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Evaluating Beneficial Use: Recreation

F1. Background

Prior to the 2002 Integrated Report (IR), the reporting of recreation use impairment in Ohio was sporadic. Section 305(b) reports (1998 and earlier) may have included an indication of the potential for recreation use impairment in various streams, but a comprehensive listing of recreational use impairment was not included. The 2002 IR employed a uniform methodology to examine readily available data on fecal coliform counts. This approach was based on counting the number of exceedances of the secondary contact recreation use maximum criterion [5,000 colony forming units (cfu)/100 ml fecal coliform or 576 cfu/100 ml *Escherichia coli (E. coli)]*. Any assessment unit with five or more samples over the last five years above these values was listed as having an impaired recreation use.

The 2004 IR adopted a more statistically robust methodology for assessing the recreation use attainment of the State's surface waters linked more directly to the applicable water quality standards. The methodology adopted in 2004 continued to be used through the 2008 IR. The 2008 IR also included a preview of changes anticipated at the time for the 2010 report based on the expectation that the watershed assessment unit (WAU) would change from a larger watershed size (11-digit hydrologic unit) to a smaller watershed size (12-digit hydrologic unit) and on four anticipated revisions to the water quality standards: 1) dropping the fecal coliform criteria; 2) creation of a tiered set of classes of primary contact recreation waters based on recreation use intensity; 3) revision of the geometric mean averaging period; and 4) extension of the recreation season. Revisions to the water quality standards pertaining to the recreation use were adopted on December 15, 2009. The linkage of the methodology to the Ohio WQS is summarized in Table F-1 and subsequent text. The recreation use assessment method employed in this report is essentially the same as used in the 2010 report.

Table F-1. Summary of the recreation use assessment methods.

Bathing Waters		
Indicator	Criterion (Table 7-13, OAC 3745-1-07)	Assessment Method Summary
E. coli	Seasonal geometric mean *E. coli* content* based on samples from the recreation season within a calendar year is 126 cfu/100 ml; single sample maximum is 235 cfu/100 ml.	Applied to the three Lake Erie assessment units, exceedance of the geometric mean bathing water criterion or an exceedance of the single sample maximum for more than 10% of the recreation season is considered an impairment of the bathing water use.
Primary Contact and Secondary Contact		
Indicator	Criterion (Table 7-13, OAC 3745-1-07)	Assessment Method Summary
E. coli	Seasonal geometric mean *E. coli* content* based on samples from the recreation season within a calendar year is: Primary Contact Waters Class A: 126 cfu/100 ml Class B: 161 cfu/100 ml Class C: 206 cfu/100 ml Secondary Contact Waters 1030 cfu/100 ml	Applied to streams and inland lakes. Data from a recreation season are assessed on a site-by-site basis and compared to the applicable geometric mean *E. coli* criterion whenever more than one sample result is available for a WAU. Assessment units are considered to be in full attainment if all sites assessed within the AU meet the applicable geometric mean criterion and in non-attainment if one or more sites assessed within the AU exceed the applicable geometric mean criterion.

* *E. coli* concentrations are expressed in colony forming units (cfu) per 100 milliliters (ml)

F2. Evaluation Method

Lake Erie (Shoreline)

Attainment of the recreation use designation for the three Lake Erie assessment units (AUs) was based upon examination of *E. coli* data from public bathing beaches provided by the Ohio Department of Health (ODH). Routine bacteria monitoring is performed by local health districts, ODH, and the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORSD) in order to monitor bacteria levels at public bathing beaches and advise the public when elevated bacteria are present that represent an increased risk of contracting waterborne illness as a result of exposure to pathogens while recreating in the water. This monitoring takes place at 64 public beaches in seven coastal counties. The public can access the ODH Beachguard web site to view beach advisory postings and bacteria monitoring data from monitored beaches at http://publicapps.odh.ohio.gov/BeachGuardPublic/Default.aspx. The web site is updated daily during the summer recreation season.

