

The **CFAES Water Quality Task Force** seeks input from college faculty and staff to help design a future Water Quality Initiative (WQI) for the college. These open forums are an opportunity for us to get your input about these guiding questions:

What are the most pressing issues the WQI should address?

Example Sources of Impairment

- Nutrient losses/runoff
- Sediment/Soil Erosion
- Agrichemicals (pesticides/herbicides)
- Pathogens, from livestock, septic systems
- Personal care products, pharmaceuticals
- Dams & other hydrogeomorphic alterations
- Urban/industrial chemicals & compounds
- Stormwater, Combined Sewer Overflows
- Invasive species
- Hydraulic fracturing
- Changes in agricultural drainage systems
- OTHER IDEAS?

Example Types of Impacts

- Human Health
- Health of Aquatic Ecosystems
- Ecosystem Services
- Recreation / Aesthetics
- Economic Development
- OTHER IDEAS?

What activities & programs should be included in the CFAES WQI?

Examples

- Allocate college funds to directly support water quality related research by CFAES faculty and staff.
- Facilitate efforts to obtain external research funding
- Facilitate increased research collaboration across OSU and with other universities
- Convene working groups to review literature to help inform policy makers, management agencies & practitioners
- Lead or support efforts to expand a water quality monitoring system in Ohio.
- Build & host a public WQ data archive.
- Expand CFAES outreach, extension & public education efforts focused on WQ.
- Incentives to expand coursework on WQ.
- Create a public portal about water quality conditions across Ohio
- OTHER IDEAS?

What questions do you have about the WQ Task Force / Initiative?

Interested in staying engaged in Water Quality Initiative planning and/or implementation activities? Be sure to provide your info on a sign-up sheet.

