

Lake Erie Marshes Focus Area Plan

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I. BASIC PLAN DATA

Plan name:

Lake Erie Marshes Focus Area Plan

Brief description of plan:

This plan is a flagship project under the North American Waterfowl Management Plan's Lower Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Basin Joint Venture. It encompasses the Ohio counties of Lucas, Wood, Ottawa, Sandusky and Erie.

Region the plan is located within:

Great Lakes Region

Watershed(s) included within the plan:

L093x , L094x , L095x , L096x , L097x , L098x

Area plan covers (in square miles):

27.00 square miles

Plan scale:

Multi-county

Plan's lead organization(s):

Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Plan's Main Contact Information:

No Information Provided

On-line version of plan:

Date of original plan:

No Information Provided

II. TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Plan includes restoration goals: Y

Level of detail of the goals:

MS

Summary of the goals:

The project's goal is to provide at least 17,540 additional acres of high quality wetland habitat in the Lake Erie Marsh (Great Black Swamp) region. To meet this goal, two major habitat objectives have been identified, wetland habitat protection and wetland habitat restoration and enhancement. Wetland habitat protection is defined in a broad sense and includes any legal arrangement that results in habitat protection and or requires an expenditure of time or money to bring about habitat protection. The protection goal is 10,764 acres with 7,636 in fee title acquisition. The wetland habitat restoration and enhancement goal is 6,776 acres on federal, state and private lands.

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
- Non-profit Organizations
- Academia
- Private landowners

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

Information not available

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:

N

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

N

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

N

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

N

Other plan names:

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:

The Lake Erie Marshes, traditionally known as the Great Black Swamp, once comprised 300,000 acres from Sandusky to Detroit. This vast system of swamp actually was composed of coastal wetlands, riverine marshes, wet prairies, hardwood swamps and oak savannah. However, in one generation the impenetrable black swamp was completely drained for agriculture and industry. Today only 10% of the original wetlands remain, mostly in state and federal control or private duck hunting clubs.