

Signs of Recovery: What Lake Erie Is Beginning to Tell Us

Lake Erie's recovery is not defined by a single moment or season. It happens gradually and unevenly, measured over years rather than headlines. But today, the lake is beginning to show signs that sustained efforts to reduce nutrient pollution are making a difference.

Monitoring data indicates reductions in dissolved reactive phosphorus entering Lake Erie from key tributaries. Because this form of phosphorus fuels the most severe harmful algal blooms, even modest reductions can change how the lake responds over time.

On the water, these changes are subtle but meaningful. Some seasons bring longer windows of clearer water. Fisheries have shown greater stability in certain areas. Drinking water systems face fewer extreme stress events than in the past. These are not guarantees, but they are encouraging signals.

Recovery does not look the same every year. Weather and legacy nutrients continue to influence conditions, and one difficult season does not erase progress. What matters are long-term trends, not isolated snapshots.

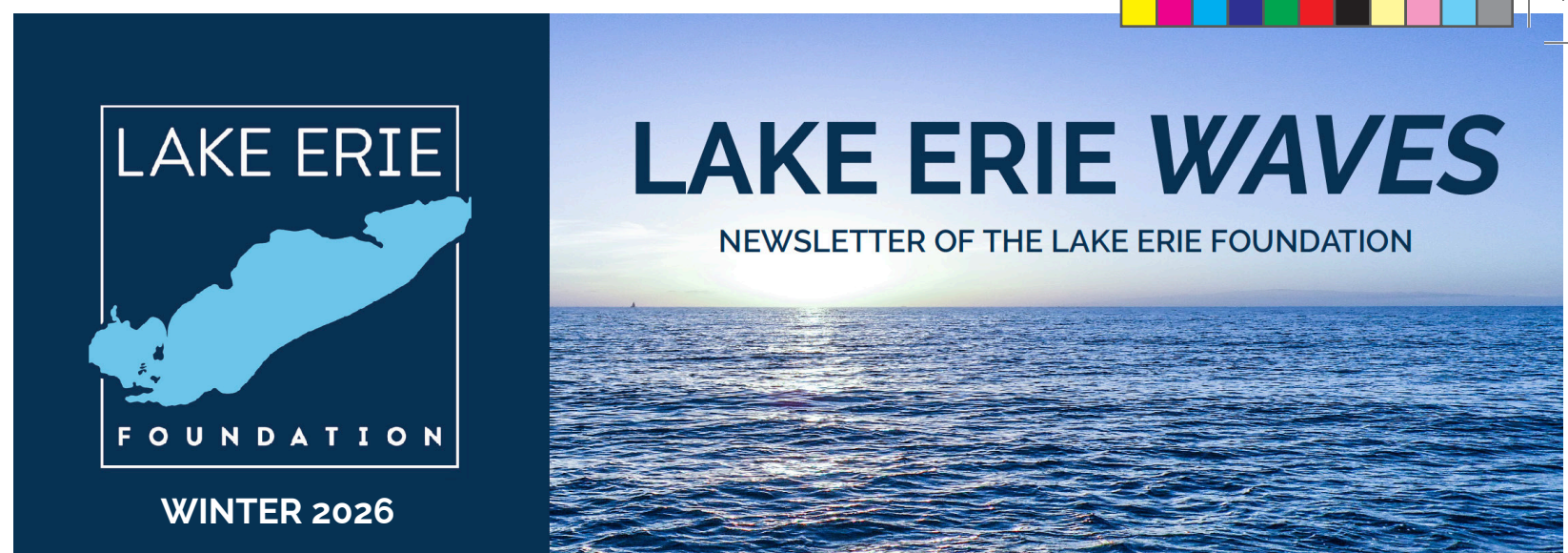
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From the President

A Year of Progress, Partnership, and Purpose

Looking back on 2025, I feel incredibly grateful for the steady, meaningful progress Lake Erie Foundation has made—and none of it would be possible without your continued support.

This past year was all about taking action. We connected with communities across the region at local events, educational forums, and boat shows—meeting people right where their connection to Lake Erie begins. Along the way, we welcomed new members into our growing community and strengthened partnerships with those who share our belief that protecting Lake Erie takes both sound science and dedicated stewardship.



One of the most encouraging developments in 2025 has been continued evidence that conservation efforts are working. Programs like H2Ohio and 4R Nutrient Stewardship are delivering measurable reductions in phosphorus runoff—particularly dissolved reactive phosphorus (DRP), the form most responsible for harmful algal blooms. While there is still work to do, the data shows that targeted, science-based conservation can improve water quality when applied at the right scale and in the right places.

Lake Erie Foundation has remained focused on helping refine those efforts. We continue to advocate for prioritizing high-phosphorus fields—areas that contribute disproportionately to nutrient runoff. This focus is not about placing blame; it's about maximizing impact. When limited resources are directed where they matter most, everyone benefits: farmers, communities, and the lake itself.

In 2025, we also expanded our work on phosphorus filtration. Our phosphorus filter pilot project, made possible by a one-time State of Ohio grant moved from concept to on-the-ground implementation, with installations underway in northwest Ohio. Early results are promising, and just as important, the project is generating real-world data that can help guide future conservation investments statewide.

Another emerging issue that we started focusing on in 2025: the rapid growth of data centers near Lake Erie and across Ohio. While data centers are often discussed in terms of economic development, their water use and wastewater discharge present real risks to water quality if not properly regulated. Lake Erie Foundation engaged directly in this conversation, submitting formal comments to the Ohio EPA to push for stronger permitting standards and greater transparency.

