

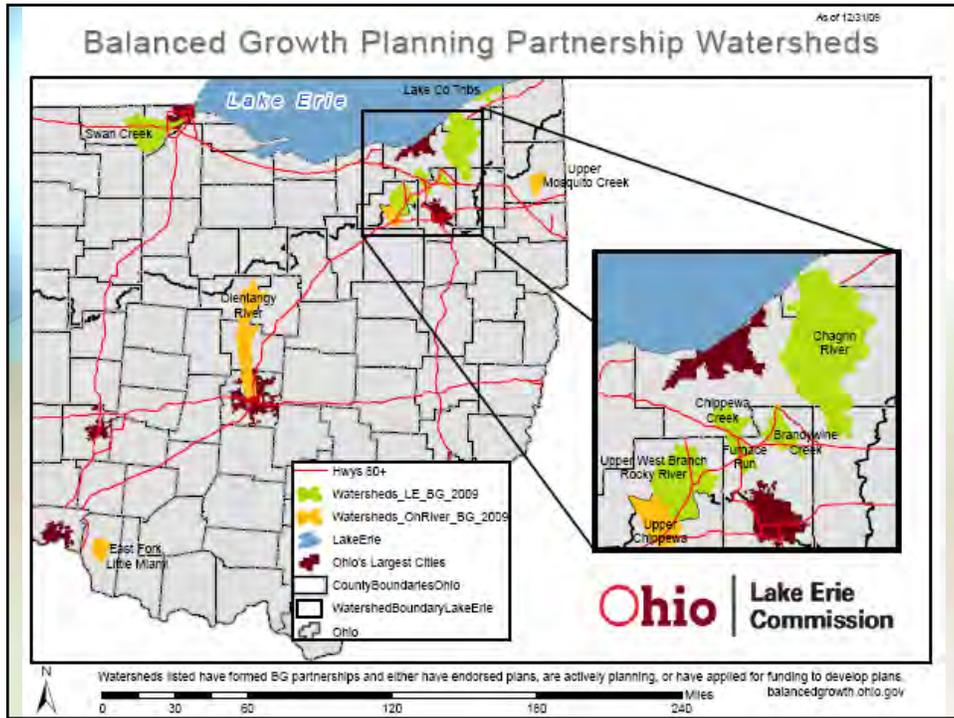
Balanced Growth: Lake Erie Watershed Pilot Projects Overview

March 1, 2010

Pilot Watersheds

- **Chagrin**
- **Swan Creek**
- **Upper West Branch Rocky River**
- **Chippewa Creek**

- **About the watershed**
- **About the WPP/Technical Committee**
- **Highlights of the process**
- **Maps**

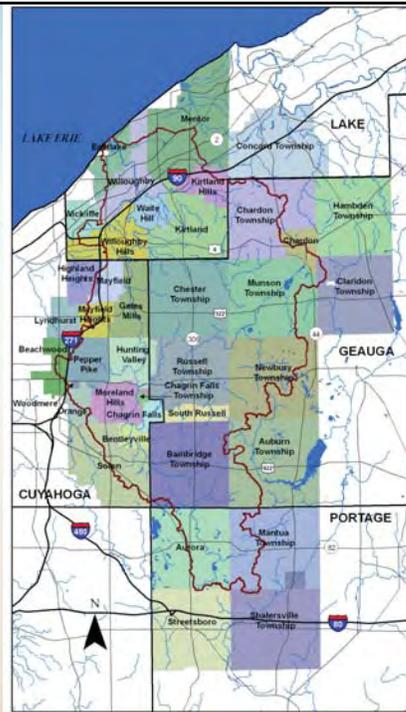


Chagrin River Watershed Partners, Inc.

