

**The LEAGUES of the
LAKE ERIE BASIN**

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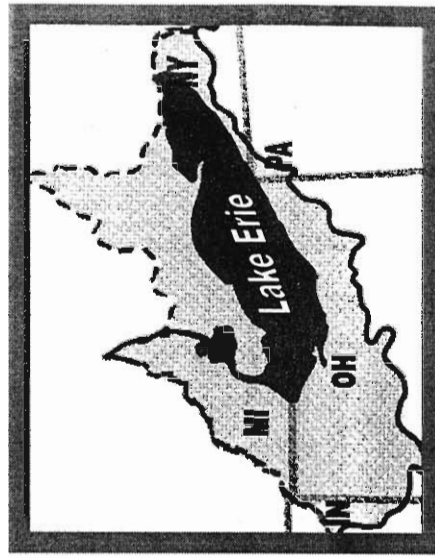
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**THE LEAGUE
OF
WOMEN VOTERS**

**LAKE ERIE
BASIN
COMMITTEE**

A multi-League group dedicated to the protection and restoration of Lake Erie and its watershed.



LAKE ERIE BASIN COMMITTEE

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THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS LAKE ERIE BASIN COMMITTEE

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BACKGROUND

The League of Women Voters Lake Erie Basin Committee, LEBC, was organized in 1963 with guidance from LWVUS for the purpose of studying, discussing and coordinating action on critical issues concerning Lake Erie and its watershed.

LEBC is a multi-League group of state and local Leagues located within the Lake Erie Basin - a U.S. geographic area of approximately 20,900 square miles that includes the Lake Erie watershed lands, rivers and streams of five states: Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York.

Serving 32 Basin Leagues, the Committee holds three meetings each year - on the third Wednesday of July (Annual Meeting), October and April at Lake Erie coastal locations - and issues three informational mailings annually.

Distinguished as the first Great Lakes watershed organization, the LWV Lake Erie Basin Committee is rooted in study and education.

LEBC publishes the *Lake Erie Letter* to inform the League and the community about important Lake Erie Basin topics. Most recently, the *Lake Erie Letters* have been researched reports on Aquatic Invasive Species and Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations, also known as CAFOs.

GOALS

The goals of the LWV Lake Erie Basin Committee are:

- To preserve and restore Lake Erie and its tributaries through pollution control, abatement and prevention;
- To improve planning and management of water and related land resources; and
- To achieve the objectives of the 1987 U.S.-Canada Water Quality Agreement.

PROGRAM

Working within the LWVUS Natural Resources Position on Environmental Protection and Pollution Control, the Lake Erie Basin Committee Program of six positions serves as the basis for recommending action to LEBC Leagues.

Position on Water Resources and Water Quality
1967

Position on Phosphate Detergent Ban
1969

Position on Drilling for Gas and/or Oil in Lake Erie
1969

Position on Interbasin Transfer of Water
1985-1986

Nuclear Issues: Power Plants & Radioactive Waste
1990

Position on Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations
2007



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LEBC TOPICS OF CONCERN

**Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations
CAFOs**

Aquatic Invasive Species

**Great Lakes Regional Collaboration
GLRC**

Great Lakes Compact

Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement

**Radioactive Waste Demonstration Project
West Valley, NY**

Euclid Creek Watershed Council, OH

Rocky River Watershed Council, OH

Dike 14 Nature Preserve, Cleveland, OH

**Areas of Concern, including the
Ashtabula, Black, Buffalo, Cuyahoga,
Detroit, Maumee, Niagara and
Rouge Rivers**