

The LEAGUES of the LAKE ERIE BASIN

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LWV LAKE COUNTY
LWV NORTHERN PORTAGE CO.
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LWV PERRYSBURG AREA
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LWV TIFFIN AREA
LWV TOLEDO-LUCAS COUNTY

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LWV ERIE COUNTY

LWV NEW YORK STATE

LWV BUFFALO//NIAGARA
LWV CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY

LAKE ERIE

Interesting facts◇

- 241 miles long—up to 57 miles wide
- 871 miles of shoreline
- 131 cubic miles of water
- Drinking Water for 11 million People
- World's 11th Largest Lake—Surface area
- 90% of water from Detroit River
- More consumable fish than all the other Great Lakes Combined
- Average depth 62' western basin 24'
- Supports the economy with \$12 billion/year and over 100,000 jobs
- Turns over every 2.6 years—30-50 days western basin

◇Provided by the Lake Erie Waterkeeper
Lakeeriewaterkeeper.org

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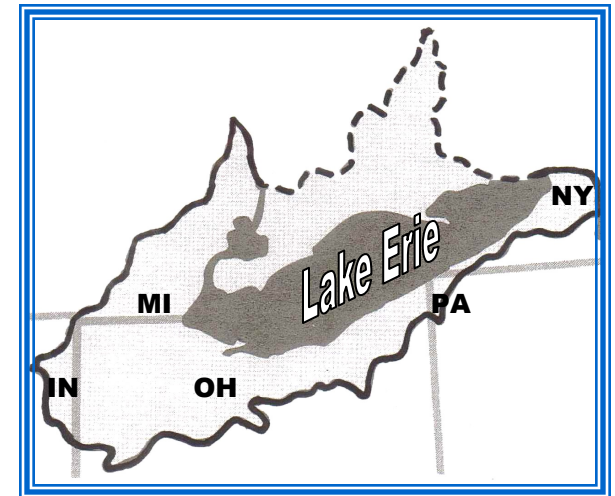
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The League of Women Voters Lake Erie Basin Committee



A multi-League group dedicated to the protection and restoration of Lake Erie and its watershed.



The Lake Erie Basin has a US geographic area of 20,900 square miles.

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THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS LAKE ERIE BASIN COMMITTEE

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BACKGROUND

The League of Women Voters Lake Erie Basin Committee, LEBC, was organized in 1963 with guidance from LWVUS for the purpose of studying, discussing and coordinating action on critical issues concerning Lake Erie and its watershed.

LEBC is a multi-League group of state and local Leagues located within the Lake Erie Basin—a US geographic area of approximately 20,900 square miles that includes the Lake Erie watershed lands, rivers and streams of five states: Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York.

Serving 28 Basin Leagues, the Committee holds three meetings each year—on the third Wednesday of July (Annual Meeting), October and April at Lake Erie coastal locations.

Distinguished as the first Great Lakes watershed organization, the LWV Lake Erie Basin Committee is rooted in study and education.

LEBC publishes the *Lake Erie Letter* to inform the League and the community about important Lake Erie Basin topics. Most recently, the *Lake Erie Letters* have been researched reports on Aquatic Invasive Species, Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations, also known as CAFOs, and Hydraulic Fracturing (Fracking).

GOALS

The goals of the LWV Lake Erie Basin Committee are:

- To preserve and restore Lake Erie and its tributaries through pollution control, abatement and prevention;
- To improve planning and management of water and related land resources; and
- To achieve the objectives of the 2012 US-Canada Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement and the 2008 Great Lakes Compact.

PROGRAM

Working within the LWVUS Natural Resources Position on Environmental Protection and Pollution Control, the Lake Erie Basin Committee Program of six positions serves as the basis for recommending action to LEBC Leagues. <http://www.lakeeriebasin.org>

[Position on Water Resources and Water Quality](#)
1967

[Position on Phosphate Detergent Ban](#)
1969

[Position on Drilling for Gas and/or Oil in Lake Erie](#)
1969

[Position on Interbasin Transfer of Water](#)
1985-1986, 2014

[Nuclear Issues: Power Plants & Radioactive Waste](#)
1990

[Position on Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations](#) 2007, 2011

LEBC TOPICS OF CONCERN

Current Topics

[Waters of the US Rule](#)

[Harmful Algae Blooms](#)

[Hydraulic Fracturing](#)

[Aquatic Invasive Species](#)

Supporting Legislation

Great Lakes Regional Collaboration
GLRC <http://glrc.us>

Great Lakes Compact
<http://www.glscompactcouncil.org/Agreements.aspx>

Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement
<http://www.epa.gov/greatlakes/qlwqa>

Great Lakes Restoration Initiative
<http://greatlakesrestoration.us/>

Great Lakes Legacy Act
<http://www.epa.gov/glla/>

Prior Topics of Concern

Radioactive Waste Demonstration Project, West Valley, NY
Rocky River Watershed Council, OH
Dike 14 Nature Preserve, Cleveland, OH
Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations CAFO's

[Areas of Concern](#) (AOC): *Ashtabula River, Black River, Buffalo River, Cuyahoga River, Detroit River, Maumee River, Niagara River, River Raisin and Rouge River*

According to the EPA, “an AOC is a location that has experienced environmental degradation. “