



March 16, 2007

Mr. Eric Akin
Upper Tuscarawas River Watershed Coordinator
NEFCO
180 East South Street
Akron, OH 44311

Dear Mr. Akin:

We are pleased to offer our sincere congratulations and this letter as official recognition and full endorsement of the Nimishillen Creek Watershed Action Plan by the Ohio EPA Division of Surface Water and ODNR Division of Soil and Water Conservation.

We appreciate the work done by the coordinator and the stakeholders to produce this endorsed comprehensive watershed action plan. Your efforts to describe and implement specific, targeted actions will help to improve and protect Ohio's cherished water resources.

We recognize watershed planning has been and is an ongoing process requiring periodic review and updates in light of achievements and lessons learned. Therefore, it is essential that when new data is made available, this plan will be updated to include the components outlined in state guidance and refined to reflect those changes as implementation proceeds. Timely plan updates are required to maintain state endorsement, and we look forward to working with you through subsequent phases of your watershed planning and implementation.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of George Elmaraghy in blue ink.

George Elmaraghy, Chief
Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water

Handwritten signature of David Hanselmann in black ink.

David Hanselmann, Chief
ODNR, Division of Soil & Water Conservation

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