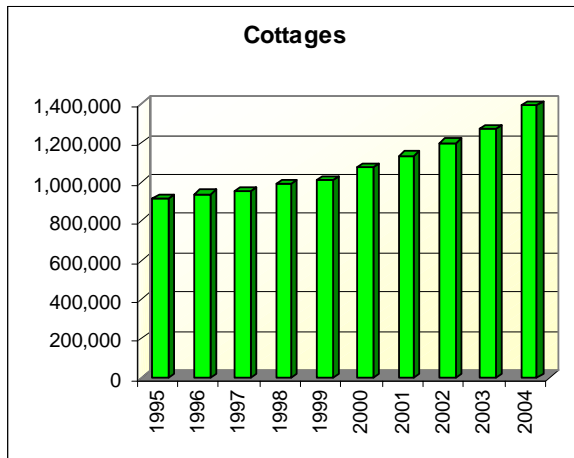
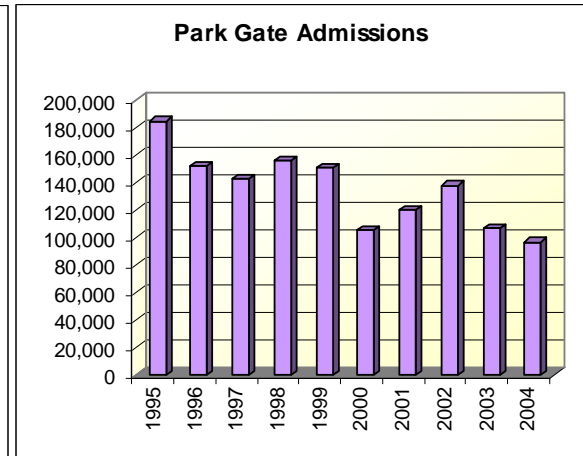
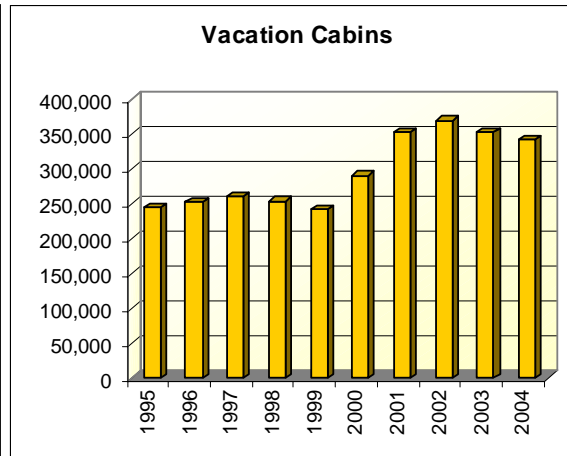
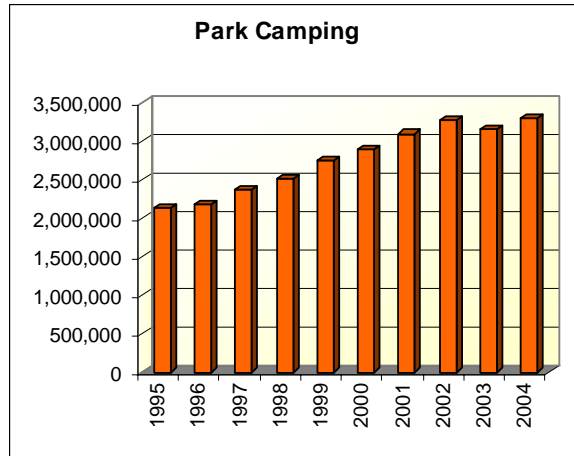


Figure 3
Major Revenue Sources continued



Analysis of Fund Balances
as of December 31, 2004

Fund Balances		
Total Improvement Fund	110,730.42	
Maintenance Fund		
General Land and Miscellaneous	20,943.85	
Forestry	260,261.70	
Recreation	411,789.77	
Contingent	39,857.73	
Total Maintenance Fund		732,853.05
Recreation Improvement Fund		
Regular	247,935.19	
Construction	59,456.38	
Contingent	8,406.24	
Total Recreation Improvement Fund		315,797.81
Bond Fund No. 2	100.00	
Total Cash Balances - All Funds		1,159,481.28
Depositories		
Funds with Banks - Checking and Collection Accounts	786,352.28	
Funds with Banks - Atwood Resort	366,129.00	
Funds with Banks - Investments	0.00	
Inactive Funds with State Treasurer	100.00	
Petty Cash and Change Funds	6,900.00	
Total Depositories - All Funds		1,159,481.28

Summary of Funds
as of December 31, 2004

	Balance Jan. 1, 2004	Receipts	Expenses	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Balance Dec. 31, 2004
Improvement Fund	117,295.34	27,471.23	34,036.15	0.00	0.00	110,730.42
Maintenance Fund						
General	10,930.55	1,068,239.11	2,733,225.81	(1) 1,675,000.00	0.00	20,943.85
Contingent	39,857.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	39,857.73
Forestry	137,580.53	553,427.76	155,746.59	0.00	(2) 275,000.00	260,261.70
Recreation	334,171.80	11,291,465.69	9,712,193.74	0.00	(3) 1,501,653.98	411,789.77
Total Maintenance Fund	522,540.61	12,913,132.56	12,601,166.14	1,675,000.00	1,776,653.98	732,853.05
Recreation Improvement Fund						
Regular	280,295.09	65,434.34	182,362.53	(4) 84,568.29	0.00	247,935.19
Construction	52,037.73	0.00	9,667.04	(5) 17,085.69	0.00	59,456.38
Contingent	8,406.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,406.24
Total Recreation Maintenance Fund	340,739.06	65,434.34	192,029.57	101,653.98	0.00	315,797.81
Bond Fund No. 2	100.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Total Funds	980,675.01	13,006,038.13	12,827,231.86	1,776,653.98	1,776,653.98	1,159,481.28

