

DIGGING UP IDEAS FOR BENEFICIAL USE OF DREDGE MATERIALS

As you know the within the context of SB 1, the second nutrient management bill, effective July 1, 2020, it will be prohibited for dredged materials to be dumped into Lake Erie. In an effort to comply with this deadline, recently, the Ohio EPA held a workshop to discuss the use of dredge materials.

While we are still waiting on a summary of the comments ascertained at the conference, you may follow this issue by checking this website: <http://www.epa.ohio.gov/dir/dredge#175485069-workshop>

Additionally, the recently introduced OEPA MBR, SB 333 contains provisions relative to beneficial reuse of dredge material. Among other provisions, the bill would give the Director of the OEPA the authority to write rules governing the beneficial use of dredged material including rules that will establish criteria for determining when dredged material does not constitute either solid wastes under Ohio Revised Code 3734 or other wastes under 6111.

If this subject is of great interest to you, please contact me at: bjones@capitol-consulting.net

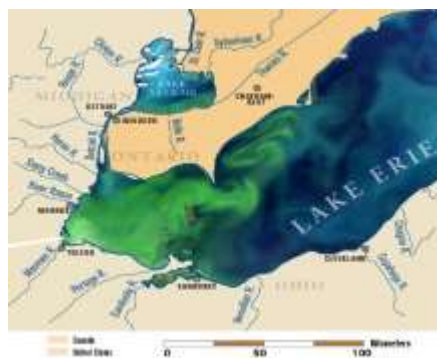
WATER QUALITY: "WLEB"

While details are slim at deadline, we wanted to give you a heads up that a new water quality collaborative is in the works. Belinda will be attending the meeting representing OPARR, May 25th being called by the Ohio Departments of Agriculture, Natural Resources, Health and EPA.

This meeting, called the "Western Lake Erie Basin (WLEB) Collaborative Implementation Plan Roll-out" will afford attendees to see the initial draft plan for the WLEB. It is anticipated that there will be plenty of opportunity for input in this process. We will send the draft plan after the May 25th meeting.

Comments may be made to the plan at: Collaborativecomments@epa.ohio.gov

STAY TUNED



LEGISLATION UPDATE

RECENT LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS

SB51

<http://www.hannah.com/ShowDocument.aspx?BTextID=191003>

This bill, if passed, will designate May as "Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Awareness Month".

Introduced on 2/11/15 by Rep. Skindell (D; Cleveland)

Most recent hearing in Senate Health on 4/20/16

OPARR Position: Opposed

HB 523

<http://www.hannah.com/ShowDocument.aspx?BTextID=198224>

This bill, if passed, will designate May as authorize the use of marijuana for medical purposes and to establish the Medical Marijuana Control Program.

Introduced on 4/14/16 by Rep. Huffman (R; Tipp City)

Most recent hearing in Senate Gov. Oversight and Reform on 5/18/16

Substitute bill adopted (see outline: <http://www.hannah.com/ShowDocument.aspx?MDocID=3295>)

OPARR Position: Monitoring

LEGISLATION UPDATE CONT.

RECENT BILL INTRODUCTIONS

SB 333

<http://www.hannah.com/ShowDocument.aspx?BTextID=1982>

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OEPA MBR

Introduced 5/18/16

OPARR Position: Under Review

HB566

<http://www.hannah.com/ShowDocument.aspx?BTextID=1980>

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If passed, this bill will prohibit the labeling and advertising of nursery stock as pollinator beneficial under specified conditions.

Introduced on 5/12/16 by
Rep. Ramos (D; Cleveland)

Will likely be referred to
House Agriculture
Committee

OPARR Position: Under
Review

BILLS SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

SB75

(Jones-Peterson)

Limits the authority of a board of county commissioners or board of township trustees to prohibit agritourism through zoning, applies current agricultural use valuation to land used for agritourism for property tax purposes, and establishes immunity in a civil action for agritourism providers.

OPARR POSITION: Support

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MEMBERS ON THE MOVE

CHRIS WIBLE & ANN AQUILLO

Those of you who were able to attend the last meeting know that this but it is worth formally acknowledging that longtime Scotts MiracleGro representative on the OPARR Board, Chris Wible, has new responsibilities at Scotts. Chris has joined the Quality team (Director US Mfg. Quality) and is responsible for Manufacturing Quality and Continuous Improvement for Lawns, Gardens, Ortho, and Round-Up brands. He is also responsible for product quality at their Marysville, OH, Orville, OH, and Honea Path, SC granular production facilities, our Pearl MS and Fort Madison, IA liquid facilities and our Temecula, CA durables facility. Chris shared that he has "a great team" and is really excited to have the opportunity to get back into the SMG consumer business. About leaving OPARR Chris said, "I will miss all the wonderful people I have met and interacted with at OPARR and look forward to crossing paths again!"

Many of you already know Ann as she has been very active in OPARR throughout the years! While you may "know" Ann you may not realize that she is the Vice President for Corporate Affairs for Scotts and has responsibility for all local, state and federal governmental relations along with oversight of all corporate philanthropic and community outreach. In addition to serving on the OPARR Board, Ann also serves on the Ohio Dental Board, the Ohio Prevent Blindness Board and the Union County Community Improvement Council. At the federal level, Ann recently joined the Consumer Specialty Manufacturers Association (CSMA) Board.

We thank Chris for his great service to OPARR and we welcome Ann with open arms!

ADAM SHARP

While we have been super excited for the last couple of years to have Tony Seegers serving as the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, with "back up" by Brandon Kern, OPARR has long appreciate The Ohio Farm Bureau Federation Board of Trustees today named Adam Sharp the organization's new executive vice president effective July 18, 2016.

Adam has held several key positions at Ohio Farm Bureau since 2004. Currently, he serves as vice president of public policy, in which he oversees state and federal government relations; legislative and regulatory affairs; legal, animal and food issues; grassroots policy development and the organization's Agriculture for Good Government Political Action Committee (AGGPAC).

As executive vice president, Adam will serve as the chief executive of the statewide organization and lead efforts to advance its mission to forge a partnership between farmers and consumers.

Congrats, Adam!

"COMING SOON"

Chairman Alonso meets with ODH regarding Zika Virus Program; OEPA Establishes Grant Program for Local Health Departments to combat mosquitos.