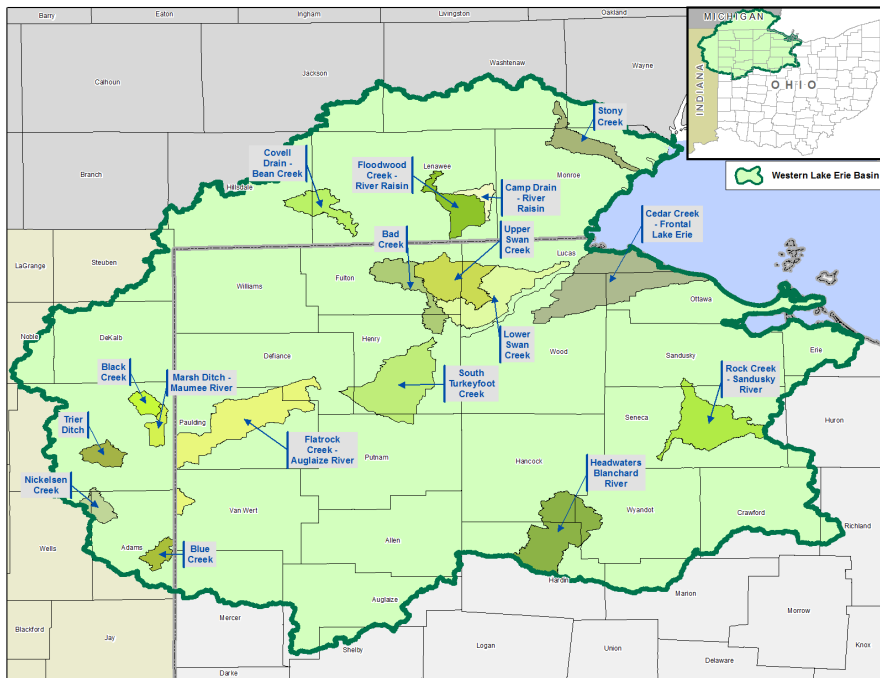


The Tri-State Western Lake Erie Basin Phosphorus Reduction Initiative is a multi-state project to protect the western basin of Lake Erie by reducing phosphorus (P) and sediment loading to decrease Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs). Project partners have identified Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) 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 (RCP) project was awarded \$17.5 million. Ohio will receive about \$12.25 million, which is split between EQIP, ACEP and technical assistance.



For Additional Information, please visit our website at:  
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# New Business Opportunity

for  
**Ag Retailers &  
 Certified Crop Advisors**



*Regardless of the source, research clearly indicates that excessive sediment and*

*nutrient loading is impacting our lakes, rivers and streams. Ag retailers and their Certified Crop Advisors play a pivotal role in ensuring that the agricultural sector of our community is doing its share in helping to minimize that impact. **Please join us on August 13<sup>th</sup>** as we roll out the recently funded Regional Conservation Partnership Program's Western Lake Erie Basin Phosphorus Reduction Project. Unique to this project is its opportunity to connect producers, conservation agencies and Ag retailers, with new opportunities for all.*

**AGRICULTURAL SERVICE CENTER**  
**7868 County Road 140**  
**Findlay, Ohio 45840**  
**August 13, 2015**

# Purpose of Training

- Inform CCA's within the Western Lake Erie Basin (WLEB), Ohio's portion, about the recently funded Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) and its focus regarding water quality conditions.
- Share the importance of a CCA assisting producers in developing and carrying out nutrient management plans and the role that such plans will play in the RCPP, especially if financial assistance is desired for BMP implementation.
- Offer training on developing nutrient management plans that will meet the NRCS 590 Nutrient Management Standard for RCPP.
  - Training will include how to efficiently incorporate soil testing and nutrient recommendation reports from CCA's into the NRCS template and effective ways to assist producers in identifying soil resource concerns and potential practices needed to address them.
- Build a working relation between CCA's and conservation agency technical staff while assisting producers, with an overall goal to improve nutrient management and implement practices and technologies that improve profitability while reducing the risk of downstream impacts from agricultural production.

Please RSVP by August 10, 2015  
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# Agenda

- 8 a.m. Registration & Refreshments
- 8:30 Introductions & Meeting Objectives  
-Ed Crawford, ODNR
- 8:40 Lake Erie Water Quality Issues and the Phosphorus Connection – Steve Davis, NRCS
- 9:10 Reducing Phosphorus Losses  
-Greg LaBarge, OSU Extension
- 9:30 Programs Available in the WLEB  
- Kip Studer, ODNR
- 9:45 WLEB RCPP Phosphorus Reduction Project  
- Jocelyn Henderson, ODNR
- 10:15 Break
- 10:30 RCPP Contracting Process  
- Megan Burgess, NRCS
- 10:45 TSP, CCA, CAP 104, 590 NMP - What does all this mean?  
- Doug Deardorff, NRCS
- 11:00 Assisting Producers Through the New Tri-State Nutrient Management 590 Planning Tool and Integrating in Your Current Nutrient Planning  
- Eric Schwab, NRCS
- 12:00 p.m. Wrap-up & Discussion  
Lunch provided by Ohio Agribusiness Association  
Please RSVP by August 10th for meal counts.

**Continuing Education Credits Available**  
**Nutrient Mgmt. CEUs: 1      Soil & Water Mgmt. CEUs: 2.5**