- (1) Transfer of \$275,000.00 from Maintenance Fund – Forestry
Transfer of \$1,400,000.00 from Maintenance Fund – Recreation
- (2) Transfer of \$275,000.00 to Maintenance Fund – General
- (3) Transfer of \$1,400,000.00 to Maintenance Fund – General
Transfer of \$84,568.29 to Recreation Improvement Fund – Regular
Transfer of \$17,085.69 to Recreation Improvement Fund – Construction
- (4) Transfer of \$84,568.29 from Maintenance Fund – Recreation
- (5) Transfer of \$17,085.69 from Maintenance Fund – Recreation

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements

for the year ending December 31, 2004, Section 6101.66

Cash and Investment Balance, January 1, 2004		980,675.01
Receipts		
Atwood Lake Resort	3,959,131.02	
Park Camping	3,307,188.99	
Cottage Site Leases	1,391,779.76	
Grants	96,512.56	
Marina Operations	571,509.28	
Sale of Timber and Pulpwood	553,427.76	
Sale of Land/Easements and Rights-of-Way	27,471.23	
Park Vacation Cabins	341,713.72	
Private and Multiple Docks	376,680.00	
Interest on Investments, Deposits and Notes	9,770.68	
Sale of Assets	345,038.20	
Park Admissions and Shelters	96,754.59	
Camper Trailer Storage and Pump-Out	186,616.28	
Mineral Rights and Royalties	257,340.62	
Water and Sewer Systems	82,816.56	
Marina - Camping	80,090.77	
Lake Patrol Operations	34,505.00	
Share Crop Operations	159,572.79	
Park Activity Centers	65,665.41	
ODNR Division of Watercraft	62,646.74	
Organized Groups and Club Sites	59,894.54	
Rental of Lands and Buildings	25,781.50	
Special Events	13,356.22	
Miscellaneous Income and Reimbursements	68,924.35	
Park Firewood Operations	19,601.00	
Refreshment Stand Sales and Dispensers	1,327.03	
Beach Operations and Water Activities	14,510.50	
Road Improvements - Lessees	79,019.29	

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements continued
for the year ending December 31, 2004, Section 6101.66

Sale of Water	18,000.00	
Accounts Receivable Adjustment and Advances	558,391.74	
State of Ohio - Operating Funds	141,000.00	
Total Receipts		13,006,038.13
Total Receipts and Balance		13,986,713.14
Disbursements		
Atwood Resort Facilities	4,402,448.02	
Salaries, Wages and Fees	3,642,622.40	
Purchase of Fixed Assets and Equipment	153,197.61	
Employee Insurance - Retirement, Health and Industrial	963,302.63	
Contracts	697,918.58	
Materials and Supplies	473,930.12	
Service	158,458.07	
Utility Expense	504,548.19	
Real Estate Taxes	215,481.19	
State Sales Tax	35,372.76	
Share Crop Expense	122,864.56	
Legal Expenses	110,576.38	
Debt Retirement-Principal	156,839.66	
Insurance - Property and Liability	198,796.00	
Park Supplies for Resale	30,254.51	
Gas and Oil	104,532.59	
Repairs	94,506.63	
Advertising Expense	34,705.93	
Interest Expense	110,917.39	
Training and Education	7,220.45	
Telephone	44,700.15	
Adjustments to Current Liabilities and Advances	505,018.61	
Postage	14,902.15	
Travel Expense	44,117.28	
Total Disbursements		12,827,231.86
Cash and Investment Balance December 31, 2004		1,159,481.28

Land and Forestry Operations: Total Cash Receipts by Reservoir
as of December 31, 2004

	Agricultural, Building, and Lot- Acres Leased	Land and Building Rentals	Gas, Oil, and Coal	Cash Rent and Sharecrops	Timber	Pulpwood	Totals
Atwood			106,394.30		4,095.00	40,161.83	150,651.13
Beach City	60.30	498.00	19,756.56	5,520.00			25,774.56
Bolivar			16,699.89				16,699.89
Charles Mill	25.00	2,935.00	12,566.06	1,125.00	122,480.32	5,363.96	144,470.34
Clendening			417.00				417.00
Dover			50,378.38		108,037.90		158,416.28
Leesville					7,181.69	50,090.78	57,272.47
Mohawk	889.70		11,707.95	69,394.76	132,500.00		213,602.71
Mohicanville			56.00				56.00
Piedmont							0.00
Pleasant Hill	150.00	175.00	3,835.12	11,729.00	67,673.00		83,412.12
Seneca	7.00	11,950.00	19,026.46				30,976.46
Tappan	132.00	4,852.00	5,563.97	2,640.00		15,843.28	28,899.25
Wills Creek	506.75	5,371.50	10,938.93	69,164.03			85,474.46
Totals	1,770.75	25,781.50	257,340.62	159,572.79	441,967.91	111,459.85	996,122.67

Recreation Operations: Total Cash Receipts by Reservoir
as of December 31, 2004

	ODNR Division of Watercraft	Lake Patrol	Cottages, Clubs, and Dock Sites	Road, Water and Sewer Maintenance	Marina Operations	Park Operations	Total Recreation
Atwood	8,733.14	5,585.00	542,280.96		212,850.44	955,210.49	1,724,660.03
Beach City	1,102.68						1,102.68
Bolivar			1,678.00				1,678.00
Charles Mill	4,313.12	3,960.00	267,804.45	72,479.03	71,783.31	482,403.67	902,743.58
Clendening	4,195.08	4,160.00	3,140.00		71,591.79		83,086.87
Dover							0.00
Leesville	10,202.58	3,960.00	208,279.93		65,061.39	88,717.57	376,221.47
Mohawk & Kokosing						54,677.78	54,677.78
Mohicanville							0.00
Piedmont	6,134.62	3,960.00	169,096.29		67,638.34		246,829.25
Pleasant Hill	10,735.80	4,310.00	124,386.00	79,019.29	44,892.07	464,162.80	727,505.96
Seneca	7,033.64	4,035.00	303,703.50	10,337.53	57,796.89	1,049,763.34	1,432,669.90
Tappan	9,133.02	4,535.00	193,797.34		57,481.97	951,798.09	1,216,745.42
Wills Creek	1,063.06		14,182.83				15,245.89
Totals	62,646.74	34,505.00	1,828,349.30	161,835.85	649,096.20	4,046,733.74	6,783,166.83

