Lake Erie
Literacy Principles

1. Lake Erie, one of the five Great Lakes, is a body of fresh water with many features.
2. Natural forces formed and continue to shape Lake Erie and its watershed.
3. Lake Erie influences regional weather and climate.
4. Water makes Earth habitable; fresh water sustains life.
5. Lake Erie supports a great diversity of life and ecosystems.
6. Lake Erie and humans in its watershed are inextricably interconnected.
7. Exploration and understanding of Lake Erie is ongoing.
8. Lake Erie is socially, economically and environmentally significant.

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The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Office of Coastal Management, ODNR Division of Wildlife - Old Woman Creek National Estuarine Research Reserve, the Ohio Sea Grant College Program and the Ohio Lake Erie Commission are developing a unified strategic plan for Lake Erie education and outreach. As part of this effort, the agencies identified a need for a place-based environmental literacy framework for Lake Erie. A project team initiated the development of this framework by adapting *Ocean Literacy: The Essential Principles and Fundamental Concepts to Lake Erie.*