



Ohio's Lake Erie Watershed

covers 11,649 square miles
 drains portions of 35 counties
 has a population of 4.65 million people
 73% is agricultural or open space
 20% is wooded, 4% is urban
 2% remains wetland
 1% is inland lakes and rivers

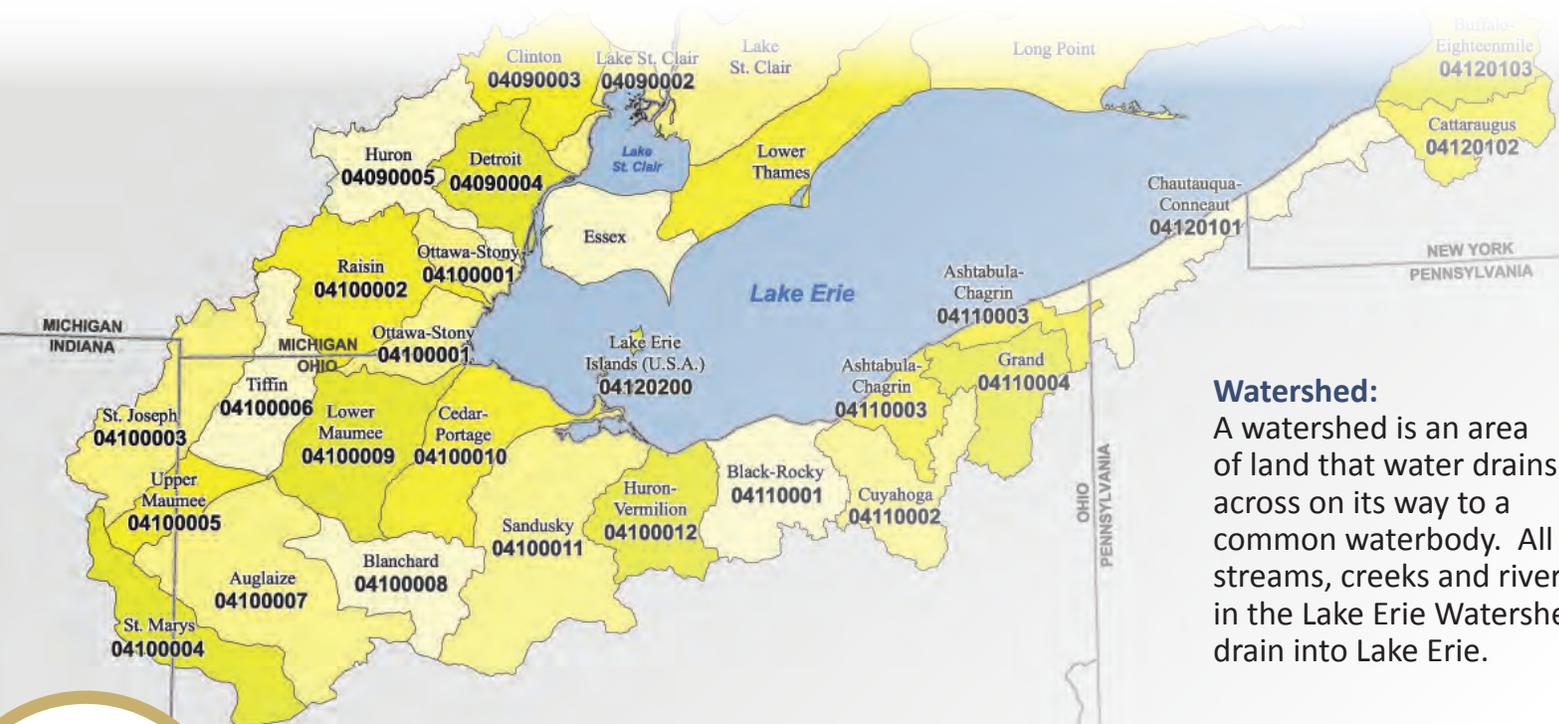
*Lake Erie
 and people
 in its watershed
 are connected.*

How Lake Erie impacts us.

- Lake Erie supplies freshwater to businesses and people, moderates the climate, and influences the weather, culture and human health.
- Lake Erie is a source of food, mineral and energy resources, recreation and jobs.
- Lake Erie is a transportation highway for goods and people, and plays a role in national security.

We impact the lake and watershed.

- Lake Erie is impacted by OUR actions on the water, along the coast and in the watershed.
- Anything that is on the ground in the Lake Erie Watershed can be washed by rain into a river which then flows to Lake Erie.
- To ensure Lake Erie resources like fresh drinking water are available in the future, WE must live in ways that sustain the lake.



Watershed:

A watershed is an area of land that water drains across on its way to a common waterbody. All streams, creeks and rivers in the Lake Erie Watershed drain into Lake Erie.