Grant Applications and Awards
as of December 31, 2004

Funding Source and Project Name	Total Project Cost	Grant Award	MWCD Match
Enviromental Protection Agency			
Atwood Water Treatment Facility	to be determined	300,000.00	to be determined
Federal Emergency Management Agency			
Disaster #1519 - May/June/July Flood Event	75,000.00	65,000.00	10,000.00
Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Watercraft: Cooperative Boating Facilities Grant Program			
Atwood Lake Beach Courtesy Dock	86,500.00	60,500.00	26,000.00 (in-kind)
Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Watercraft: Marine Patrol Grant Program			
MWCD Lake Patrol	97,340.00	31,680.00*	65,660.00
Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Watercraft: Boating Safety Education Grant Program			
Safe Boating and Fishing Festival	10,640.00	7,990.00	2,650.00
Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Medical Service			
First Responder Equipment	3,400.00	2,000.00	1,400.00
Ohio Water Development Authority Loan Program			
Readjustment of the Appraisal of Benefits	3,893,000.00	3,848,000.00 (loan)	45,000.00
U.S. Department of Justice			
Personal Body Armor for MWCD Law Enforcement Officers	20,200.00	10,100.00	10,100.00
State of Ohio Operating Budget			
Conservation Program	141,000.00	141,000.00	in-kind administration
Wills Creek Reservoir Improvements	30,000.00	30,000.00	in-kind administration

Analysis of Funds: Improvement Fund
as of December 31, 2004

	Income	Expense	Fund Balance
Balance, January 1, 2004			117,295.34
Sale of Land and Buildings	27,471.23	34,036.15	
Easements and Rights-of-Way	0.00	0.00	
Subtotals	27,471.23	34,036.15	
Transfer to General Maintenance Fund	0.00	0.00	
Totals	27,471.23	34,036.15	
Excess of Expenses/Transfer over Revenues			6,564.92
Balance, December 31, 2004			110,730.42

General Maintenance Fund
as of December 31, 2004

	Income	Expense	Fund Balance
Balance, January 1, 2004			10,930.55
Water Resources and Flood Control	18,000.00	5,205.12	
Improvement to District Properties		44,048.07	
Safety	12,100.00	70,303.85	
Office Remodeling and Equipment		56,639.36	
Lake Access Improvements		37,805.66	
Land and Building Rentals	25,781.50	11,887.97	
Share Crop Operations	159,572.79	110,218.29	
Mineral Operation - Gas, Oil, Coal	257,340.62	27,053.14	
Watershed Management	35,592.50	82,142.16	
State of Ohio - Operating Funds	141,000.00		
Assessment		26,256.99	

General Maintenance Fund continued
as of December 31, 2004

	Income	Expense	Fund Balance
Auto and Truck		129,775.05	
Office Building		78,465.78	
Administrative and Finance		1,135,945.40	
Engineering		220,754.09	
Subtotals	649,387.41	2,036,500.93	
Miscellaneous Sales and Services (See Itemized Supplement Next Page)	418,851.70	575,383.16	
Total General Maintenance Fund (Including Miscellaneous)	1,068,239.11	2,611,884.09	
Transfer from Recreation Maintenance Fund	1,400,000.00		
Transfer from General Maintenance Forestry	275,000.00		
Debt Retirement - Office Building		121,341.72	
Totals	2,743,239.11	2,733,225.81	
Excess of Income over Expenses			10,013.30
Balance, December 31, 2004			20,943.85

Itemized Supplement: Analysis of Miscellaneous Sales and Services
as of December 31, 2004

Reimbursible Items	Income	Expense
Chippewa Subdistrict Reimbursement	2,694.81	1,186.29
Miscellaneous Income		
Plans and Maps	1,197.00	
Pay Phone Receipts	155.84	
Bad Check Fees	1,130.44	
Impounded Boat Fees	195.00	
Cottage Construction Permits	6,600.00	
Capital Credit Refunds	8,832.03	
Recycle Materials	1,632.87	
Reimbursements	42,058.30	
Incidental Income	1,278.30	
Subtotals	63,079.78	
Various Other Items		
Sale of Assets (Pleasant Hill Marina)	345,038.20	
Interest on Investments (Maintenance Fund-General)	8,038.91	
Depreciation, Write-offs and Adjustments		24,196.87
Cash Advance to Atwood Resort		550,000.00
Total Maintenance Fund-Miscellaneous	418,851.70	575,383.16

Forestry Maintenance Fund
as of December 31, 2004

	Income	Expense	Fund Balance
Balance, January 1, 2004			137,580.53
Reforestation		8,642.90	
Woods Improvement		8,974.91	
Timber Harvesting	441,967.91	31,416.34	
Forest Protection		8,414.70	
Continuous Forest Inventory		0.00	
Pine Pulpwood Operations	111,459.85	19,111.47	
Conservation Administrative Expense		79,186.27	
Subtotals	553,427.76	155,746.59	
Transfer to General Maintenance Fund		275,000.00	
Totals	553,427.76	430,746.59	
Excess of Income over Expenses			122,681.17
Balance, December 31, 2004			260,261.70

