

Blanchard River Watershed Partnership (BRWP)



A. What is the mission of the BRWP?

- To create partnerships that will promote watershed awareness, responsible land use and management decisions, to restore and preserve water quality, and to protect and enhance watershed functions.

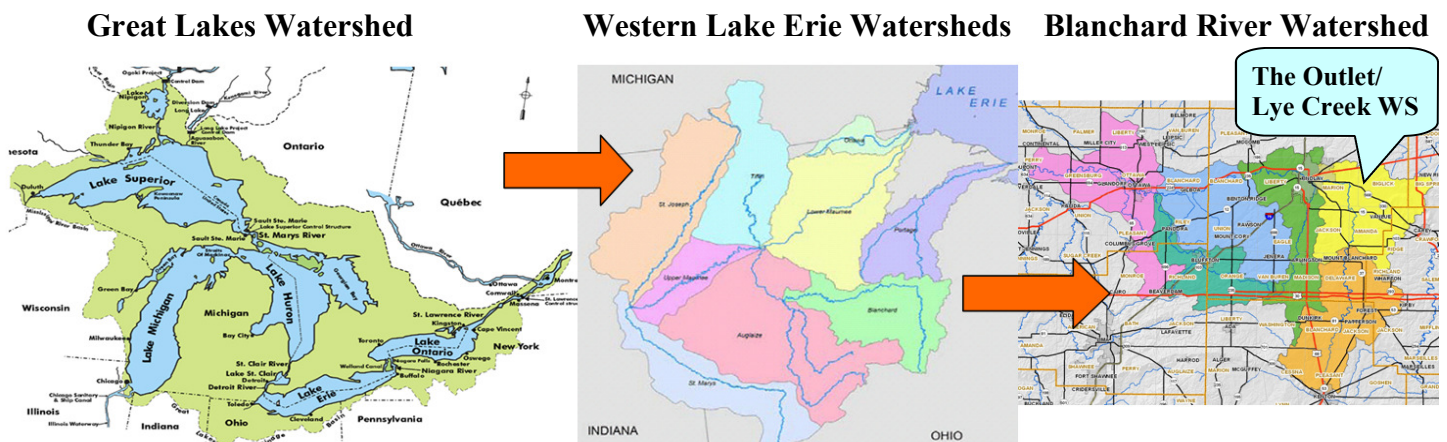
B. What are the Activities of the BRWP?

- Water Quality Monitoring
- Stream Observation Walks
- River/Stream Clean-up
- Public Meetings to Educate and hear Concerns
- Outreach/Education - County Fairs, Chambers of Commerce, etc.
- Watershed Action Plans**
 - endorsed by EPA to address nonpoint source pollution as required by the Clean Water Act.
 - a watershed action plan includes...
 - an inventory of watershed resources.
 - identifies and evaluates nonpoint pollution.
 - develops problem statements, objectives, and goals based on an EPA TMDL report. (web site for report: <http://www.epa.ohio.gov/dsw/tmdl/BlanchardRiverTMDL.aspx>)
 - identifies Best Management Practices (BMPs) that will help restore and protect the watershed.
 - highlights of a watershed action plan
 - developed by local group(s).
 - address nonpoint source pollution only.
 - NON-REGULATORY
 - endorsed plan creates an opportunity to receive grants.

C. What is a watershed?

A watershed is any area of land where surface water drains into a common body of water, such as a river, lake, or wetland.

D. What watersheds effect the people of the Blanchard River Basin?



Remember - "We all live downstream and upstream of other people. What we do and they do effects each other. Be a good steward!!!"