



Western Lake Erie Basin Conference - Agenda

Tuesday, March 10, 2009 - Day 1				
Start	Time	Topic	Speaker/Presenters	
1:00	15	Welcome, Program Overview, and Introductions	LTC Daniel Snead, Terry Cosby, NRCS, and Gary Gulezian, IJC WQ Board	
SESSION 1 - Western Lake Erie Basin 101 - Land and Lake Resource Overview				
1:15	15	Overview of the Lake Erie Resource - <i>Physical Characteristics, Economic Importance, and Recreational Values</i>	Jeff Reutter, Ohio Sea Grant	
	15	Watershed and Land Resources Characteristics - <i>NRCS Rapid Watershed Assessment Findings</i>	Steve Davis, NRCS	
	15	The USACE Western Lake Erie Basin Study - <i>Overview and Study Goals</i>	Craig Forget & Tom Denbow, USACE -	
Short 5 Minute Stand Up Break				
2:05	30	Facilitated Discussion - Audience Questions To Presenters and/or Moderator Prepared Questions	Moderator - Ed Hammett, Ohio Lake Erie Commission	
	10	Group Listing/Recording of Take Home Bullet Points and/or Action Items From Session 1		
2:45 - 15 Minute Break				
SESSION 2 - Soil Erosion and Dredging				
3:00	15	Sediment Loading – <i>Maumee Gauge Data and Long Term Trends</i>	Pete Richards, Heidelberg College	
	15	Maumee W/S Contributions - <i>Erosion Rates & Conservation Practice/Land Cover Adoption Trends</i>	Steve Davis, NRCS	
	45	Toledo Dredging Roundtable - <i>Economic Value and Dredging Impacts on the Port of Toledo</i>		Warren McCrimmon, Toledo Port Authority
		Toledo Dredging Roundtable - <i>Ohio EPA Water Quality Standards, Beneficial Use/Habitat Initiatives</i>		Gail Hesse and Randy Bournique , Ohio EPA
		Toledo Dredging Roundtable - <i>Dredging Trends, Amounts, Costs, Challenges</i>		Craig Forget, USACE
Short 10 Minute Break				
4:20	30	Facilitated Discussion - Audience Questions To Presenters and/or Moderator Prepared Questions	Moderator - David Ulrich, Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative	
	20	Group Listing of Take Home Bullet Points and/or Action Items From Session 2		
5:15 - Adjourn Day 1				



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Wednesday, March 11, 2009 - Day 2			
<i>Start</i>	<i>Length</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Speaker/Presenters</i>
SESSION 3 - Nutrient Loadings, Harmful Algal Blooms, and Aquatic Invasive Species			
8:15	15	Lake Erie Phosphorous - <i>Tributary Loading Data and Long Term Trends</i>	David Baker, Heidelberg College
	15	Maumee Bay/Lake Erie Algal Bloom Overview - <i>Algal and Cladophora Issues</i>	Thomas Bridgeman, University of Toledo
	15	Near Shore Nutrient Processes and Cycling – <i>Near Shore Shunt Nutrient Theory</i>	Joseph DePinto, LimnoTech
	10	Ohio Phosphorous Task Force – <i>Overview, Process and What's To Come</i>	Gail Hesse, Ohio EPA
Short 10 Minute Break			
9:05	30	Facilitated Discussion - Audience Questions To Presenters and/or Moderator Prepared Questions	Moderator - Gary Gulezian, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
	10	Group Listing of Take Home Bullet Points and/or Action Items From Session 3	
9:40 - 20 Minute Break			
SESSION 4 - Water Mgt. in the WLEB - Urban Storm Water, Flooding, and Drainage			
10:00	20	Success Stories- Challenges and Opportunities – <i>What Can We Learn from Water Management in Other Communities</i>	David Ulrich, Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (GLSLCI)
	15	Ideas to Meet The Challenges of Combined Sewer Overflows - <i>The Maumee River Basin Partnership of Local Governments White Paper</i>	Chuck Campbell, City of Toledo and MRBPLG
	20	USGS Water Management Stories - <i>Monitoring and Data Needs For Managing Water in the WLEB, and The New Findlay Early Warning Flood System</i>	Dick Bartz, U.S. Geological Survey
	20	USACE Western Lake Erie Study - <i>Water Management Findings and Implications</i>	Tom Denbow, URS, Consultant for USACE
11:15 Short 10 Minute Break			
11:25	30	Facilitated Discussion - Audience Questions To Presenters and/or Moderator Prepared Questions	Moderator - Kristy Meyer, Ohio Environmental Council
	10	Group Listing of Take Home Bullet Points and/or Action Items From Session 4	
LIGHT BUFFET LUNCH - 12:05 To 1:15			