Recreation Maintenance Fund

as of December 31, 2004

	Income	Expense	Fund Balance
Balance, January 1, 2004			334,171.80
Atwood Resort Facilities	3,959,131.02	4,654,017.27	
Manager and Employee Residences		3,430.69	
Watercraft Agreement	62,646.74	3,221.86	
Lake Patrol Operations	34,505.00	120,797.71	
Marina Operations	571,509.28	80,578.62	
Marinas-Camping	80,090.77	15,562.89	
Public Launching Facilities		21,696.51	
Cottage Sites	1,391,779.76	394,069.75	
Club Sites	59,894.54	11,865.44	
Private Docks	376,680.00	8,789.13	
Road Maintenance and Improvements - Cottage Areas	79,019.29	139,491.42	
Water and Sewer Systems	82,816.56	298,019.68	
Park Vacation Cabins	341,713.72	101,991.41	
Beach Facilities	0.00	52,403.57	
Park Refreshment Stands	1,327.03	37,323.57	
Rental Boats	14,510.50	5,633.01	
Activity Centers	65,665.41	65,631.06	
Park Camping	3,335,839.80	1,638,169.62	
Trailer Pump-Out	23,260.00	15,205.46	
Camper Trailer Storage	163,356.28	775.41	
Firewood Operations	19,601.00	12,364.59	
General Park Facilities (includes shelters)	116,923.84	1,161,650.81	
Program Services	0.00	10,715.72	
Special Events and Festivals	13,356.22	74,978.61	
General Planning and Development		114,750.43	
Training and Education		28,553.32	
Public Information	2,200.00	123,641.76	
Purchase of Equipment and Vehicles		111,931.71	
Recreation Administrative Expense		258,517.38	

Recreation Maintenance Fund continued
as of December 31, 2004

	Income	Expense	Fund Balance
Adjustment to Current Liabilities, Receivables and Advances	495,638.93		
Debt Retirement-Vacation Cabins		125,897.64	
Debt Retirement-Tappan Water Plant		20,517.69	
Subtotals	11,291,465.69	9,712,193.74	
Transfer to Maintenance Fund-General		1,400,000.00	
Transfer to Recreation Improvement Fund-Regular		84,568.29	
Transfer to Recreation Improvement Fund-Construction		17,085.69	
Totals	11,291,465.69	11,213,847.72	
Excess of Revenue over Expenses			77,617.97
Balance, December 31, 2004			411,789.77

Maintenance Fund (Contingent)

as of December 31, 2004

	Income	Expense	Fund Balance
Balance, January 1, 2004			39,857.73
Transfer to Maintenance Fund - General	0.00	0.00	
Totals	0.00	0.00	
Excess of Income over Expenses			0.00
Balance, December 31, 2004			39,857.73

Recreation Improvement Fund (Regular)

as of December 31, 2004

	Income	Expense	Fund Balance
Balance, January 1, 2004			280,295.09
Marina Operations			
Lake Dredging		27,212.65	
Public Launching Facilities		43,312.65	
Water and Sewer Systems	942.26	99,020.81	
Vacation Cabins		5,486.23	
Park Camping		3,574.35	
General Park Facilities		3,755.84	
Interest Income	1,731.77		
Subtotals	2,674.03	182,362.53	
Transfer from Recreation Maintenance Fund	84,568.29	0.00	
Accounts receivable adjustment from Water and Sewer Systems	62,760.31	0.00	
Totals	150,002.63	182,362.53	
Excess of Expenses over Income			32,359.90
Balance, December 31, 2004			247,935.19

Recreation Improvement Fund (Construction)
as of December 31, 2004

	Income	Expense	Fund Balance
Balance, January 1, 2004			52,037.73
Vacation Cabin - Refurbishing	0.00	9,667.04	
Transfer From Maintenance Fund - Recreation	17,085.69		
Totals	17,085.69	9,667.04	
Excess of Income over Expenses			7,418.55
Balance, December 31, 2004			59,456.38

Recreation Improvement Fund (Contingent)
as of December 31, 2004

	Income	Expense	Fund Balance
Balance, January 1, 2004			8,406.24
Totals	0.00	0.00	
Excess of Income over Expenses			0.00
Balance, December 31, 2004			8,406.24

Bond Fund No. 2
as of December 31, 2004

	Income	Expense	Fund Balance
Balance, January 1, 2004			100.00
Interest on Deposits and Investments	0.00	0.00	
Bonds Retired	0.00	0.00	
Interest on Bonds	0.00	0.00	
Totals	0.00	0.00	
Excess of Expenses over Income			0.00
Balance, December 31, 2004			100.00

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*Subdistricts
of the
Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District*

Black Fork Subdistrict of Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District

Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2004

Cash on Hand, January 1, 2004	0.00
Receipts	
None	0.00
Disbursements	
None	0.00
Cash on Hand, December 31, 2004	0.00

Black Fork Subdistrict of Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District

from January 1, 2004, to December 31, 2004, in accordance with Section 6101.66 of the Ohio Revised Code

Assets	
Cash	0.00
Expenses	
Preliminary Expense (expense includes legal and engineering costs, court costs, and overhead charges)	1,822.26
Total Assets and Expenses	1,822.26
Liabilities	
Account Payable (to Main District)	1,822.26
Receipts and Advances	0.00
Total Liabilities and Receipts	1,822.26

Buffalo Creek Subdistrict of Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District

Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2004

Cash on Hand, January 1, 2004	0.00
Receipts	
None	0.00
Disbursements	
None	0.00
Cash on Hand, December 31, 2004	0.00

Buffalo Creek Subdistrict of Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District

from January 1, 2004, to December 31, 2004, in accordance with Section 6101.66 of the Ohio Revised Code

Assets		
Cash		0.00
Expenses		
Preliminary Expense (expense includes legal and engineering costs, court costs and overhead charges)	27,592.88	
Total Assets and Expenses		27,592.88
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable (to Main District)	12,464.98	
Loan from Local Committee	15,000.00	
Total Liabilities		27,464.98
Receipts and Advances		
Interest on Deposits and Investments	127.90	
Total Liabilities and Receipts		27,592.88

Chippewa Subdistrict of Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District
Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2004