*Implementing Balanced Growth
in the Chagrin River Watershed*

Chagrin River

- **32 local communities**
- **4 counties**
- **267 square miles**



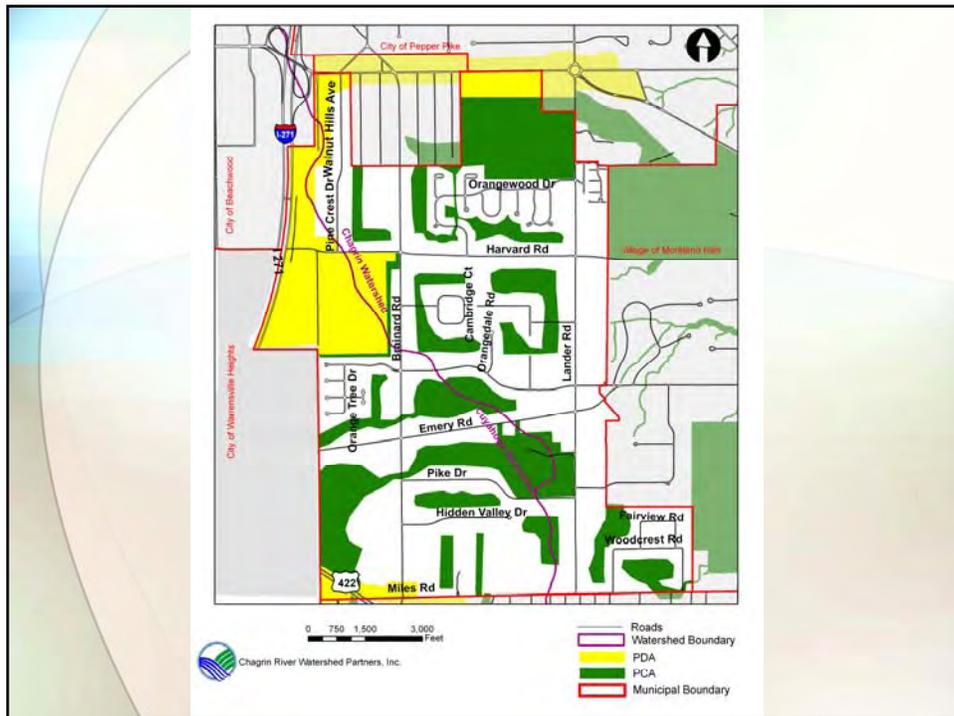
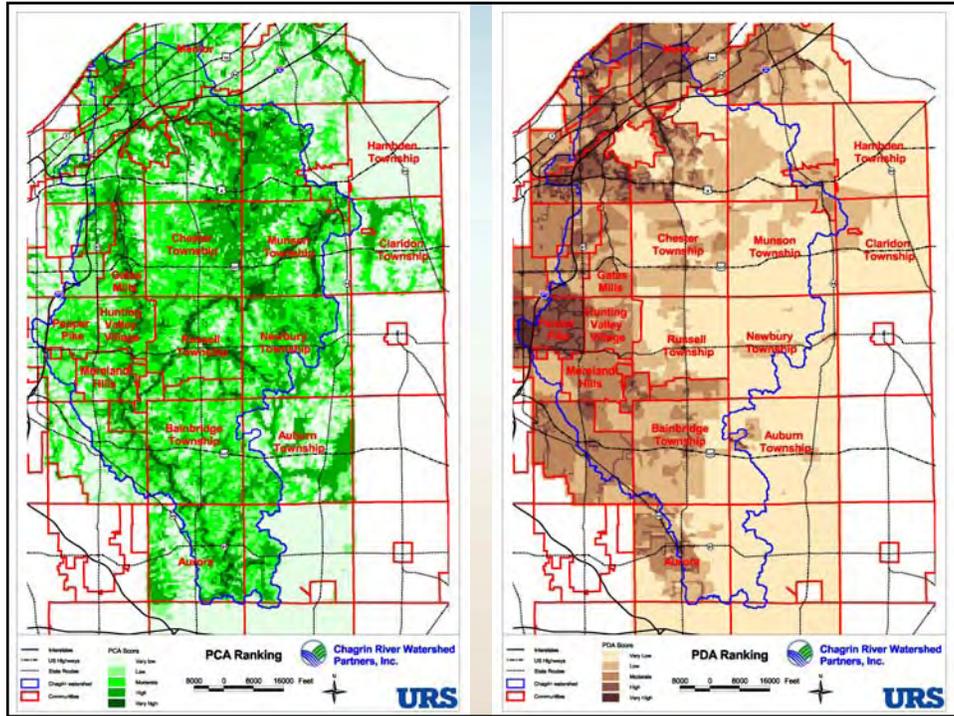
WPP: Chagrin River Watershed Partners Inc.

