



More than 119,000 Ohio jobs are directly linked to Lake Erie.

Visitors to Ohio's 8 coastal counties spend more than \$12.9 billion annually.
(2013 statistics from OSU Sea Grant)

Lake Erie was a key element in the formation of the United States from the writing of the Northwest Ordinance to the Battle of Lake Erie during the War of 1812.

The degradation of Lake Erie that began in the Industrial Revolution started to change with the 1970s environmental movement. The lake's improvement was aided by the creation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of the Clean Water Act and Coastal Zone Management Act.

Since the 1970s, many legacy pollutants have been removed from Lake Erie, which is now used as a representative model for ecosystem recovery.

Today, groups are working to understand and correct nutrient pollution issues and the impacts of aquatic invasive species.

Lake Erie is socially, economically & environmentally significant.

Lake Erie Literacy Principle 8e:
The economy is diverse around Lake Erie, with major sectors in industry, recreation and tourism, agriculture, commercial and sport fisheries, forestry and mining.

