

Chapter 9 PROCESS FOR PLAN UPDATING

The short-term objectives established in this plan are intended to cover the first five years of a long-term effort to protect the Upper Rouge River and restore the impaired uses. The state's General Storm Water Permit requires that this management plan be evaluated in 2003. However, the process of revising the plan based upon the progress measures will begin in 2004, targeted for the first *Upper Rouge River Subwatershed Management Plan Update* in 2005. The 2005 updated plan will document the success in achieving the short-term objectives, reassess long-term goals, and schedule new initiatives for the next five-year period (2006–2011). Through this iterative process, the communities and agencies will be able to evaluate and apply the most cost-effective approaches to protecting and restoring the river and meet the long-term goals consistent with state and federal water quality requirements.

As in the development of this plan, the public will be invited to participate in the review of progress, reassessment of long-term goals, and consideration of alternative actions for the next five-year period. At a minimum, public meetings and formal hearings before local governing bodies will be provided. Workshops or other public involvement mechanisms may be utilized to assist in obtaining public input and support of plan revisions.

Within the next five years, the Upper SWAG intends to meet periodically to share data, assess progress, and review new information on best management practices. Based upon new information, the Upper SWAG may recommend modifications to the *Upper Rouge River Subwatershed Management Plan* prior to the required 2003 update. Any changes that occur to the *Upper Rouge River Subwatershed Management Plan* prior to 2003 will be reviewed with the MDEQ prior to adoption and, depending upon the scope of the changes, may be subjected to formal public review and comment.