Chagrin River BG Steering Committee:

- Jason Boyd: Director, Lake County Planning Commission
- David Dietrich: Director, Geauga County Planning Commission
- Chris LeGros: Director of Planning, CT Consultants
- Bruce Rinker: Mayor, Mayfield Village
- Greg Studen: Former Trustee, Russell Township
- Gus Saikaly: Director, Geauga Dept. of Water Resources
- Carol Thaler: Principal Planner, Cuyahoga County Planning Commission
- John Trew: Director, Department of Public Service, City of Aurora

- Contractors: URS and Northstar Planning

Steering committee did the work of a technical committee

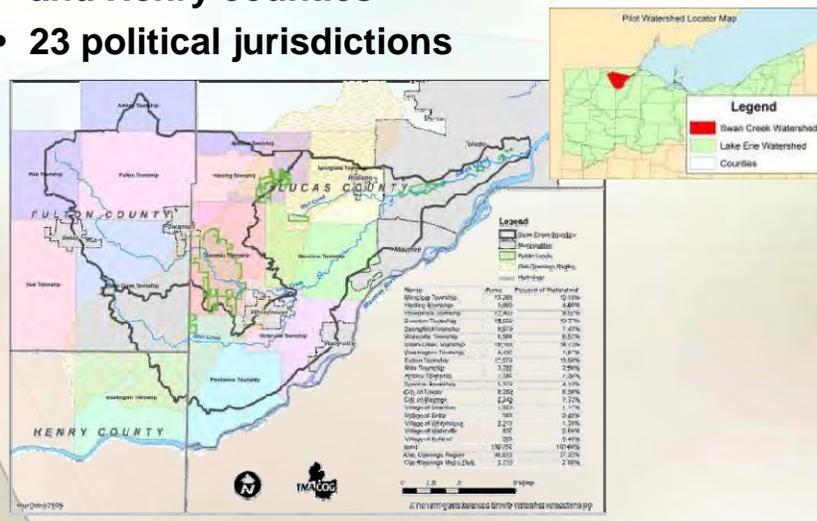


Swan Creek Watershed Pilot Project



About Swan Creek watershed

- 205 square miles of land in Lucas, Fulton, and Henry counties
- 23 political jurisdictions



The Partnership

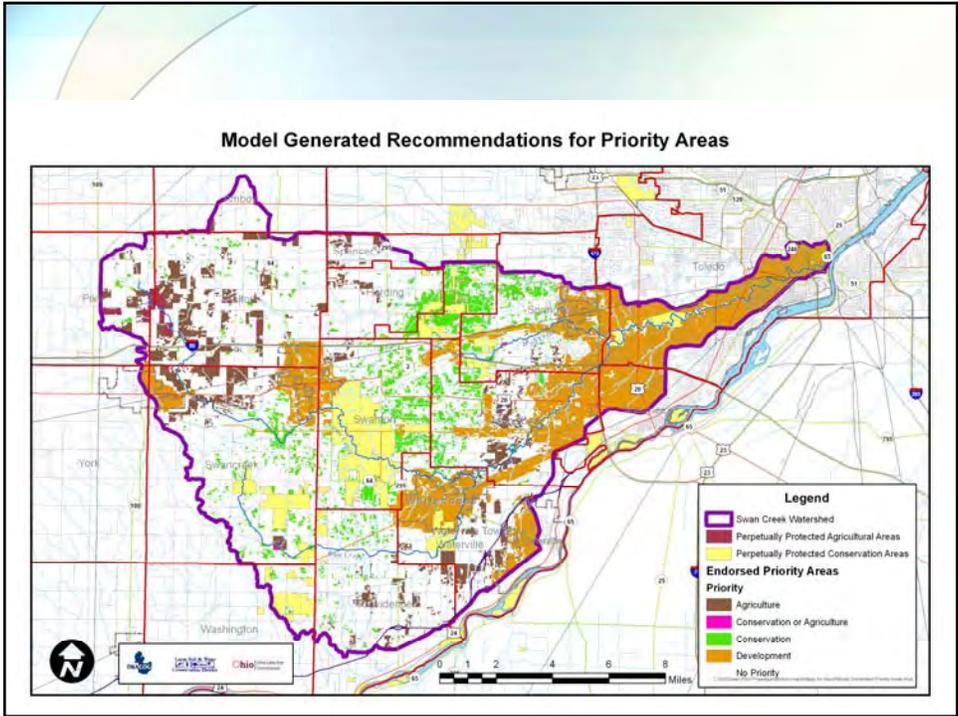
- **Swan Creek Committee**
 - Peter Gerken, Chair: Lucas County Commissioner
 - Steve Brown, Vice Chair: Fulton County Plan Commission
 - Representatives from jurisdictions
 - Watershed interest groups: Representatives of Conservation, Development, Agriculture
 - Technical Staff:
 - Kurt Erichsen, TMACOG
 - Matt Horvat, TMACOG
 - Marcus Ricci/Jeff Grabarkiewicz, Lucas SWCD
 - Greg Lipps, GIS Consultant

