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**LAKE ERIE PROTECTION FUND GRANTEES  
FILE FINAL REPORTS**

*Seven reports detailing project outcomes are available online for public viewing*

TOLEDO, OH – Reports detailing the results of seven 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 included a further study of the sources of Lake Erie beach contamination at Maumee Bay State Park, upgrading of home septic system records at the Wood County Health Department, further research into the causes of the Lake Erie “Dead Zone,” restoration of Doan Brook on Shaker School District property, a study of post-dredging benefits to the Ashtabula River and the installation of mooring blocks near six historic Lake Erie shipwrecks to aid divers seeking to explore these sites.

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 \$8.5 million and funded in excess of 300 projects.

The final reports of these recently completed projects can be accessed at <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](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/oleo) .

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*Watershed Connections to Lake Erie Water Quality: the Algal Loading Hypothesis.* Project Director: David Culver, The Ohio State University. [LEPF 04-16](#)

*Population-based Molecular Tracking of Fecal Coliform in Maumee Bay.* Project Director: Von Sigler, University of Toledo. [LEPF 04-21](#)

*GIS: Upgrading Systems for Bacterial Elimination.* Project Director: Kurt Erichsen, TMACOG. [SG 267-05](#)

*Restoration of Doan Brook on an Urban School Campus.* Project Director: Victoria Mills, Doan Brook Watershed Partnership. [SG 271-06](#)

*Solid-phase Microextraction Fibers as Models to Predict Contaminant Bioaccumulation.* Project Director: Roman Lanno, The Ohio State University. [SG 287-06](#)

*Historic Shipwreck Mooring Blocks.* Project Director: Kenneth Marshall, Maritime Archaeological Survey Team. [SG 289-06](#)

*Ex Post Benefits of the Ashtabula River Dredging Project.* Project Director: Leroy Hushak, The Ohio State University. [SG 298-06](#)

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