



Black River Advisory Committee
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BRAC QUARTERLY MEETING | Wednesday, May 7th, 2025 @ 2:00 PM

Location: Lorain County Public Health Building, 9880 Murray Ridge Rd., Elyria, OH 44035

or join via Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3316376366?omn=81574510230>

Meeting ID: 331 637 6366

Agenda

❖ **Welcome / Call to Order / Introductions** Time:

❖ **Chagrin River Watershed Partners** – NPS-IS plans updates

❖ **Fiscal Report(s):**

- Q4 (Jan 1 – March 31, 2025) reports, semi-annual pending
- 2023-2024 Annual Report currently under review

❖ **Old Business**

- Approval of BRAC meeting minutes from February 11, 2025
- Follow-up with William Brion from Lorain High School – visit/tour?
- Review/certify voting members list
 - have committee members reached out to their assigned contacts for membership?
 - Marijoy Halitzka – emails being returned. No record of attendance for 2 years.
 - [Janet Deardorff \(janet_deardorff@fws.gov\)](mailto:janet_deardorff@fws.gov) Her “email address couldn't be found”. Has her employment ended?
- [Vermilion River Watershed Open House](#) – feedback from event on Saturday, April 26th, 11am – 3pm. Approximate number of attendees/engagements?
- Ohio Federation of Soil & Water Conservation Districts (OFSWCD) 2025 Summer Supervisor School: Lorain County tour has been cancelled due to distance.

Motion to accept: _____ 2nd: _____

Discussion: _____

❖ **New Business**

- Advertising – billboard campaign: Same billboards? MUST be within AOC this time.
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- **Lorain County Beautiful Day**, Saturday, May 17th
 - Location? Volunteers?
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- **“Ripples of Plastic”** documentary at French Creek Nature Center on Saturday, May 31.
 - Volunteers needed to table at the event.

- Work day or walking tour at Margaret Peak (or other watershed property) for July meeting?
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- [One Water Summit](#), July 8 – 11, 2025 – Pittsburgh, PA at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center
 - A block of rooms is reserved at the Westin Pittsburgh for \$209/night + tax and fees
 - The deadline to register for the hotel is Monday, June 9, 2025.
 - If you have any questions, please contact summit@uswateralliance.org.

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❖ **Black River Watershed Project Updates**

- County
 - [Hoskins Ditch, Willow Creek watershed](#) in Eaton Twp on Ross property.
 - * Potential collaboration between Lorain Soil & Water Conservation District & the County
- City

Discussion: _____

❖ **Ohio AOC Program Updates & Announcements**

- Ohio AOC Summit was Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at the Amy H. Levin Learning Center in Lorain
- “Degradation of Fish Populations” and “Loss of Fish Habitat” BUIs Proposed Removals

Discussion: _____

❖ **Federal AOC Program Updates & Announcements**

- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) through the 2025 National Coastal Resilience Fund (NCRF) Request for Proposals (RFP). For application details, eligibility, and contact information, please visit the [NFWF website](#).
 - **Deadline May 6 for pre-proposals!**

❖ **Announcements | Other Business**

- Ohio EPA is releasing the draft Preliminary Modeling Results (PMR) report for the Multi-Watershed Recreation/Pathogen TMDL for review. The final Loading Analysis Plan (LAP) documents have been posted. Please see the [draft PMR](#) for additional information.
 - Email comments to EPATMDL@epa.ohio.gov by **5:00 p.m. May 26, 2025**.
 - If you would like to receive notifications on the development of Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) projects, please go [here](#) to subscribe.
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❖ **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn: _____ / 2nd: _____

- Next BRAC meeting: July 22nd – **LOCATION?**