

Sanitary Surveys to Reduce Pollution at Lake Erie Beaches

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Top 3 Accomplishments/Impacts



- Comprehensive survey was conducted at every monitored beach
- Generated great enthusiasm at the local level
- Started conversations with stakeholders

Regional Value

- The survey can be conducted at any body of water in Ohio
- Most other Great Lake states were also funded for the same project

Ecosystem & Management Improvements

- Identification of point source pollution
- Finished reports have offered solutions for remediation
- No specific action has occurred, conversations



Public Benefits from Project

- Improved water quality after remediation efforts
 - Increase in # of days beaches are available for use
- More enjoyable use of the beaches
- Decrease in illness



Economic Impact

- Identification of pollution sources resulting in remediation should result in improved water quality
- Having improved water quality should result in an increase in use and tourism dollars spent in the state
- Remediation projects may result in job creation at least temporarily

New Research Needs and Management Questions

- Measuring improvements to water quality after remediation depending on level of remediation
 - Correcting failing HSTS
 - Improvements to the beach itself
 - Grooming
 - Landscaping
 - Diversion from parking lots



Benefits of Synthesis Effort

- Partnerships
- Sharing of information