WPP was intended to serve as contacts to local communities, but participation was not sufficient for this purpose

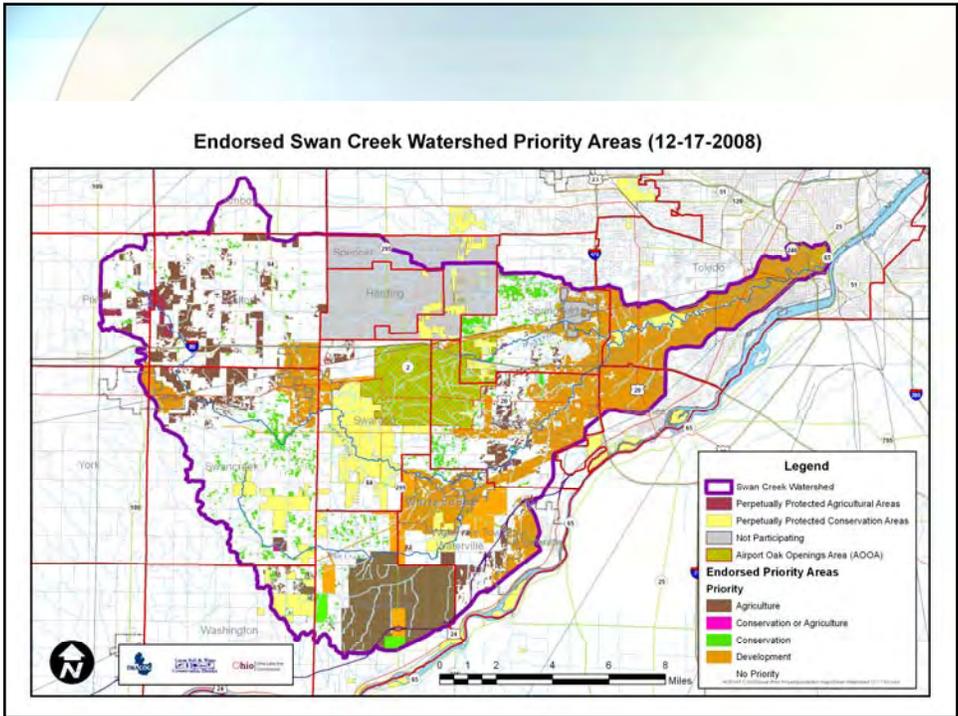
Priority Areas: the process

- **Technical Committee**
 - Met monthly
 - Selected & prioritized modeling criteria
 - Determined what computer data would identify “good” areas for conservation, development and agriculture; data sources
 - Prepared maps of PAAs, PCAs, PDAs, & Combined Priorities
 - Maps for review & comment
 - Technical staff presented maps to local communities

