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Funding Initiatives Coordinated with the Ohio Lake Erie Commission Lynn Garrity, Lake Erie Program Administrator

Abstract

Established in 1990, the Ohio Lake Erie Commission is a state commission that coordinates state agency efforts to protect and restore Lake Erie, participates in federal and international Great Lakes policies and programs, and engages with local communities and other stakeholders for outreach about Lake Erie resources. An aspect of the work by the Commission is to coordinate funding and programs to achieve the protection and restoration of Lake Erie. Today, federal and state funding in coordination with local support continues to drive progress to meet goals for habitat, contaminated sediment, nutrients, and invasive species within the coastal counties of Ohio's Lake Erie. These goals are set forth by the Lake Erie Protection and Restoration Plan. The federal Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, the H2Ohio program and the Lake Erie Protection Fund are some of the primary funding programs that the Commission coordinates with state agencies to implement these goals. The Commission works with federal, state, and local partners to track the successes of the funding, identify results from implementation, and plans for future investment priorities that protect and restore Lake Erie.

Bio

Lynn Garrity is the Lake Erie Program Administrator for the Ohio Lake Erie Commission. She has served in this role since 2018 coordinating programs including Areas of Concern, Lake Erie Protection Fund, Life on Lake Erie Photo Outreach, Great Lakes Restoration Initiative in Ohio, and the development of the 2020 Lake Erie Restoration and Protection Plan. Lynn has worked for over 25 years in local, state and federal government and nonprofit entities managing projects and programs in land conservation, water resources and recreation planning. She holds a bachelor's degree in landscape architecture from the Ohio State University and a master's degree in environmental management from Duke University.