

Ohio's 2010 Coastweeks



Current events as of: September 13, 2010

What is Ohio's Coastweeks? It is part of an international celebration of our waters and shorelines held in the States and around the world. Ohio's program focuses on the theme, "I Can Help Lake Erie" to encourage people to be part of the solution, not the pollution that finds its way into the lake. The debris collected at all cleanups is recorded on data cards and submitted to the Ocean Conservancy. This data has been effective in yielding many state, federal and international laws relating to water quality and pollution prevention. The Ohio Coastweeks program is sponsored in part by the Ohio Lake Erie Commission. Pick a date, a time and an event - come out and make a difference.

Saturday, September 18

8:30 a.m. Mentor Lagoons Beach Cleanup! Volunteers needed to clean along the Lake Erie shoreline and along the banks of the Lagoons. Meet at the Mentor Lagoons & Preserve, in front of the Marina Office at 8365 Harbor Drive, Mentor, OH. You will then be transported to the two beach locations and those with disabilities will be able to take their car to a cleanup site. *For questions contact Bonnie via email: rice@cityofmentor.com or call 440-974-5780*

9:00 a.m. Old Woman Creek Estuarine Research Reserve Cleanup Madness! We will stroll along our beach front, roadsides and waterways nearby and pickup unsightly litter. Meet at the Old Woman Creek Visitor Center, 2514 Cleveland Road East, Huron, OH. To register contact Ann via email: ann.keefe@dnr.state.oh.us or call 419-433-4601

10:00 a.m. Magee Marsh Beach Cleanup! Help keep the area safe for people and wildlife. Magee Marsh is located at 13229 W. SR 2, Oak Harbor, OH. Meet at the Wildlife Beach. Lunch sponsored by Friends of Magee Marsh after cleanup. *To register contact Mary via email: mary.warren@dnr.state.oh.us or call 419-898-0960 ext. 31*

10:00 a.m. Edgewater Park! Come by yourself or bring a group, Edgewater Park needs your help. Edgewater Park is located north of Cleveland Memorial Shoreway (U.S. Routes 6 & 20 & State Route 2), Cleveland, OH. Meet at the beach pavilion. *For questions contact Mandy via email: m_metcalf@hotmail.com or call 216-577-2505*

10:00 a.m. Maumee Bay State Park! Join staff and other volunteers in our park-wide cleanup. Maumee Bay State Park is located at 1400 Park Road #1, Oregon, OH. Meet at the Maumee Bay Nature Center. *To register contact Dana via email: dana.bollin@dnr.state.oh.us or call 419-836-9117*

11:00 a.m. Headlands Beach State Park! Enjoy a day at the beach and join other volunteers. Come out and make a difference. Meet at 9601 Headlands Rd, Mentor, OH, Lot 16. *For questions contact Jerol via email: earthactivist@gmail.com or call 440-543-8927*

Monday, September 20

Put-in-Bay - Wanted: Scuba Divers and Land Volunteers. CANCELLED! CANCELLED!

Unfortunately due to the Harmful Algal Blooms in Lake Erie, this year's cleanup will not take place. For more information about HABs visit Ohio Environmental Protection Agency website: <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw/HAB.aspx>

Friday, September 24



9:00 a.m. Bayshore Cleanup! Rise and shine, don't get left behind. We will be clearing trash and cleaning up along Maumee Bay/Bayshore Road before it can reach our Lake! Your watershed will be cleaner and healthier with your effort! Meet at the Lake Erie Center, 6200 Bayshore Road, Oregon, OH on the west side of the paved driveway. *For questions contact Meredith via email: meredith.gray@utoledo.edu or call 419-530-8361*

Saturday, September 25

8:00 a.m. "Marsh Marauding" at Mentor Marsh State Nature Preserve! Help us prowl the trails and edges of the Marsh in search of harmful litter. Meet at the Mentor Marsh Nature Center, 5185 Corduroy Rd, Mentor, OH. *For questions contact Becky via email: rdonalds@cmnh.org or call 440-257-0777*

9:00 a.m. Brunswick Area Stream Cleanup! Join the **Green Advisory Group** in a stream cleaning of tributaries leading to the Rocky River. Two areas to choose from! Last year we collected over 380 pounds of litter. Meet at the Susan B. Hambley Nature Center, 4173 Parchen Blvd., Brunswick, OH to register and receive cleanup materials. *For questions contact Ed via email: edkelly2005@msn.com or call 330-225-8625*



10:00 a.m. Villa Angela & Euclid State Parks Beach Cleanups! *Pick your adventure - you can participate in a beach cleanup or join the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo Crew who will show you how to do water testing using Adopt-a-Beach equipment. Meet at the parking lot at Euclid Beach (before you go down to the beach) by the picnic area. For questions contact D'Edra via email: det@clevelandmetroparks.com or call 216-661-6500 ext. 4009 or Stephen via email: slove@mail.bw.edu or call 216-571-0685.*

10:00 a.m. Sheldon Marsh Beach Cleanup! We will clean up our waterway and record our finds. Meet at the Sheldon Marsh Nature Preserve, 2715 Cleveland Road West, Huron, OH. Green building on west side of paved walking trail. *For questions contact Scott via email: scott.sharpe@dnr.state.oh.us or call 419-202-0090*

When attending a cleanup event wear old clothes and old shoes or hiking-type boots (no flip-flops, please), bring bottled water. Sunscreen or bug spray are always a good idea. If you have extra gloves, rakes, brooms, please bring them along. Participants under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. A release must be signed by all volunteers. Please register, if required, so enough items can be obtained for everyone.

Ohio Lake Erie Commission



The Ohio Lake Erie Commission, established by the Ohio General Assembly in 1990, was created to preserve Lake Erie's natural resources, protect the quality of its waters and ecosystem, and promote economic development within the region. The Commission is comprised of directors of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the departments of Natural Resources, Transportation, Development, Health and Agriculture. The Ohio Lake Erie Commission office, located in Toledo, serves as the Commission's administrative staff.

COMMISSION ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

LAKE ERIE BALANCED GROWTH PROGRAM

Balanced growth is a strategy to protect and restore Lake Erie and its watersheds to assure long-term economic competitiveness, ecological health, and quality of life. The Commission is committed to assisting watershed-based planning efforts to help define areas most appropriate for development and conservation. To help Ohio achieve these goals, we support solutions that are unique to Ohio and respect our traditions - the Balanced Growth Program does just that.

LAKE ERIE PROTECTION FUND

The quality of Lake Erie and its shoreline has improved over the past 30 years, and Ohio's Lake Erie Protection Fund has played an important role. The Fund provides monies to organizations to accelerate progress toward protection and restoration of Lake Erie. Monies for this Fund are generated when citizens purchase an *Erie...Our Great Lake* license plate. Together we are improving Lake Erie while making Ohio a destination of choice.

PUBLICATIONS INCLUDE:

Lake Erie Protection & Restoration Plan - provides priorities for the State of Ohio to improve the environment, recreational opportunities, and economy of the region.

Lake Erie Quality Index - A status report to the people of Ohio on the condition of Lake Erie.

COASTWEEKS

The Commission's staff has developed an effective Coastweeks program which brings communities together in a collaborative effort to keep one of Ohio's most prized treasures - the Lake Erie watershed vibrant and beautiful. Many events take place such as cleanups, the *Life on Lake Erie* photo contest, and the prestigious Lake Erie Award, which recognizes Ohio citizens and organizations that have made outstanding contributions toward the protection and restoration of Lake Erie.