

History of the Agricultural Pollution Abatement Program

- 2001** Resource Management Specialists hired by the Division, 1 in each of the 5 Area's .
- 1993** Coastal Zone nonpoint management measures become effective requiring states to greatly expand their legal control of all major sources of pollution and have programs in place by July 1995.
- 1992** By the end of 1992, Ohio has nearly 150 statewide and local nonpoint pollution education, technical assistance, and implementation projects underway.
- 1991** H.B. 88 is passed expanding the Division's authority to control agricultural and silvicultural pollution. ODNR initiates a nonpoint source education program through SWCDs.
- 1989** Ohio's Nonpoint Source Management Program is approved by USEPA and Ohio begins to receive federal funds for its implementation. The 1989-91 biennium budget provides general revenue funds for nonpoint source pollution projects and creation of a manure and nutrient management program.
- 1988** Based on the advisory board's recommendations, a bill is introduced requiring enforcement for agricultural and silvicultural erosion, increasing penalties for pollution, and granting emergency authorities.
- 1987** Clean Water Act amendments require states to prepare nonpoint source management plans; the Division and SWCDs take the lead in preparing and implementing nonpoint programs and projects thereby broadening the pollution abatement program. Technical advisory boards are reformed and make specific recommendations for expanding agricultural and urban pollution abatement.
- 1982-85** Cost-sharing continues, but at a reduced level; over 100 pollution problems corrected at a ratio of \$1 state funds: \$4 private and federal; four orders written, but resolved out-of-court.
- 1980-81** Pollution abatement specialists hired with state funds in 7 districts and \$400,000/year authorized for cost-sharing.
- 1979** Erosion control standards for agricultural, silvicultural, urban storm water are adopted, as were rules for animal waste pollution, cost sharing and pollution abatement agreements with SWCDs.
- 1978** H.B. 513 enacted authorizing the Division to set standards for agricultural, silvicultural and urban erosion control, and animal waste; cost sharing for agricultural erosion and animal waste pollution; enforcement for animal waste pollution.
- 1975** Legislation introduced to create Ohio pollution abatement program.
- 1972-74** Technical advisory boards meet to discuss needs, over 40 public meetings held on boards' recommendations.
- 1971** OFSWCD directors endorse legislative changes to protect Ohio's air and water from agricultural pollutants and urban sediment. S.B. 305 passed defining Division, OSWCC, and SWCD responsibilities for agricultural and urban sediment pollution, and creating two technical advisory boards.
- 1970** State sediment pollution abatement conference held to discuss legislation and state and local programs needed.
- 1969** S.B. 160 is passed authorizing the Division and SWCDs to undertake Conservation Works of Improvement for riparian protection, erosion and water pollution control and other environmental measures.