And as always, public education remains at the heart of our mission. From nutrient pollution to plastics, we're committed to sharing clear, Lake Erie-focused information that helps people better understand both the challenges we face and the solutions within reach. None of this happens without you. Your membership, donations, and engagement allow Lake Erie Foundation to stay independent, science-driven, and focused on long-term outcomes.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we are safeguarding Lake Erie—not only for today, but for the generations who will rely on and cherish it in the years ahead.

— Jim Stouffer

President, Lake Erie Foundation

Data Centers, Water Use, & Why Permitting Matters for Lake Erie

Data centers are rapidly becoming one of Ohio's fastest-growing industrial developments. While they play an important role in powering modern technology, their expansion near Lake Erie raises serious water quality questions that deserve closer scrutiny.

At their core, data centers are water-intensive facilities. Large volumes of water are used to cool servers, often treated with industrial chemicals to prevent corrosion, scaling, and biological growth. That water is eventually discharged—sometimes back into local waterways—through permits issued by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA).



The challenge is not the existence of data centers themselves, but the regulatory framework governing them.

Under current permitting rules, some data centers can be approved without a detailed, site-specific review of how much water they use or what they discharge back into local waterways. This can limit oversight and reduce opportunities for public input, even in sensitive areas connected to Lake Erie.

Lake Erie is already under pressure. Nutrient pollution, harmful algal blooms, and legacy contaminants continue to affect drinking water, recreation, and fisheries. Adding new sources of industrial discharge—without strong safeguards—introduces unnecessary risk.

Of particular concern is the potential presence of compounds that are difficult or impossible to remove through conventional wastewater treatment processes. Certain industrial additives, including PFAS-related compounds, can persist in the environment and accumulate over time. Even small concentrations matter when discharge is continuous.

For a lake that provides drinking water to more than 11 million people, caution is not optional.

That's why Lake Erie Foundation has been actively engaged in the Ohio EPA's rulemaking and permitting discussions related to data centers. In 2025, we submitted formal public comments urging the agency to strengthen review standards, require greater transparency, and ensure that permits reflect the true scale and potential impact of these facilities.

Our position is straightforward: economic development and environmental protection do not have to be in conflict. But protecting Lake Erie requires rules that are clear, enforceable, and grounded in science—not assumptions.

Strong permitting matters because it sets the baseline for accountability. It determines how water is monitored, what contaminants are allowed, how often testing occurs, and what happens when standards are exceeded. Once a permit is issued, reversing harm becomes far more difficult.

Lake Erie Foundation will continue to monitor this issue closely, advocate for responsible policies, and engage with regulators, policymakers, and the public. Growth is coming—but it must not come at the expense of one of our region's most vital natural resources.

You can learn more about our position on Data Centers near the lake on our website:

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Conservation Is Working—and Lake Erie Is Starting to Respond

For years, the question surrounding Lake Erie conservation efforts has been simple: Are they working? Increasingly, the answer is yes.

Recent monitoring data shows measurable reductions in dissolved reactive phosphorus (DRP) entering Lake Erie, particularly from tributaries like the Maumee River. DRP is the form of phosphorus most responsible for fueling harmful algal blooms, making its reduction especially significant.

These improvements are not accidental. They reflect years of effort through programs such as H2Ohio and the widespread adoption of 4R Nutrient Stewardship practices—applying the right fertilizer source, at the right rate, at the right time, and in the right place.

Farmers across northwest Ohio have embraced these practices, often at personal cost and with little recognition. Their willingness to adapt has been critical to improving water quality. Why does this matter beyond the science?

Cleaner water supports healthier fisheries. It improves boating and swimming conditions. It strengthens tourism and the regional economy. And it reduces the risk of drinking water crises like those experienced in the past.

Equally important, these results demonstrate that targeted, data-driven conservation delivers better outcomes than broad, unfocused approaches. When resources are directed toward the fields and practices that contribute most to runoff, the return on investment, for both taxpayers and the lake, is far greater.

Progress does not mean the work is finished. Harmful algal blooms still occur, and weather extremes continue to challenge conservation efforts. But the trend lines show that Lake Erie can respond when the right actions are taken. Read on for information on how Lake Erie Foundation is working to help Lake Erie.

Targeting Phosphorus at the Source

One of the most promising developments in Lake Erie conservation is also one of the most targeted.

Lake Erie Foundation's phosphorus filter (P-filter) project focuses on a simple idea: stop phosphorus before it reaches the water.

Research has shown that a relatively small number of agricultural fields—those with very high soil phosphorus levels—contribute a disproportionate share of runoff. Addressing these "high-phosphorus fields" can dramatically reduce nutrient loading downstream.

With support from a state grant, Lake Erie Foundation began installing phosphorus filters at the edge of select fields in northwest Ohio. These filters are concrete tanks filled with specialized media that chemically bind phosphorus as runoff water passes through. In many cases, they can remove more than 80% of dissolved phosphorus before it enters nearby ditches, streams, and rivers.

The project is being implemented in partnership with engineers, researchers, crop consultants, and local landowners. Together, the team has evaluated hundreds of potential sites to identify fields where filters can have the greatest impact.

What makes this project especially important is its real-world application. These filters operate under actual field conditions, during real storm events, in real watersheds. Data collected from the installations will be shared with the Ohio Department of Agriculture and other partners to help guide future conservation programs, including potential expansion within H2Ohio.

The P-filter project reflects Lake Erie Foundation's core approach: practical solutions, grounded in science, focused on results.



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When you support Lake Erie Foundation, you're helping ensure that decisions affecting the lake are guided by data, transparency, and common sense. You're supporting targeted conservation efforts that protect drinking water for millions of people. And you're helping preserve the boating, fishing, and recreation that define life along Lake Erie.

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