



Water makes Earth habitable. Fresh Water sustains life.

6 quadrillion gallons of fresh water in the Great Lakes. This is 95% of the United States' and 20% of the world's fresh surface water supply.

127.7 trillion gallons of water in Lake Erie, roughly 2% of the Great Lakes water volume.

11 million people who use Lake Erie as their source of daily drinking water.

2.6 years retention time of Lake Erie.

Lake Erie is our mirror.

Our actions on land will be reflected in the quality of Lake Erie's water.

We must all live in ways that sustain the lake and conserve resources.



Our actions on land can improve our water.

Educate yourself about water issues in your neighborhood.

Planting rain gardeners can reduce runoff.

Preserve wetlands. They store floodwaters and reduce nutrients.

Adopt green infrastructure practices.

Have your soil tested. Only use fertilizer when soil needs it.

Use lawn care products sparingly.

Pick up trash. Keep containers covered at the curb.

Clear trash and debris out of storm drains.

Lake Erie Literacy Principle 4c: All aquatic and terrestrial organisms in Lake Erie's watershed need a source of freshwater to survive.

