Agriculture, nearly 1.2 million acres of farmland were enrolled in voluntary nutrient management programs to curb leaching of nutrients into Lake Erie. In 2020, under the leadership of Ohio’s Department of Agriculture (ODA), the Governor’s Lake Erie Initiative (LEI) significantly increased the number of counties participating in the voluntary nutrient management program, these initiatives are critical to moving its way through the court. We are hopeful that a thorough review of the findings and recommendations will prompt significant changes to the law to prevent or reduce the impact of this industrial project. We also want people to understand all of the long-term implications and the outcomes that will likely impact the future of Lake Erie.

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The Dangers of Microplastics

By taking the following steps, you can help save Lake Erie, the source of drinking water for 11 million people.

1. Buy clothes made from natural fibers and shop at second hand or consignment stores.
2. Support non-profits like LEF that are advocating for sustainable change.
3. Join LEF today. Learn more at www.lakeeriefoundation.org or call 419-301-3743.
4. Take a visible bag instead of using plastic grocery bags.
5. Keep an empty one in your car so you don’t forget.
6. Stay the steps, they are simple.
7. Save and use reusable containers for take out foods.
8. Use a refillable water bottle instead of plastic bottles.
9. Dispose of ocean waste, they contain plastic too.
10. Encourage your friends and loved ones to stop using single-use plastics.

The project involved researching the impact of microplastics in Lake Erie. In addition, LEF recently finished a semester-long project with Case Western Reserve University (CWRU). We were incredibly impressed by the effort, intellect and thoroughness of the team. As smaller organizations come together to move its way through the court. We are hopeful that a thorough review of the findings and recommendations will prompt significant changes to the law to prevent or reduce the impact of this industrial project. We also want people to understand all of the long-term implications and the outcomes that will likely impact the future of Lake Erie.

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David L. Spangler was a charter boat captain who became one of the Great Lakes region’s most beloved water-quality advocates. He died on the morning of Oct. 11, 2020.

Though known for a calm and gentle demeanor, Mr. Spangler was as feisty and devoted to water quality as he was to his family. He personally gave him creditability with people from both ends of the political spectrum. He took his role as a Great Lakes ambassador seriously by running countless trips in his boat to help educate people close to the lake. He also spent hundreds of hours attending scientific seminars and public meetings across northern Ohio, in Columbus, and as far as in Canada and Quebec City.

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Our friend and Lake Erie Foundation Board member, Dave Spangler, passed away Thursday. We lost a great partner and dear friend. Dave was a lifelong resident of Catawba Island and served as a fishing charter boat in the middle of Lake Erie. He was a Purple Heart and Bronze Star recipient. He was licensed by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and for 46 years ran his own fishing charter boat and fishing charters in Lake Erie.

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Spangler served as Lake Erie Charter Boat Association vice president and became first mate with longtime president Paul Pacholski about 10 years ago. In 2014, he was the group’s Captain of the Year. Mr. Spangler realized the idea was a good way to present to the public some of the concerns they had. He brought the idea to the Tourism Ohio and with the help of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission advisory board, the group came up with the idea. The group realized the idea was a good way to present to the public some of the concerns they had. He brought the idea to the Tourism Ohio and with the help of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission advisory board, the group came up with the idea.

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