Since 2006, beach advisory recommendations have been based upon exceedance of the single sample maximum *E. coli* criterion of 235 cfu/100 ml, consistent with provisions of the 2004 federal BEACH Act rule as well as the *E. coli* criterion applicable for bathing waters in Ohio's water quality standards. Bacteria data collected by local or state health agencies at public beaches during the recreation season from 2008 through 2012 were included in the analysis. Ohio's water quality standards define the recreation season as May 1 through October 31, though Lake Erie beach monitoring typically is focused between Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends.

Each of the 23 public beaches that have traditionally been sampled as part of the Lake Erie bathing beach monitoring program (Figure F-1) was individually analyzed to evaluate the percentage of recreation days during which the bathing water single sample maximum criterion of 235 cfu/100 ml was exceeded, since this is the criterion used by health departments to post a health advisory at a given

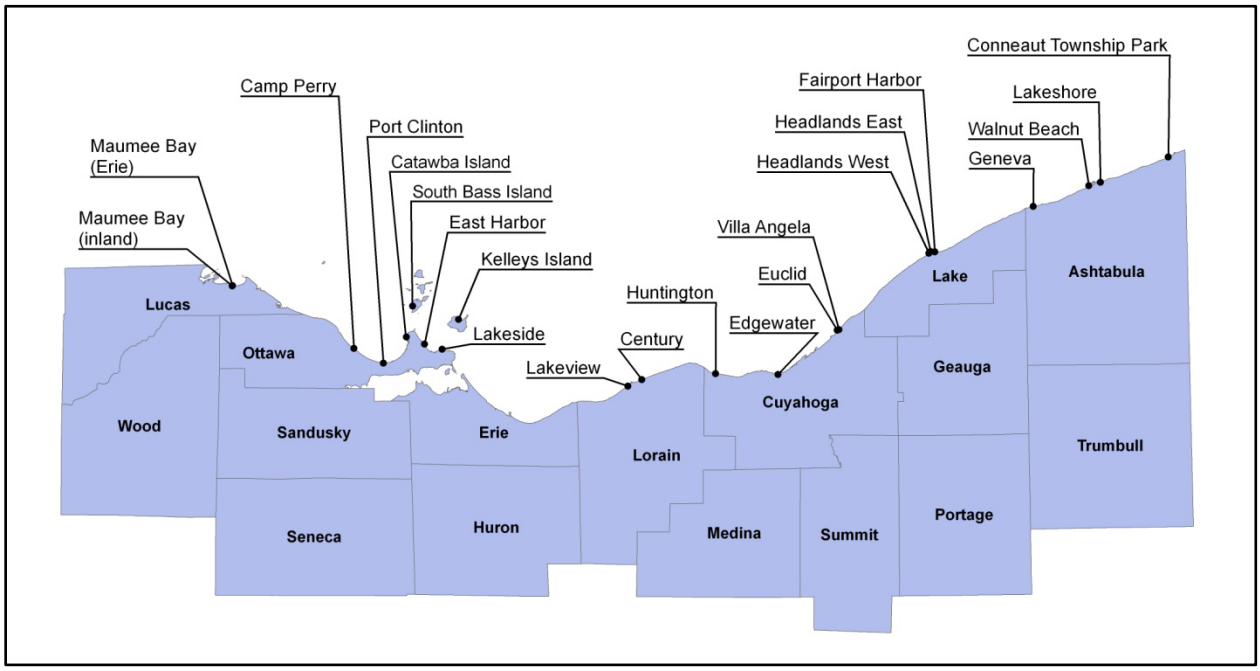

Figure F-1. Lake Erie public beaches sampled under Ohio's bathing beach monitoring program.

beach. The frequency of beach advisory postings is a direct measure of recreation use impairment, since potential users may often be discouraged from utilizing a beach on days when a health advisory is posted or to avoid certain beaches altogether that are prone to frequent advisories. The locations of beaches in Erie County are depicted in Figure F-2, while those beaches located in Cuyahoga County are depicted in Figure F-3.