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Wednesday, March 11, 2009 - Day 2 - Continued			
Start	Length	Topic	Speaker/Presenters
SESSION 5 - Habitat, Wetlands, Recreation and Other Resource Issues			
1:15	15	Lake Erie Fishery - <i>How Do We Maintain It And Impact of Watershed Management</i>	Roger Knight, ODNR Wildlife
	15	Impacts of Habitat Loss, Invasive Species, and Toxics - <i>What Are The Critical Wildlife and Habitat Issues in the WLEB?</i>	Mark Witt, ODNR Wildlife
	15	Recreation and Tourism - <i>Importance of the Resource, Values, and EcoTourism Opportunities</i>	Melinda Huntley, Ohio SeaGrant and Coastal Ohio
2:00 Short 10 Minute Break			
2:10	25	Facilitated Discussion - Audience Questions To Presenters and/or Moderator Prepared Questions	Moderator - Mary Knapp, USFWS
	10	Group Listing of Take Home Bullet Points and/or Action Items From Session 5	
2:45 - 15 Minute Break			
SESSION 6 - Watershed Planning and Program Delivery– How do we put it together?			
3:00	15	Ohio Lake Erie Protection and Restoration Plan - <i>Key Actions and Priorities</i>	Ed Hammett, Ohio Lake Erie Commission
	10	Linking The Land and The Lake - <i>Role Of The LAMP and The International Joint Commission In Advancing Watershed Management</i>	John Gannon, International Joint Commission
	15	USACE Western Lake Erie Basin Study - <i>Synopsis and Ways Forward to Innovative Approaches</i>	Tom Denbow and Craig Forget, USACE
	10	Partnering To Pull Together – <i>Needs and Roles of Local Conservation Delivery Systems</i>	Jim Lake, Indiana State Department of Agriculture
	10	Partnering To Pull Together – <i>Needs and Roles of Local Watershed Organizations</i>	Kris Patterson, Executive Director, Partners For Clean Streams
4:00 Short 10 Minute Break			
4:10	30	Facilitated Discussion - Audience Questions To Presenters and/or Moderator Prepared Questions	Moderator - Larry Antosch, Ohio State Technical Committee, Ohio Farm Bureau Federation
	20	Group Listing of Take Home Bullet Points and/or Action Items From Session 6	
5:05 Closing Remarks by Terry Cosby and LTC Snead - Adjourn Day 2			



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Thursday, March 12, 2009 - Day 3 - WLEB Business Mtg.			
<i>Start</i>	<i>Length</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Speaker/Presenters</i>
8:30	15	Opening Remarks	LTC Snead, Terry Cosby
8:45	5	Approval of Minutes	LTC Snead, Terry Cosby
8:50	55	Committee Reports	
		Operations Committee	Steve Davis/Craig Forget
		Outreach Committee	Chris Riddle/Robert McCall
		Project Committee	Ed Crawford
		Research Committee	Dick Bartz/Jim Morris
		Funding Committee	Kristy Meyer
15 Minute Break			
10:00		<i>USACE Western Lake Erie Basin Study Presentation and Process for WLEB Support</i>	
10:00	15	USACE Need for WLEB recommendations and support of study findings	LTC Daniel Snead, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
10:15	15	Explanation of the process for the recommendations and support	Craig Forgette, USACE, and Tom Denbow, URS
		<i>Written Post Meeting Follow-up and Comments Expected on input form that will be provided during meeting</i>	
		<i>USACE and WLEB Operations Team to collate and synthesis comments into one set of recommendations and support</i>	
		<i>WLEB Leadership Team to adopt synthesis document and timeline to accomplish</i>	
10:30	60	Presentation of Key Findings and Potential Actions in Existing Draft of Report (10 Min Each Section)	Moderator - John Kessler, ODNR Division of Soil & Water Conservation
		Flooding and Sedimentation Section	USACE/URS Speakers
		Commercial & Recreation Section	USACE/URS Speakers
		Water Quality Section	USACE/URS Speakers
		Resource and Recreation Section	USACE/URS Speakers
		Fish & Wildlife Habitat Section	USACE/URS Speakers
11:30	10	Leadership Team Charge to WLEB Partners	LTC Snead and Terry Cosby
11:40	10	Unfinished WLEB Business and New Action Items	LTC Snead and Terry Cosby
11:50	15	Brief Discussion - Timing and Format of next WLEB Leadership Team Meeting	LTC Snead and Terry Cosby
12:10		Adjourn	