

## **2005 Area Assistance Team Review Form for Watershed Coordinator Grant Projects**

Date:

Project Name and Watershed served:

Attendees:

What outcome do you want to result from this functional review?

Share two success stories from your project this year. (May 2004 to May 2005)

For watershed projects still creating a watershed action plan, include Topics 1 and 2.

### **Topic #1 - Key Concepts for Improved Water Resource Integrity and the Watershed Inventory**

Possible questions:

- ◆ What do you know about the chemical integrity of your water resource?
- ◆ Physical integrity?
- ◆ Biological integrity?
- ◆ Is there an initial identification of critical areas?
- ◆ What are the critical information gaps in the inventory?
- ◆ Is there a connection between information collection goals and water quality impairments and goals?

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AAT reviewed biological integrity of streams section of Appendix 8 update.	Coordinator now knows where to find aquatic life use attainment standards, but asked for copies of the latest IBI scores available on streams in her watershed.	Ohio EPA will follow up with available reports.

**Topic #2 – Watershed Impairments and Creating Problem Statements**

- ◆ Go over the Watershed Impairments and Creating Problem Statements section on page 6 of the Appendix 8 update and refer to Attachment B on page 11. What do you foresee as your barriers to achieving this level of detail?

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**Topic #3 – Implementation and evaluation: How are you monitoring progress?**

Possible questions:

- ◆ Share a description of interim, measurable milestones for determining whether NPS management measures or other control actions are being implemented.
- ◆ What criteria does your project plan to use to determine whether loading reductions are being achieved over time?
- ◆ What criteria will you use to show that substantial progress is being made towards attaining water quality standards and, if this is not happening, the criteria for determining whether this watershed-based plan needs to be revised?
- ◆ How will you monitor to evaluate the effectiveness of the implementation efforts over time?

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**Topic # 4 - Project sponsor relationship to larger watershed advisory group.**

Possible questions:

- ◆ What organizations are represented on your watershed advisory group and why are they there?
- ◆ What is the structure of the group (How does it make decisions?)
- ◆ What is the watershed coordinator grant sponsor's role in the advisory group?
- ◆ What other planning efforts are occurring in the watershed, and how does the watershed project participate in and influence these planning efforts? (TMDLs, 319, local land use planning, etc.)

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**Topic #5 – Sustained funding for watershed efforts in the future.**

Possible questions:

- ◆ Will your organization have enough resources to continue the watershed project over the next ten years?
- ◆ What steps should happen today to build towards this vision?
- ◆ What are the immediate challenges of your organization?

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**Topic #6 – Watershed Project’s Turn.**

Possible questions:

- ◆ List some improvements to Ohio’s watershed program that your organization would like to see.

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