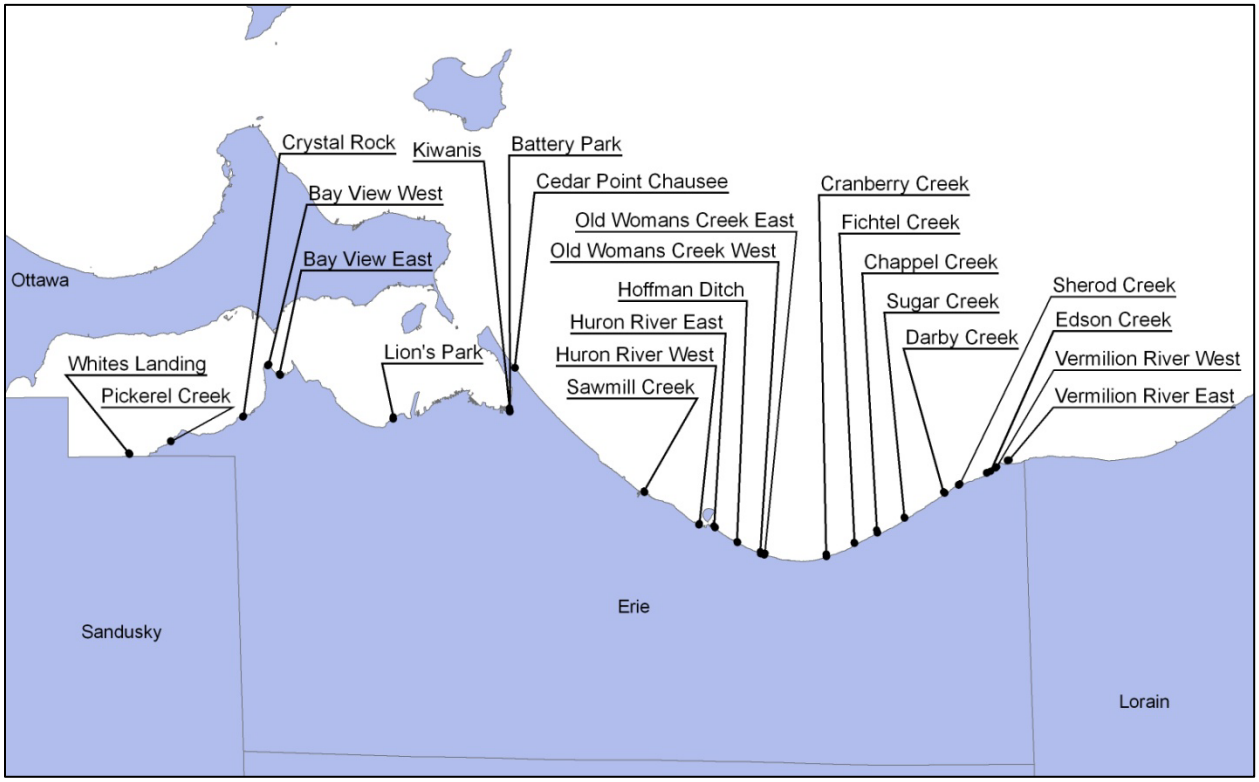

Figure F-2. Erie County public beaches sampled under Ohio's bathing beach monitoring program.

As of May 1, 2012, there were 169 public access locations in the eight coastal counties along Ohio's Lake Erie coastline. These public access points do not all include a swimming beach, as some are for boat access, fishing access, parks, wildlife viewing areas, etc. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) publishes a Lake Erie Public Access Guide that can be accessed from this web address: http://ohiodnr.com/Coastal_Main_Menu/Access/tabid/21033/Default.aspx. This report used data collected from 64 different beaches along the coast as depicted in Figures F-1 through F-3.