Assets		
Cash and Investments	518,678.12	
Amount available to be provided	345,000.00	
Total Assets		863,678.12
Expenses		
Preliminary (legal, engineering, appraisal, etc) less preliminary expenses paid	232,317.25	
Various improvement expenses (legal, engineering)	169,096.37	
Purchase of Land and Easement	542,878.41	
Construction Payments to Contractor	210,388.07	
Repayment of Contributors		
(a) Chippewa Watershed Association	33,630.00	
(b) Packaging Corporation of America	0.00	
Interest on Notes	169,590.70	
Funds Advanced to Improvement Fund	54,178.01	
Funds Advanced to Maintenance Fund	145,000.00	
Various Maintenance Expenses	1,566,113.19	
Real Estate Taxes	4,521.61	
Various Bond Fund Expenses	110.91	
Total Expenses		3,127,824.52
Total Assets and Expenses		3,991,502.64

Chippewa Subdistrict of Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District

Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2004, continued

Liabilities		
Current Notes Payable - FHA	0.00	
Accounts Payable (to Main District)	0.00	
Total Liabilities		0.00
Receipts		
Chippewa Watershed Association	19,630.00	
Packaging Corporation of America	33,544.00	
Revenue from Sales of Notes - FHA	345,000.00	
Interest on Deposits and Investments	323,490.12	
Wayne County Commissioners	17,500.00	
Department of Natural Resources	37,000.00	
Department of Natural Resources - Purchase of Lands	100,000.00	
Construction Payments from NRCS	189,195.26	
Revenue from Benefit Assessments - Paid in Full	173,574.32	
Interest on Assessments - Paid in Full	105.60	
Revenue from Sale of Lands	170,309.33	
Funds Advanced from Preliminary Funds	74,178.01	
Funds Advanced from Bond Fund	145,000.00	
Miscellaneous Receipts and Refunds	2,556.94	
Collection of Assessments from Counties	1,766,792.77	
Revenue from Land Rent/Miscellaneous	583,491.11	
Interest on Notes	10,135.18	
Total Receipts		3,991,502.64
Total Liabilities and Receipts		3,991,502.64

Chippewa Subdistrict of Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District

from January 1, 2004, to December 31, 2004, in accordance with Section 6101.66 of the Ohio Revised Code

Cash on Hand, January 1, 2004		250,065.14
Receipts		
Collection of Assessments	361,781.28	
Interest on Deposits and Investments	4,673.27	
Revenue from Land Rental and Miscellaneous	240.00	
Miscellaneous	5,516.55	
Total Receipts		372,211.10
Total Receipts and Balance		622,276.24
Disbursements		
Contract Services	43,245.78	
Repairs and Maintenance	59,395.93	
Taxes	956.41	
Total Disbursements		103,598.12
Cash on Hand, December 31, 2004		518,678.12

Duck Creek Subdistrict of Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District
Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2004

Cash on Hand, January 1, 2004	8,079.57
Receipts	
Interest on Deposits and Investments	25.40
Total Receipts and Balance	8,104.97
Disbursements	
None	0.00
Cash on Hand, December 31, 2004	8,104.97

Duck Creek Subdistrict of Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District
from January 1, 2004, to December 31, 2004, in accordance with Section 6101.66 of the Ohio Revised Code

Assets		
Cash		8,104.97
Expenses		
Preliminary expense (includes legal and engineering costs, court costs and overhead charges)		5,400.32
Total Assets and Expenses		13,505.29
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	36.55	
Ohio Water Commission	20,000.00	
Less Partial Repayment	(14,000.00)	
Total Liabilities		6,036.55
Receipts and Advances		
Interest on Deposits and Receipts		7,468.74
Total Liabilities and Receipts		13,505.29

Contact Information for MWCD Facilities

Parks

Park	Superintendent	Phone	Fax	Email
Atwood Lake Park 4956 Shop Road NE Mineral City, OH 44656	Tony Luther	330-343-6780	330-343-5454	tluther@mwcdlakes.com atwood@mwcdlakes.com
Charles Mill Lake Park 1271 State Route 430 Mansfield, OH 44903	Dan Mager	419-368-6885	419-368-4912	dmager@mwcdlakes.com charlesmill@mwcdlakes.com
Pleasant Hill Lake Park 3431 State Route 95 Perrysville, OH 44864	Dan Mager	419-938-7884	419-938-7884	dmager@mwcdlakes.com aseib@mwcdlakes.com pleasanthill@mwcdlakes.com
Seneca Lake Park 22172 Park Road Senecaville, OH 43780	Gary Parrish	740-685-6013	740-685-6770	gparrish@mwcdlakes.com seneca@mwcdlakes.com
Tappan Lake Park P. O. Box 29 Deersville, OH 44693	John Birney	740-922-3649	740-922-6086	jbirney@mwcdlakes.com tappan@mwcdlakes.com

Marinas

Marina	Operator	Phone	Fax
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Atwood Sail and Power Marina (East) P. O. Box 57 Dellroy, OH 44620	C. Brian Valot www.atwoodlakeboats.com atwoodeast@tusco.net	330-735-2323	330-364-6358
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Seneca Marina P. O. Box 128 Senecaville, OH 43780	Heinlein Properties, Inc. Roger Barack	740-685-5831	740-685-3633
Tappan Marina 33315 Dennison-Cadiz Road Scio, OH 43988	Cathy and Gary Cramblett Sandra and Richard Henry	740-269-2031	740-269-8002

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Honorable Jon R. Spahr	Licking County
Honorable D. W. Favreau	Morgan County
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Honorable James DeWeese	Richland County
Honorable Jim James	Stark County
Honorable Jane Bond	Summit County
Honorable Edward E. O’Farrell	Tuscarawas County
Honorable Timothy A. Williams	Washington County
Honorable Mark K. Wiest	Wayne County

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David E. Brightbill (Lower Salem)	Term expires July 18, 2007
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James Navratil (Medina)	Term expires June 13, 2006
Mark J. Waltz (Dover)	Term expires June 3, 2005

