

## List of Acronyms

**ALU** – Aquatic Life Use

**APM** – aquatic plant management

**BMPs** – Best Management Practices

**cfus** – colony forming units

**cfs** – cubic feet per second

**Chl** - Chlorophyll

**DNR** - Department of Natural Resources

**DSSS** - Department of Sanitary Sewer Services

**DO** - Dissolved Oxygen

**DOH** - Department of Health

**EPA** - Environmental Protection Agency

**FPA** – Facilities Planning Area

**FEMA** – Federal Emergency Management Agency

**GIS** - Geographic Information System

**HABs** - Harmful Algal Blooms

**HHEI** - Headwater Habitat Evaluation Index

**HSTS** - Home Sewage Treatment Systems

**HUCs** – Hydrologic Unit Codes

**IBI** – Index of Biological Integrity

**ICI** – Invertebrate Community Index

**MA** - Management Agencies

**mgd** – Million gallons per day

**MIwb** – Modified Index of Well-Being

**NHD** – National Hydrography Dataset

**NPSIS** – Non-Point Source Implementation Strategy

**NEFCO** - Northeast Ohio Four County Regional Planning and Development Organization

**NEOPIPE** – Northeast Ohio Public Involvement Public Education

**NPDES** - National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

**Ohio EPA** - Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

**PLAC** - Portage Lakes Advisory Council

**ppm** – part per million

**QHEI** - Quality Habitat Evaluation Index

**RM** – River Mile

**SD** – Secchi Disk

**SRP** – Soluble Reactive Phosphorus

**SWCD** - Soil and Water Conservation District

**STEP-L** – Spreadsheet Tool for Evaluating Pollution-Load

**TAC** - Portage Lakes Management Plan Technical Advisory Committee

**TMDL** – Total Maximum Daily Load

**TP** – Total Phosphorus

**TSI** – Trophic State Index

**WWH** – Warmwater Habitat