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Lake Erie Protection Fund Grantees File Final Reports

TOLEDO, OH – Reports detailing the results of 19 projects supported by the Lake Erie Protection Fund are available online for public view, according to the Ohio Lake Erie Commission, the awarding agency.

The projects funded were of all sizes and focus, including development of a system for forecasting bacteria levels and beach advisories along the lake; restoration of the Fresnel lens in the Ashtabula Lighthouse; two studies of round goby dispersal in the lake; and investigation of the links between landscape and water quality in watersheds draining into the lake. The projects varied in length from one to three years.

The Lake Erie Protection Fund was established to help finance research and implementation of projects aimed at protecting and preserving Lake Erie and its watershed. The fund is supported by Ohioans who purchase Lake Erie license plates. During the past 15 years, the commission has raised more than \$8.4 million and funded in excess of 260 projects.

The final reports of these recently completed projects can be accessed at the commission's Lake Erie Protection Fund website <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/oleo/Grant/grants.htm> .

The Ohio Lake Erie Commission is comprised of the directors of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio departments of natural resources, transportation, development, health and agriculture. The commission was created to preserve the lake's natural resources and protect the quality of its waters and ecosystem.

For more information about the commission and its programs, visit www.epa.state.oh.us/oleo .

Calibration of Lake Erie Foodweb Models with Field Data. Project Director: David Culver, The Ohio State University Research Foundation. LEPF 98-17

Bulk Pesticide/Fertilizer Containment Cost-Share Program. Project Director: Kevin Elder, Ohio Department of Agriculture. LEPF 01-03

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Quantifying Round Goby Dispersal Mechanisms: Impacts on Mitigation Efforts. Project Director: Dr. Jeffrey Miner, Bowling Green State University. SG 200-03

Implementing Innovative Farming Practices That Reduce Soil Erosion. Project Director: William Rohrs, Conservation Action Project. LEPF 03-18

Genetic Detection and Monitoring of Aquatic Nuisance Goby And Mussel Populations in Lake Erie. Project Director: Dr. Carol A. Stepien, University of Toledo's Lake Erie Center. LEPF 02-04

Riparian Forests in N.S. Ohio Watersheds. Project Director: Dr. Johan Gottgens, University of Toledo. SG 251-05

Characteristics of Mayfly Population Refugia. Project Director: Dr. Kenneth A. Krieger, Heidelberg College. SG 254-05

Breakneck Creek Watershed – Parcel Data Inventory and Targeted Landowner Outreach. Project Director: Christine Craycroft, Portage County Park District. SG 256-05

Putting Urban Landscapes To Work. Project Director: Lynn Garrity, Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District. SG 262-05

Restoration of the Ashtabula Lighthouse, 4th Order Fresnel Lens. Project Director: Robert Frisbie, Ashtabula Marine Museum. SG 274-06

Breakneck Creek Watershed Management Plan – Phase 1. Project Director: Claude Custer, NEFCO. SG 275-06

Fish Communities of Coastal Wetlands: Corroboration of a Vegetative Index. Project Director: Dr. David Johnson, The Ohio State University Research Foundation. SG 157-01

Assessment of the Portential For In Situ PCB Bioremediation. Project Director: George Bullerjahn, Bowling Green State University. SG 177-02

A Decision Support System To Integrate Watershed and Transportation Planning. Project Director: James White, Cuyahoga River Community Planning Organization. LEPF 02-15

Implementation of a System For Forecasting Bacteria Levels and Beach Advisories. Project Director: Donna Francey, U.S. Geological Survey. LEPF 03-07

Subwatershed Planning in the Sandusky River Basin. Project Director: David Baker, Ph.D., National Center for Water Quality Research. SG 230-04

Competitive Interactions Between Yellow Perch & Round Goby. Project Director: Maria Gonzales, Miami University. SG 234-04

Turn Key Operation for New & Innovative Conservation Tillage Equipment. Project Director: Dave Badenhop, Henry County Soil & Water Conservation District. SG 235-04

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