Cooperating Agencies

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Ohio Department of Natural Resources

Natural Resources Conservation Service

**Ohio Agricultural Research
and Development Center**

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

U.S. Forest Service

U.S. Geological Survey

Ohio Department of Transportation

Ohio Department of Aviation

Ohio Department of Agriculture

Conservancy District Staff

as of December 31, 2004

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Mary Burley Human Resources Coordinator
Cindi Coutts Development Coordinator
Diana Dodds Office Assistant
Karen Miller Executive Assistant
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Darrell Larkin Equipment Operator

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Stephen Demuth Systems Coordinator
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Linda Treacle Accounting Specialist

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Tricia Miller Clerical Assistant
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John Traxler Lease Technician

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Terry Genet Park Technician
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Rose DeLong Clerical Assistant

MWCD Facilities

Description	Atwood	Beach City	Charles Mill	Clendening	Leesville	Piedmont	Pleasant Hill	Seneca	Tappan	Wills Creek
Horsepower limit	25	10	10	10	10	10	unlimited	299	299	10
Acres of water	1540	420	1350	1800	1000	2270	850	3550	2350	900
Acres of land	3000	930	2000	4750	2600	4372	1345	4060	5000	4846
Conservation pool elevation*	928	948	997	898	963	913	1020	832.2	899.3	742
Spillway elevation **	941.0	976.5	1020.0	910.5	977.5	924.6	1065.0	742.5	909.0	779.0
Maximum depth (in feet)	38	13	12	38	43	33	50	27.2	29.3	22
Average depth (in feet)	16.3	4.1	5.5	15.5	19.5	14.8	15.9	12.3	14.9	6.7
Park										
Year round camping										
Seasonal camping rates										
Group camping										
Hot showers										
Modern restrooms										
Electric hookups										
Full hookups										
Swimming beach										
Hiking trails										
Activity center										
Nature center										
Group shelters										
18-hole golf course										
Full service marina	2		1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1
Overnight lodging										
Resort										
Park vacation cabins										
Marina motel/cabins										
Camper cabins										
*Conservation pool is a lake surface elevation which is maintained durin the boating season, unless affected by the operation of the dam for flood control, or by drought. Conservation pool is measured in feet above sea level.										
**Spillway elevation (the channel near the dam for surplus water) is measured in feet above sea level.										

Fish Species in MWCD Reservoirs

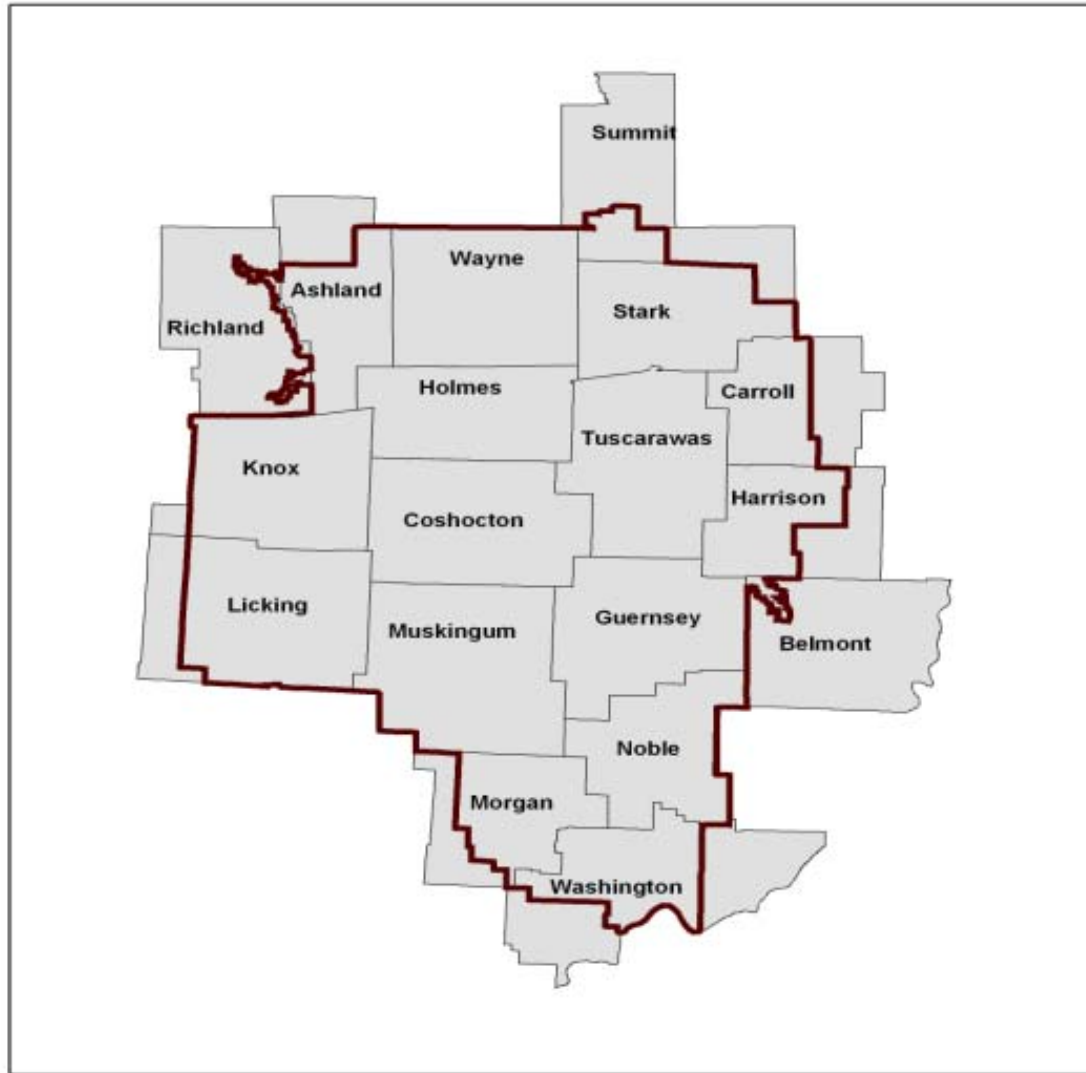
Description	Atwood	Beach City	Charles Mill	Clendening	Leesville	Piedmont	Pleasant Hill	Seneca	Tappan	Wills Creek
Muskellunge										
Northern Pike										
Channel Catfish										
Flathead Catfish										
Bullheads										
White Bass										
Striped Bass										
Largemouth Bass										
Smallmouth Bass										
Crappie										
Bluegill										
Yellow Perch										
Walleye										
Saugeye										
Hunting *										
Trapping *										

