

## **October 2010 Update of the Swan Creek Watershed Balanced Growth Committee**

The *Swan Creek Watershed Balanced Growth Plan (Swan BGP)* was officially endorsed by the Ohio Lake Erie Commission on September 28, 2009. Since that time, TMACOG has worked on developing a committee with representation from supporting jurisdictions for the maintenance and implementation of this *Swan BGP*. The committee is meeting on a quarterly basis now having had two meetings to date. The group has nominated a chair, a representative from the jurisdictions and vice-chair, a representative from the former technical committee. The next formal step is for the TMACOG Board of Trustees to establish it as a standing committee.

To date the committee is working on a revision of *Appendix H* of the *Swan BGP*. *Appendix H* is an inventory of planned and potential projects in the Swan Creek watershed that support the priority areas listed in the *Swan BGP*.

The committee has written one letter of recommendation, endorsing a proposal for a Watershed Coordinator Implementation Grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The coordinator would help the group seeking funding and opportunities to conduct a wetland restoration project in a specially designated Priority Area. The committee is interested in exploring options such as higher ranking for Endorsed BGP areas on grant applications and pursuing state assistance on projects.