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SAVE MAUMEE GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATION ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Save
Maumee

Save Maumee Grassroots Organization's purpose is to preserve, protect and improve the ecosystems of the Upper Maumee River & Maumee Watershed by increasing public awareness through advocacy, collaboration, education and hands-on projects.

Save Maumee has been dedicated to raising awareness and facilitating ecosystem restoration projects to improve our waterways and those downstream.

Research about local rivers began in 2001 and our restoration projects began in 2005. Save Maumee Grassroots Organization Inc. has been a registered 501(C)(3) charitable, nonprofit since 2013. We are a 100% volunteer organization, relying on memberships and local community support to get the work done! Thank you!

Between 2016-2019, Save Maumee has reforested approximately 1.4 miles of riparian buffers, planting 2,780 trees along the most degraded streams in the Upper Maumee River Basin, with funding through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative & U.S. Forest Service. Save Maumee and the USDA are equal opportunity providers, employers and lenders. Learn more about Save Maumee's Riparian Buffer Initiative and how you can help! <http://savemaumee.org/save-maumee-riparian-buffer-initiative/>

Larger scope of our work

Save Maumee serves as an advisory committee member for the Indiana Department of Environmental Management's (IDEM) Domestic Action Plan for Lake Erie. This international agreement between the United States and Canada, presents the greatest contributors of phosphorus and nitrogen to the Western Lake Erie Basin, and establishes an action plan for addressing the most critical areas. Save Maumee Riparian Buffer Initiative projects will reduce 1,130 pounds of nitrogen and 671 pounds of phosphorus, from entering the Maumee River, per year.

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Making the
ditches
streams again

Your membership provides the necessary funding for us to continue our critical work. Join today and help us to save the Maumee River!

Save Maumee's Board of Directors



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Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful dedicated people can change the world.

Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

~Margaret Mead

Working to improve water quality since 2005

- Removed over 16 tons of trash (32,000 lbs.) from Fort Wayne's three rivers & many feeder streams
- Planted over 4,000 native DNR approved trees
- Planted approx. 1,000 lbs. of DNR approved native seed
- Installed over 16,000 sq. ft. of erosion control mats that biodegrade in 4 years
- Harvested over 100 lbs. of native DNR approved seed from local prairies to replant along riverbanks
- Set the example of effective ways to help with the #1 pollutant in our waterways - sedimentation & erosion - by organizing shovel-ready projects, to restore and protect natural areas
- Raised awareness successfully ~ logging over 2,000 volunteer hours in 2017 alone!



Do trees improve water quality?

Trees provide both habitat and aesthetics, while converting carbon dioxide into oxygen; they also capture run-off and soil, which filter out excess nutrients. Without trees and native vegetation, water runs from impervious surfaces like roads and rooftops, untreated into streams and rivers.

Soil & Water Retention

Trees hold the soil in place during rain and flood events, assisting in the prevention of erosion. Trees help to slow the flow of water by filtering it through the roots to capture & naturally eliminate runoff, helping to settle silt and reduce sedimentation in water.

Native trees and plants hold water for a longer period of time, absorbing fertilizers and waste materials, removing excess nitrogen, nutrients, phosphorous, organic waste and toxins before they pass downstream; aiding in reduction of algae blooms and reduction of bacterial growth downstream.



The Bigger Picture of Saving the Maumee

The Maumee River Basin is the largest Great Lakes Watershed, draining 5 counties in Indiana alone. The Maumee's confluence begins in Fort Wayne and outlets into Lake Erie via the Maumee Bay in Toledo, Ohio.

SEDIMENTATION remains the #1 pollutant in surface waters.

The Maumee is formed by the St. Joe and St. Marys coming together in downtown Fort Wayne. 80% of a streams water quality is inherited at its headwaters, so the health of the Maumee is very important. All 3 rivers remain on the federal 303(d) list of impaired waterways.

Save Maumee monthly meetings are generally the 1st Monday of every month at **Don Halls Gas House**, from 7-8:30pm. Location: 305 E. Superior Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46802. Meetings are always open to the public. **Free coffee & tea!** Check the agenda! <http://savemaumee.org/agenda>

What Can I Do?

Homeowners and businesses play a key role in improving the conditions of our rivers. Water quality improvements start on the land, and every decision to use natural products on your lawn and in your home help to control the amount of harsh pollutants in our waterways. Learn more about living a sustainable life with Save Maumee!

Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing, because he could only do a little.

~ Edmund Burke