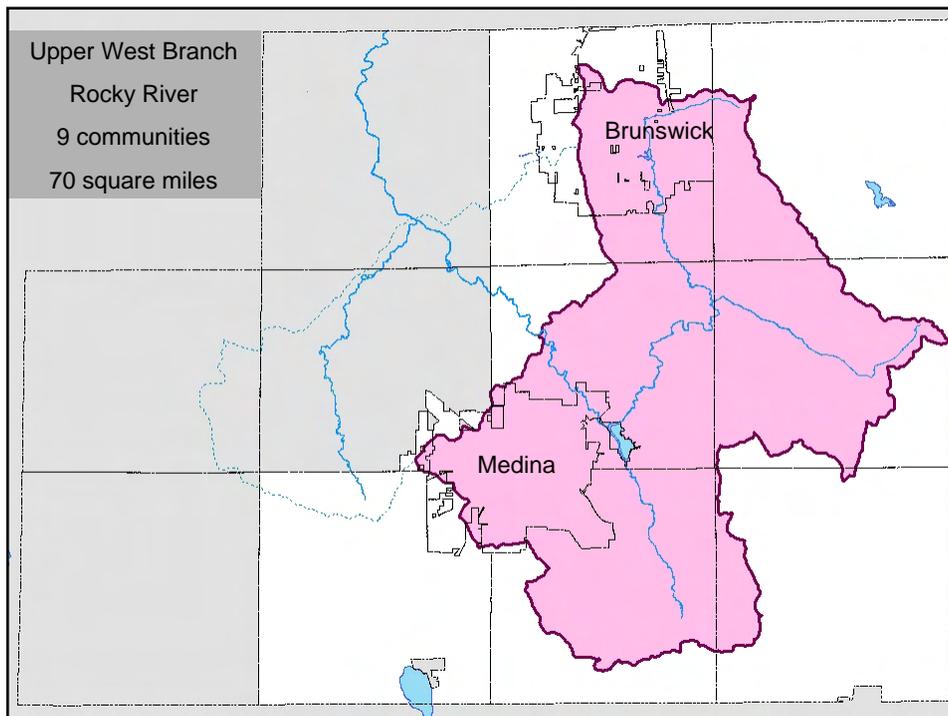
Model Generated Recommendations for Priority Areas