The total number of recreation days in a recreation season for any particular beach was determined by adding the number of days beginning with the first day of sampling and ending with Labor Day, or the date the final sample was collected (whichever was later). The total number of days that a beach exceeded the single sample maximum *E. coli* criterion of 235 cfu/100 ml during the recreation season (as defined above) was tallied. A measured exceedance was assumed to continue until a subsequent sample documented that the criterion was not exceeded. Similarly, a beach was presumed to meet the criterion following a measurement that met the criterion until a subsequent sample was found to exceed the criterion. Sampling frequency varied from year-to-year and from beach-to-beach. A sampling frequency of four times per week was typical, though some beaches were sampled daily while the two beaches in the Lake Erie Islands AU were sampled only once per week.

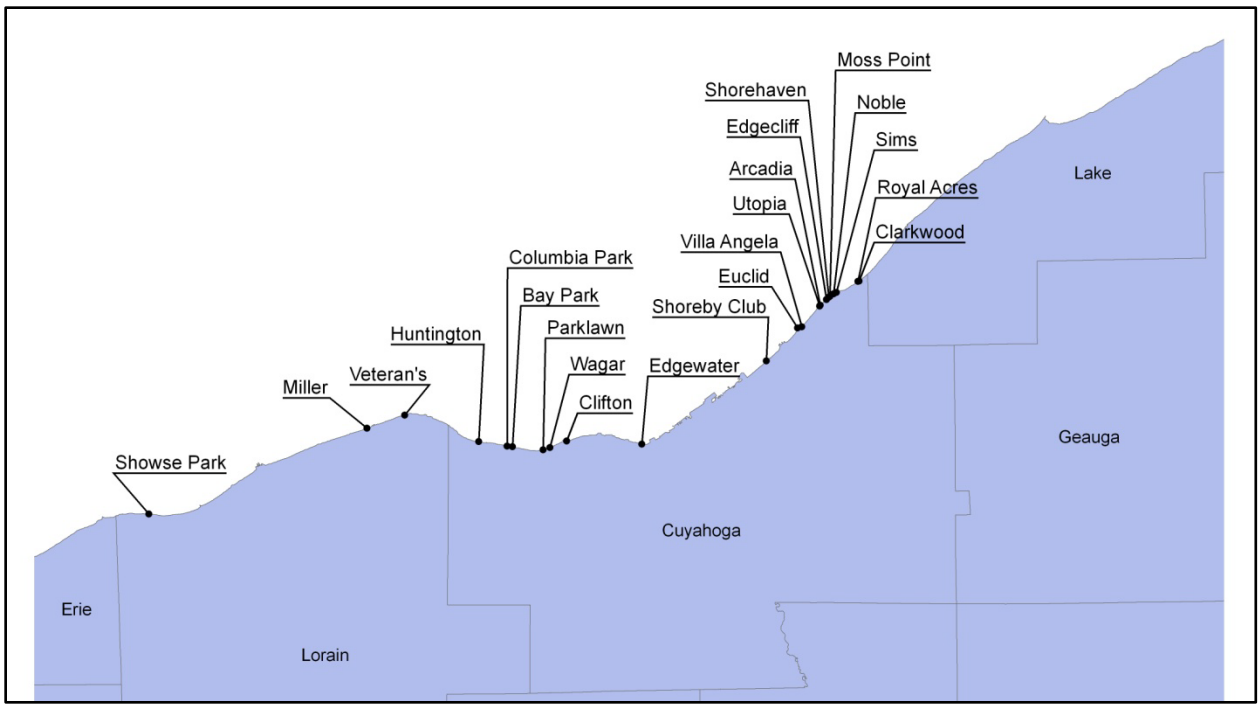

Figure F-3. Cuyahoga County public beaches sampled under Ohio's bathing beach monitoring program.

