

Lake Huron Initiative Action Plan

Restoration Plan Database: Crystal Reports of Individual Plan Summaries

I. BASIC PLAN DATA

Plan name:

Lake Huron Initiative Action Plan

Brief description of plan:

This plan identifies issues of importance to Lake Huron, actions that need to be taken to protect and restore the Lake Huron ecosystem and development of partnerships to begin undertaking efforts that cannot be accomplished by individual agencies alone. The plan identifies immediate future actions and focuses on two key issues- critical pollutants and use impairments, and fish and wildlife populations.

Region the plan is located within:

Great Lakes Region

Watershed(s) included within the plan:

L061x , L062x , L063x , L065x , L066x , L067x , L068x , L069x , L070x , L071x , L072x , L073x , L081x

Area plan covers (in square miles):

51,700.00 square miles

Plan scale:

State

Plan's lead organization(s):

Office of the Great Lakes-Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Environmental Protection Agency,
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On-line version of plan:

Date of original plan:

3/2000

II. TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Plan includes restoration goals: Y

Level of detail of the goals:

MS

Summary of the goals:

- 1) identify dams and other barriers that have major ecological impact, pursue long-term remediation efforts, support development of upstream fishways and downstream passage facilities and develop lakewide or shared policies on dams, dam removals and maintaining run-of-the-river flows dam retirement funding approaches
- 2) provide support for local restoration efforts in AOC's, as well as where modifications of the natural landscape has significantly altered important habitats

Plan recommends restoration of specific project sites:

Y

Plan includes a discussion of funding sources:

Y

Plan addresses long-term protection of restored sites:

Y

Partners included in developing the plan:

Federal
State
Local
Tribes
Non-profit Organizations

Type(s) of public outreach included during plan development:

Held public workshops, meetings, open house, or scoping meetings
Formed an advisory group(s)

Plan includes public outreach as part of plan implementation (e.g. annual public meeting, local group participation):

Y

Plan discusses the application of innovative approaches to restoration:

N

Plan make use of GIS mapping capabilities:

Y

Plan addresses monitoring/reference sites for ecosystem level monitoring (baseline conditions) by:

G

Plan addresses monitoring/reference sites for project level monitoring by:

G

The plan discusses or coordinates with other restoration plans covering the same geographic area:

Y

Other plan names:

Remedial Actions Plans in Areas of Concern- Saginaw River-Bay, St. Marys River and St. Clair River

Plan contains detailed information on historic and/or current habitat size, rate of loss, acres restored or protected, etc.):

Y

Summary of this habitat information:

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The St. Clair River is still characterized by extensive river delta wetlands. A total of 4000 hectares of emergent aquatic plants are distributed over 15 wetlands. This is a very important staging area for migrating birds and fish. Drainage for agriculture has accounted for 92% of the losses of remaining wetlands. A recent study of Saginaw Bay estimates that in seven of eight coastal counties at least 40% of wetlands have been lost. Based on statewide wetlands restoration goals of 50,000 acres by 2010, the proportionate goal share based on land area of wetland restoration in the Saginaw Bay area would be 7500 acres.