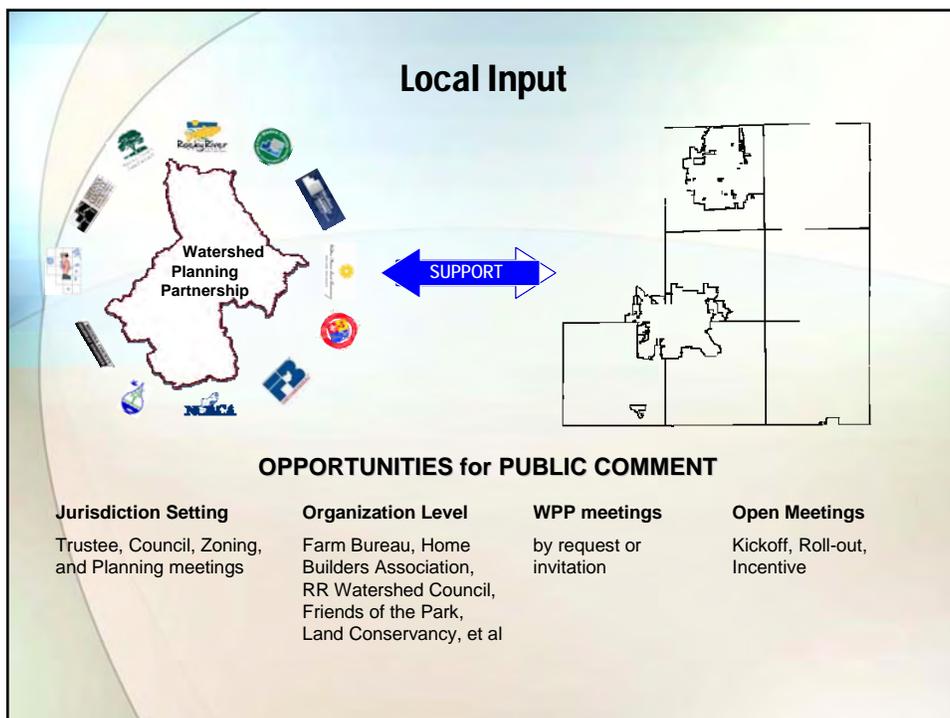


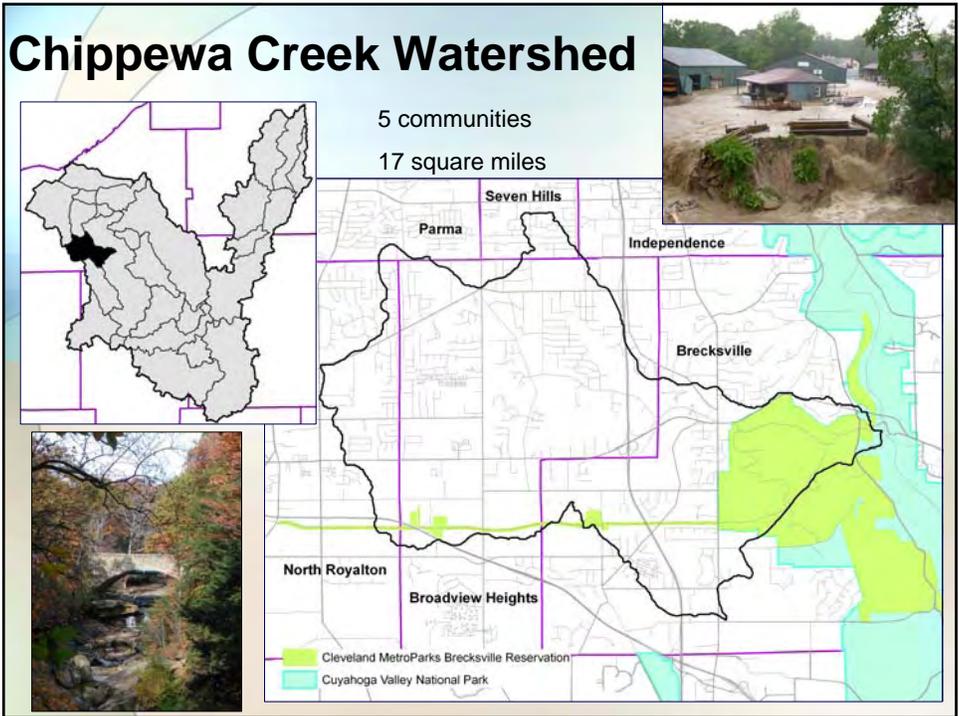
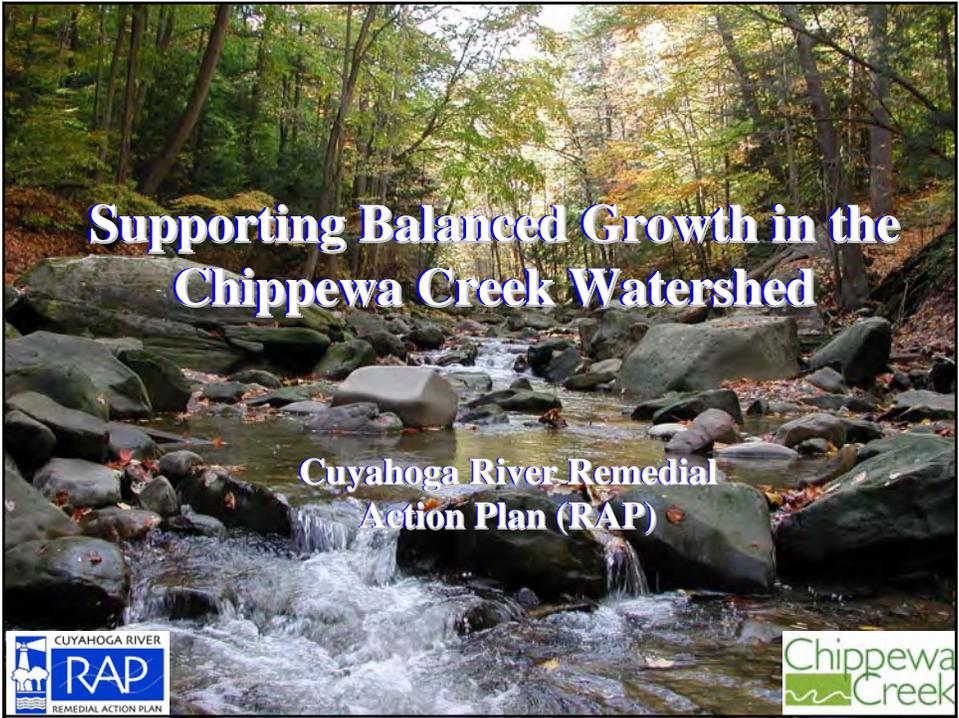
Endorsed Swan Creek Watershed Priority Areas (12-17-2008)