The exceedance frequency of the bathing water criterion was determined for each beach over a five-year period (2008-2012) on an annual basis. Results for each individual beach were sorted into the corresponding Lake Erie AU for the purpose of determining the attainment status of each of the three Lake Erie AUs. The assessment status for each Lake Erie AU was based upon whether the frequency of exceedance of the single sample maximum *E. coli* criterion was greater than 10% of the recreation season, as described in the Table F-2 below.

Table F-2. Determining assessment status of Lake Erie shoreline AUs.

Lake Erie AU Assessment Status	Attainment Status of Individual Beaches
Full	Frequency of advisory postings less than 10% of recreation season for all of the beaches in the AU for all years assessed
Non	Frequency of advisory postings more than 10% of recreation season for one or more of the beaches in the AU for one or more of the years assessed

A 10% exceedance frequency was used as the threshold for attainment determination in the last five assessment cycles and has its origins in the water quality standards as well as Ohio's 1998 State of the Lake Report prepared by the Ohio Lake Erie Commission (Ohio LEC 1998). While the stated goal in the State of the Lake report for beaches is to have clean beaches all of the time (no days under advisement), the report considered having ten or fewer days under advisement to be "excellent" (note that ten days translates to 10% of the season based on a 100-day season). The Ohio Lake Erie Commission's latest edition of the State of the Lake Report (Ohio LEC 2004) continues to use these benchmarks in rating the swimmability of Lake Erie beaches along Ohio's 312-mile shoreline. The 2014 IR also continues to use these criteria in determination of impairment at the assessment unit level. In addition, statistical summaries are included in Tables F-5 and F-6 for individual beaches to provide additional detail and allow performance comparisons among individual beaches.

Rivers and Streams

The 2012 recreation use impairment list was developed using ambient *E. coli* survey data collected from May 2006 through October 2010 by Ohio EPA as well as a limited amount of ambient stream data provided by municipal dischargers that were collected at upstream and downstream monitoring stations relative to their primary discharge location as required by their NPDES permit. Data from dischargers are limited since permits have historically been based on monitoring for fecal coliform. More NPDES dischargers are beginning to monitor for *E. coli* in lieu of fecal coliform as permits are renewed and *E. coli* monitoring is phased into increasing numbers of NPDES permits.

Approximately 11,450 *E. coli* bacteria records were evaluated in this analysis. Data were sorted into their respective 12-digit watershed assessment units (WAUs) and large river assessment units (LRAUs) using a geo-spatial analysis of the latitude/longitude data (and other geographical data if needed) associated with each *E. coli* value. Data within a WAU were further sorted by sampling location and date (calendar year) on which they were collected. Figure F-4 demonstrates the sampling coverage that would be typical for part of a study area. In this case, there are five 12-digit WAUs depicted that drain to one LRAU, the Walhonding River. Each of the five WAUs was sampled in 2010 at one location (depicted by yellow dots) toward the downstream end of the primary tributary in the WAU. Four sampling locations (green dots) are dispersed along the 16-mile stretch of the Walhonding River depicted for an average sampling density of one site per four miles of river length for the Class A primary contact recreation water. Sites were generally sampled at least on five different occasions over the course the 2010 recreation season, though some sites were sampled more frequently.

