



**WE'RE NOT  
THE ONLY ONES  
THANKING YOU.**

Storm water runoff and sewage overflow affect not only the human population in the Toledo area, they affect the vitality of our other "residents," too. And thanks to your support, the Toledo Waterways Initiative has been making great progress in preserving our area's most precious resources. For a more detailed report of our progress, please visit [toledowaterwaysinitiative.com](http://toledowaterwaysinitiative.com).



## **THE TOLEDO WATERWAYS INITIATIVE**

*Making Our Rivers Cleaner*

The Toledo Waterways Initiative (TWI) was created to improve our sewer system to reduce sewage and pollution flowing to the Maumee, Swan Creek, Ottawa and Lake Erie waterways. These rivers, lakes and streams are enjoyed for their beauty and recreation. They are also home to walleye and many other types of fish and wildlife.

Together, with your support, we have made a lot of progress in our effort to protect, restore and enhance our waterways.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS**

- At the conclusion of the TWI program, more than 80 percent of sewer overflows will be eliminated, including all that once bypassed the Bay View Wastewater Treatment Plant to Toledo area waterways after heavy rains.
- This reduction equates to 650 million gallons of untreated sewage per year diverted from our waterways.

### **ECONOMIC BENEFITS**

- Nearly 500 full-time-equivalent jobs are supported each year as a result of this program.
- More than 90 percent of the construction design work has been done within Toledo, contributing highly skilled jobs to the area.

### **RECREATIONAL BENEFITS**

- The Ottawa River and Maumee Bay once had regularly posted swimming restrictions due to high bacteria levels. These restrictions are becoming less frequent.

### **POSITIVE RESIDUAL BENEFITS**

- While this program is a pollution control project, reduced basement and street flooding has been an indirect benefit in some areas.
- Through restoration efforts included in the construction work, we have improved parks and streets making our communities more livable.

Since the initiative began in 2002, much has been accomplished. But there's still more work to do. To get involved, visit our website at [toledowaterwaysinitiative.com](http://toledowaterwaysinitiative.com).