UPPER WEST BRANCH ROCKY RIVER WATERSHED BALANCED GROWTH PLAN





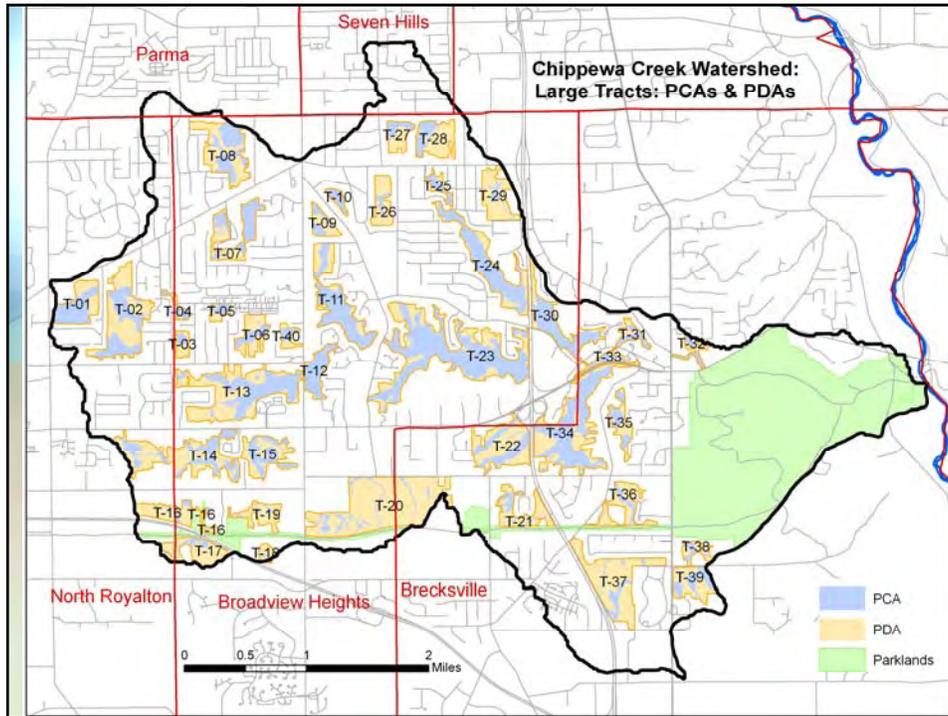


Watershed Partnership

- **WPP was comprised of the three cities- Brecksville, Broadview Hts, North Royalton**
- **The mayors appointed representatives to participate in the WPP. There were a total of 34 members:**
 - **3 mayors**
 - **13 city council/senior staff**
 - **18 citizens**
 - **Cuyahoga Valley National Parks**
 - **Cleveland Metroparks**

Large, Undeveloped Tracts

- **A total of 39 undeveloped areas**
- **These areas provide communities with opportunities to implement BG concepts**
- **Assessed each tract for PCA/PDA opportunities**
- **Designated Each Large Tract**
 - **PCA**
 - **PCA w/ conservation development**
 - **PCA- Restoration**
 - **PCA- Landlocked**
 - **PDA- Conservation Development**
 - **PDA- Recreation**



Summary

Pilot Comparisons

Structure of WPP

- **Broad partnership (all)**
 - Representatives of each community (and interest group)
 - Goal setting/communication (all pilots)
 - Draft map reviews (Chippewa)
- **Steering committee (Chagrin, Rocky)**
 - Subgroup of WPP
 - Draft map reviews
- **Technical committee(s) (all pilots)**
 - One or more cmtes tasked with criteria development and mapping

Final Mapping

- **Technical cmtes produced draft maps**
- **Review by Steering cmte/WPP**
- **Final draft maps presented to local communities**
 - Chagrin – prep work with CRWP at joint meetings, local meetings to final
 - Swan – attempted to final as WPP, local meetings needed to final
 - Rocky – local meetings to final
 - Chippewa – due to extensive participation at WPP level (few gov'ts), local meetings were minimal
- **Don't underestimate the importance of one-on-one local contact**

Community Support

- Draft maps revised based on community input
- As long as the process meets the requirements of the BG Program, the final result is up to the WPP
 - High flexibility in final maps, local reasons (Swan, Rocky)
- Communities satisfied with maps usually pass resolutions
 - Comp plan effects (Chagrin)
 - Awareness raising (Swan)

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