

## **IX. Evaluation and Funding**

### **Evaluation**

Evaluation of the effectiveness of this action plan will largely rest on the ability to evaluate the success of the actions this plan recommends. To this end, each action found in Section VII contains information on evaluation methods, estimated costs, general load reduction values. The ultimate goal of each action is to help the Nimishillen Creek and its tributaries meet state water quality standards. Therefore, any evaluation of this plan or actions it outlines should be evaluated as to whether it is helping achieve this ultimate goal in the short or long term.

The evaluation and updating of the content in this plan will be the responsibility of the Watershed Coordinator for the Nimishillen Creek area. Absent a Watershed Coordinator, NEFCO will take charge of evaluation and updating this action plan. As with the creation of this plan, whomever leads the update process should do so with direct input and guidance from private, government, business, commercial, and industrial watershed stakeholders.

### **Funding**

A formal funding strategy has not been done for implementation of this entire plan. Instead, funding strategies will be completed on a project by project basis. To help stakeholder in the completing these funding strategies, most actions in Section VII provide an estimate on costs for implementation. Some actions with great variability in costs or unknown costs do not have these estimates. Each action also contains potential funding sources from the federal, state, and local sources. Although some of the actions can and are completely funded by local stakeholders, the overall goal is to leverage local money to bring in outside monies to pay for the various water quality improvement projects.