**Through an agreement, hunting, trapping, and fishing activities are regulated by the ODNR Division of Wildlife.*

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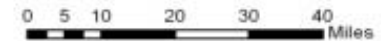
Map of MWCD Counties and Jurisdictional Boundary



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MWCD Counties

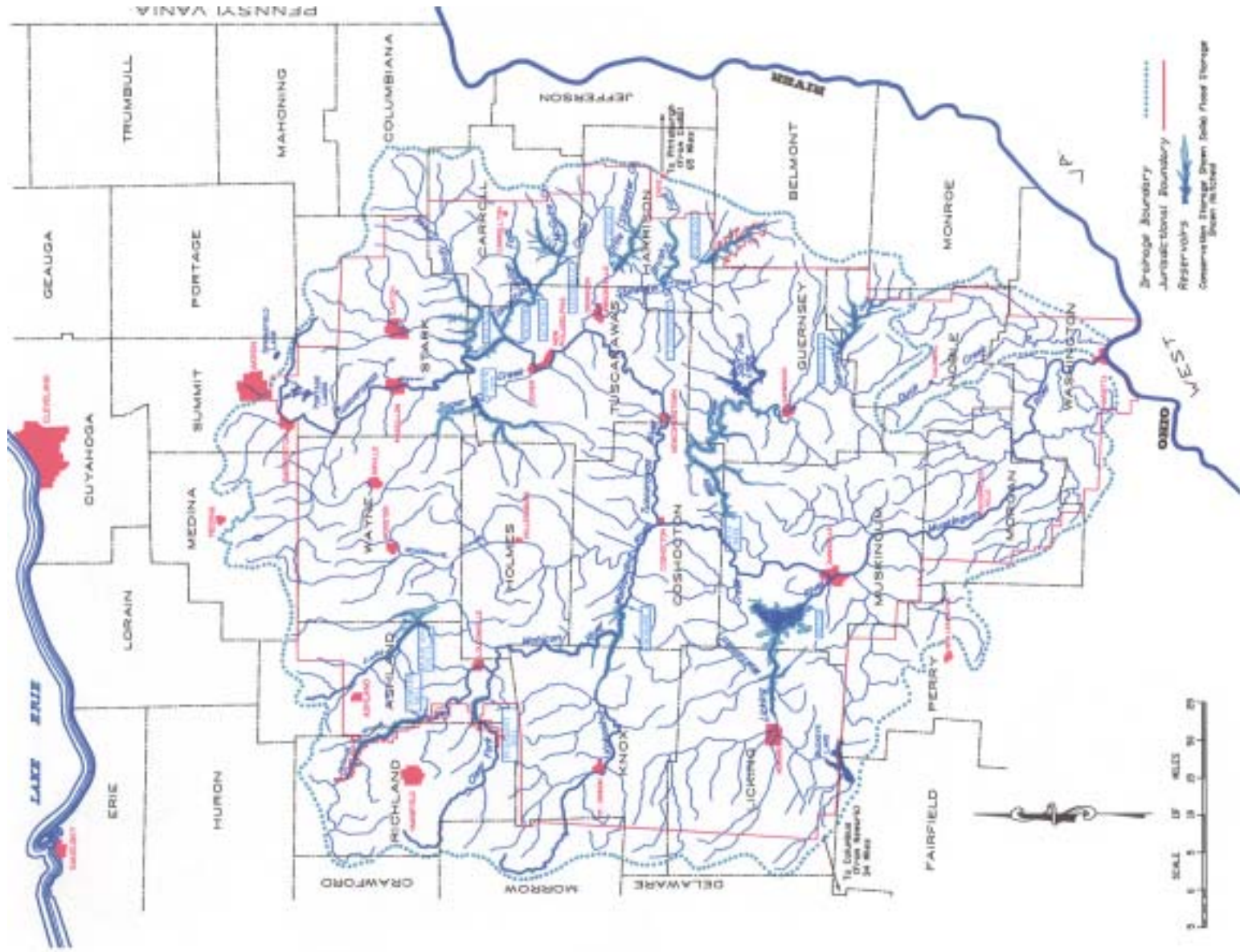
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Map of MWCD Drainage Area



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The MWCD Charitable Endowment Fund was established in 1996 as a component fund of the Stark Community Foundation to provide donors an opportunity to make tax-deductible contributions to support the mission of the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District. Due to generous public support of the fund in its first five years, MWCD decided to establish a foundation of its own. In February 2001, the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy Foundation (MWCF) was officially incorporated and deemed a publicly supported charitable organization by the IRS. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization that can provide contributors with a wide array of charitable giving options.

MWCF

Mission Statement

The Muskingum Watershed Conservancy Foundation is dedicated to providing financial support for the economic needs within the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District by providing conservation, recreation and flood control benefits for present and future generations while helping donors meet their charitable goals.

For almost 70 years, the MWCD has provided a wide variety of benefits to area residents. Over 12 million trees have been planted, re-establishing lush forests on previously eroded land. Billions of dollars of property damage and countless lives have been saved by the system of 14 flood control reservoirs. More than 5 million visitors use MWCD lands and lakes annually to boat, fish, hunt, swim, camp or enjoy a wide variety of other recreational opportunities.

