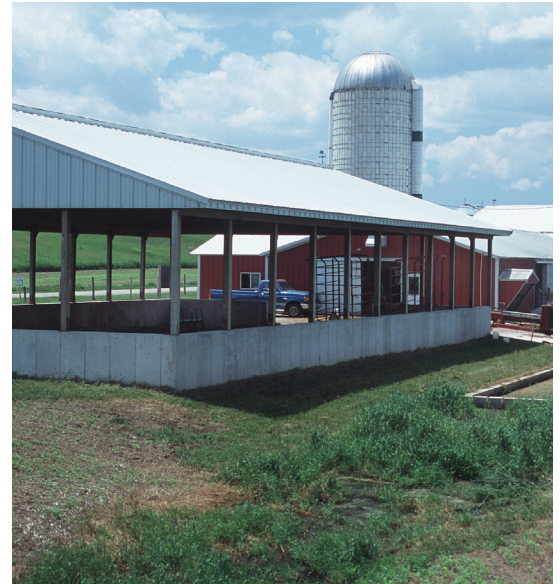


# TRI-STATE Western Lake Erie Basin

*Phosphorus Reduction Initiative*

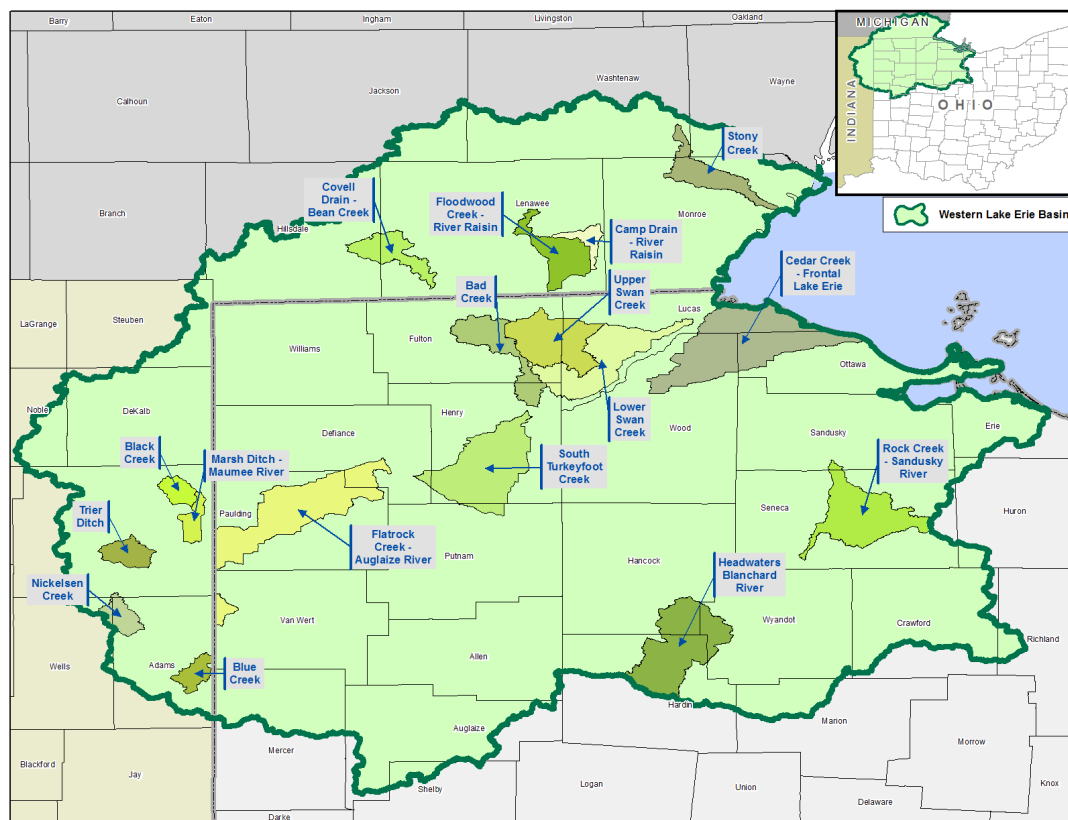
## **The Tri-State Western Lake Erie Basin Phosphorus Reduction Initiative**

The Tri-State Western Lake Erie Basin Phosphorus Reduction Initiative is a multi-state project to protect the western basin of Lake Erie by reducing phosphorus (P) and sediment loading to decrease Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs). Project partners have identified Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) conservation practices and innovative demonstration practices that farmers can implement using Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) and Agricultural Conservation Easement (ACEP) funds to protect soil health, water quality, and prevent fish and wildlife degradation. The Western Lake Erie Basin Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) project was awarded \$17.5 million. Indiana will receive about \$2.1 million, which is split between EQIP, ACEP and technical assistance.



## **INDIANA'S PRIORITY PRACTICE LIST**

- ▶ **Stream Buffers**
- ▶ **Nutrient Management**
- ▶ **Nutrient Application and Soil Amendments**
- ▶ **Residue Management**
- ▶ **Conservation Cover**
- ▶ **Advanced Elective Practices for Water Management**
- ▶ **Water Quality Monitoring**



## Program Objectives

The Tri-State Western Lake Erie Basin Phosphorus Reduction Initiative will help to reduce sediment and nutrient loading into the western basin of Lake Erie, with an emphasis on reducing total and dissolved reactive phosphorus to decrease the threat of HABs. The specific resource concerns include water quality, water quantity, soil health, and fish and wildlife habitat.

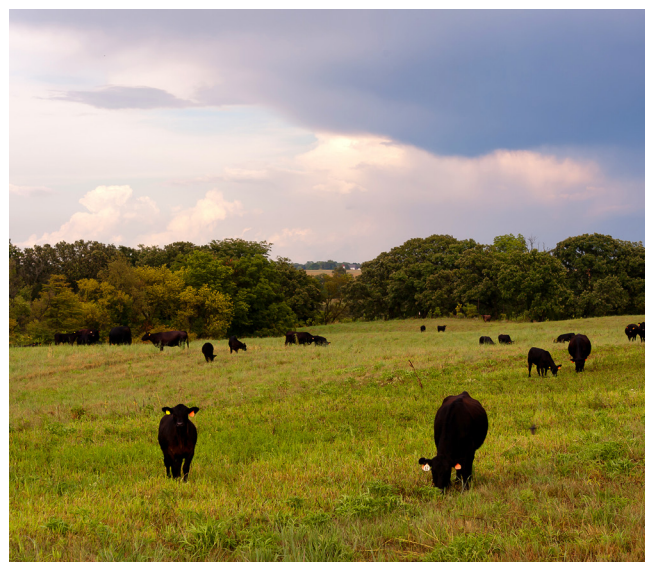
## Application Requirements

Agricultural producers in the Western Lake Erie Basin are eligible to apply.

## Priority Consideration

Participants in the following watersheds will be given priority consideration for funding:

- ***Trier Ditch***
- ***Black Creek***
- ***Marsh Ditch-Maumee River***
- ***Nickelsen Creek***
- ***Blue Creek***



**2015 Application Dates**

**July 1 - July 17**

## Contact Information

Please contact your local Soil and Water Conservation District with any questions.

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