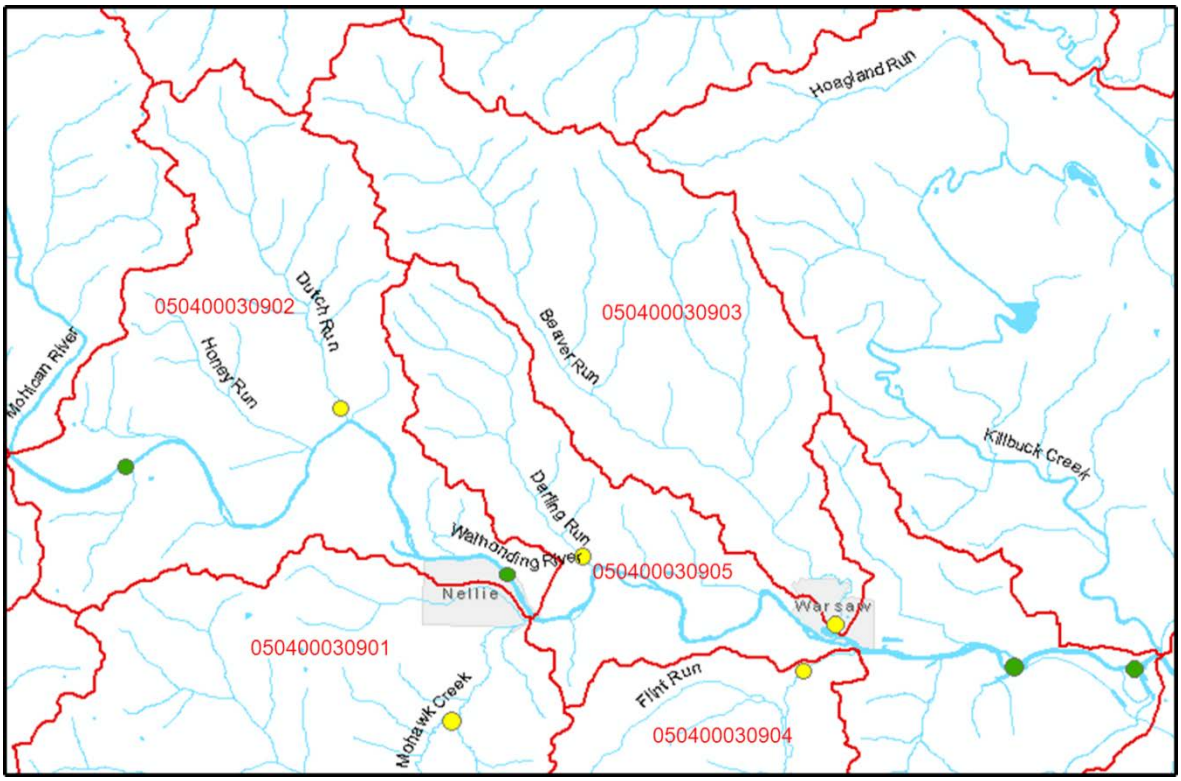

Figure F-4. Example of bacteria sampling locations, upper Walhonding River study area (2010).

Recreation use assessment determinations for rivers and streams are based on the following two-step process: site-by-site analysis and assessment unit analysis.

Site-by-Site Analysis

E. coli data from each site were compared to the geometric mean *E. coli* criterion applicable to the particular site, considering the recreation use and class (for PCR). The geometric mean was calculated using the "geomean" function in Microsoft Excel 2010® on a site-by-site basis using the pooled dataset of all *E. coli* data (minimum of two data points required but typically composed of five samples) from the site during a single recreation season. When data were available for multiple recreation seasons, the data from each season were independently analyzed for each recreation season to determine the geometric mean for each season. Further details are listed below.

- Data collected outside of the recreation season as defined in Ohio's WQS (May 1st through October 31st) were excluded from the analysis.
- Certain qualified values, such as sample results that exceeded proper holding time or those that have otherwise been indicated to have significant quality assurance deficiencies, were also excluded from the analysis.
- Values reported as "too numerous to count" ("TNTC") were used in the analysis when it was possible to estimate a value based on the dilutions used and/or the maximum reporting limits.
- Values reported as "greater than" were also used in the analysis. A geometric mean calculated using one or more "greater than" or "TNTC" values in the data set was reported as a "greater than" geometric mean.
- Values reported as "less than" values of greater than 50 were excluded since acceptable test methods can detect much lower concentrations when appropriate dilutions are used in the analysis. Values reported as less than 50 or less were used in the analysis. The value used in statistical analysis was one-half the reported "less than" value. A value of one was substituted for the purpose of computing the geometric mean in any case where a value of less than one was reported. Geometric means cannot be calculated using data sets that contain a value of zero.
- Results from duplicate B were used for calculation of the geometric mean in cases where duplicate sample results were reported, except if the *E. coli* densities of the duplicate samples were more than 5x apart from one another, in which case both values were rejected.