Foundation contributes record amount to MWCD

Thanks to the generosity of many loyal contributors, the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy Foundation was able to provide financial support to the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD) throughout each season of 2004.

In the winter, the Foundation awarded a grant to the MWCD to fund the re-appraisal of benefits to landowners afforded by the operation and maintenance of the 14 dams and reservoirs in the Muskingum Watershed. These benefits were last appraised in 1936. This re-appraisal will be the basis for a plan to provide sufficient funding for the maintenance necessary to keep the reservoirs functional for future generations.

In the spring, the Foundation awarded a grant from the James R. Pitney Law Enforcement Fund to sponsor a seminar conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The focus of the seminar was forensic interviewing of

child abuse victims. Over 100 law enforcement and social service personnel from Ashland and Richland Counties were in attendance.

In the summer, a grant was awarded from the general endowment fund to help alleviate a portion of the unanticipated financial burden on the MWCD created by several events of flooding at Atwood, Leesville, Seneca and Tappan reservoirs in May, June and July. Total MWCD cost for evacuation, clean up and repair efforts exceeded \$100,000.00, not including countless hours of labor.

In the fall, the Foundation awarded grants to participate in two Clean Ohio Conservation Fund projects. A grant from the Thomas W. Hudson Charitable Endowment Fund provided partial funding to purchase land near Atwood Lake that is critical to preserving the functionality of the floodplain in that area. A grant also was awarded from the general endowment fund to improve a section of riparian corridor of Tappan Lake that surrounds a water intake structure recently installed to provide drinking water to the Village of Cadiz.

The total of grants awarded in 2004, in excess of \$10,000.00, is the largest in the four-year history of the Foundation. This grant funding truly assisted the MWCD in fulfilling its mission at a time when the Conservancy District's financial resources were very restricted. The availability of funding for grants largely depends on the generosity and interests of our donors and the Foundation's ability to generate new sources of revenue for such purposes.

Foundation fundraising events

The Foundation benefited from a variety of fundraising events in 2004.

The Sixth Annual MWCF Golf Outing raised more than \$5,000 to support the operating costs of the foundation. Held September 10 at Atwood Lake Resort and Conference Center's championship golf course, a total of 21 four-player teams participated in the scramble format tournament. The event also generated many hole sponsors and donations of products and prizes from various organizations and businesses.

The winning team, with a score of 16-under par, was the foursome of Colby Byrom, Bill Hawk, Terry Manges, and John Perkowski.

Thanks to those individuals who served on the Golf Outing Committee: John Grasselli (*Chairman*), Dick Bible, Mary Burley, Cindi Coutts, John Hoopingarner, Harry Horstman, Darrin Lautenschleger, Tony Luther, Karen Miller, Jim Murphy, Neil Praznik, Tina Price and Gary Sigrist.

The outing is held annually on the Friday following Labor Day. Next year's event will be held on September 9, 2005.

A chicken barbecue and silent auction held at Charles Mill Lake Park raised over \$4,000.00 for the James R. Pitney Law Enforcement Fund. The Atwood Fall Festival generated a \$4,500.00 contribution for the Atwood Park Fund. The Regis Wissler Endowment Fund

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Winning the Sixth Annual MWCF Golf Outing was the team of Terry Manges (L), Bill Hawk, John Perkowski and Colby Byrom.

continued to receive support from the Wissler Family and fellow campers at Seneca Lake Park.

The Sailing Buckeyes Yacht Club conducted the Atwood Cup Regatta to benefit the Thomas W. Hudson Charitable Endowment Fund. The regatta raised over \$2,000 this year. The Hudson Fund was established in 1996 to provide support for conservation and preservation projects at Atwood Lake.

Employees continue to make contributions

MWCD employees continue to play an important role in the growth of the Foundation. Many employees choose to contribute through a payroll deduction program. This year, employees contributed over \$3,000.00. The Foundation also received charitable contributions throughout the year in the form of honorary or memorial gifts.

New memberships and membership renewals are another way to show support. Our member loyalty is evidenced by an 80% rate of renewal that the Foundation has enjoyed since its inception. Memberships are available in the following categories: \$25 individual, \$50 family, \$100 patron, \$250 business/corporate and \$500 benefactor. Patron, business/corporate and benefactor memberships offer a season pass to the five MWCD parks. Memberships are available anytime throughout the year.

Primarily due to the fact that the MWCD provides administrative personnel and office accommodations, operating costs have always been held below 20%. We are proud to promote that over 80% of all contributions are used to provide support for projects that directly benefit the Conservancy District. Foundation Trustees recently approved a set of guidelines and an application form developed to provide a fair and equitable evaluation of all projects submitted for funding consideration.

Trustees preparing for board growth

In accordance with the foundation's code of regulations, its board will grow from five to fifteen trustees in January 2006. Ten trustees will be elected by the membership of the foundation. The MWCD Board of Directors will appoint the remaining five. Current members of the foundation board include John Hoopingartner of Dover, MWCD Executive Director/Secretary; David Brightbill of

Marietta and Harry Horstman of Scio who both serve on the MWCD Board of Directors; John Hildreth of Mansfield, Program Administrator of the Richland Soil and Water Conservation District; and Joseph Sommer of Canton, former Director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and MWCD Board. Mr. Hoopingartner serves as chairman of the foundation. Mr. Brightbill was recently elected as vice-chairman. Cindi Coutts, MWCD Development Coordinator, serves as the secretary and treasurer of the foundation. The Muskingum Watershed Conservancy Foundation was created not only to help support the mission of the Conservancy District, but also to help donors meet their charitable goals. Information in regard to developing a charitable contribution plan, can be obtained by contacting Cindi Coutts at (330) 343-6647, ext. 225 or via email to ccouts@muskingumfoundation.org.



Members of the Foundation Board of Trustees: Joseph J. Sommer (L), Harry C. Horstman, John M. Hoopingartner, David E. Brightbill and John E. Hildreth.

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¹ Denotes membership in the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy Foundation

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