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LAKE ERIE PROTECTION FUND GRANTEES FILE FINAL REPORTS

Four reports detailing project outcomes are available online for public viewing

TOLEDO, OH – Reports detailing the results of four 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 focus group project to help better understand the image potential tourists have of Lake Erie, a case study and public forum on the potential application of a Transfer of Development Rights program in one northeast Ohio community, the installation of a drip distribution home sewage treatment system including the development of training materials for local contractors, and a land use ordinance inventory for the Cuyahoga River Area of Concern.

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.

- *Lake Erie Coastal Ohio Image Study – Linking Preservation to Economic Development.* Project Director: Melinda Huntley, Lake Erie Coastal Ohio, Inc. LEPF 04-14
- *TDR Demonstration Study and Public Forum.* Project Director: Kathryn Hexter. [SG 312-07](#)
- *Drip Distribution Installation Demonstration.* Project Director: Laura Kramer-Kuns, Lake County General Health District. [SG 319-07](#).
- *Land Use Ordinance Inventory for the Cuyahoga River AOC.* Project Director: James White, Cuyahoga River Community Planning Organization. [SG 322-07](#).

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