Assessment Unit Analysis

In the second step of the analysis, the assessment status of the WAU or LRAU was determined based on the attainment status of all the individual sites within the assessment unit and within the assessment period (2004-2008) as described in Table F-3 below.

Table F-3. Determining assessment status of WAUs and LRAUs.

AU Assessment Status	Attainment Status of Individual Locations
Full (Category 1)	Sufficient data exist to calculate a geometric mean for at least one location within the WAU (or a minimum of one site for every ~5-7 river miles of a LRAU); applicable geometric mean(s) attain applicable geometric mean criterion at all assessed sites within the AU
Non (Category 5)	Sufficient data exist to calculate a geometric mean for at least one location within the WAU (or a minimum of one site for every ~5-7 river miles of a LRAU); geometric mean(s) exceed applicable geometric mean criterion at one or more assessed sites within the AU
Insufficient Data (Category 3)	No data (category 3) or insufficient data (category 3i) to calculate a geometric mean for any site within the WAU (or for a minimum of one site for every ~5-7 river miles of a LRAU)

Inland Lakes
Inland lakes were assessed in a manner similar to that described above for the rivers and streams. Inland lake data were analyzed on a site-by-site basis, with each resulting geometric mean value compared to the geometric mean criterion applicable to each site. Lake sampling locations generally included a beach and/or open water location, with 5-10 samples per location. Inland lakes are considered a component of the assessment unit(s) in which they are geographically located, so sample results from lakes may affect the assessment status of the AU(s) and the index scores for the AU(s).

The ODNR, as part of Ohio's Bathing Beach Monitoring Program, monitors *E. coli* levels during the summer at public beaches of lakes located in state parks. While Ohio EPA was unable to establish the level of credibility of these data for use in official listing determinations for this report, a summary of the advisory postings for the 67 beaches monitored in the program is included in Table F-17. Though similar to the beach monitoring program along Lake Erie, there are several differences. Notably, the sampling frequency is much lower at the inland lake beaches compared to the Lake Erie beaches as a result of funding disparity. Secondly, because of the large geographic area, beach samples from inland lakes are analyzed by a multitude of consulting laboratories across the state.

Recreation Use Attainment Index Score
The recreation use attainment index score provides a way to compare the relative difference between the *E. coli* concentrations at sites sampled within an assessment unit and the recreation use geometric mean criterion that applies to each of the sampled sites. Those assessment units having *E. coli* concentrations that tended to be much greater than the applicable criteria had the lowest scores, while those assessment units having *E. coli* concentrations that attained the applicable criteria, or tended to only slightly exceed the applicable criteria, had the highest scores. An index score was assigned for each site having sufficient data to calculate a geometric mean (i.e., two or more samples) by comparing the geometric mean *E. coli* concentration at the site to the applicable geometric mean criterion based on the scale depicted in Table F-4.

Table F-4. Recreation index score matrix.

Site Geometric Mean	Index Score
Meets criterion	100
Exceeds up to 2x criterion	75
Exceeds more than 2x up to 5x criterion	50
Exceeds more than 5x up to 10x criterion	25
Exceeds more than 10x criterion	0

An average index score was computed for assessment units with multiple site index scores based on data from multiple sites and/or recreation seasons. Index scores are reported in Table F-11 for the LRAUs. When only one site index score was available for an AU, that index score was used to represent the assessment unit. The index score for the AU is based upon the same scale as described above for the index score for a particular site.

F3. Results

Using the methodology outlined in the previous section and available *E. coli* data collected from 64 public beaches along Ohio's Lake Erie 312 mile shoreline (14,294 samples); at hundreds of locations

from Ohio's rivers and streams (11,450 samples) including nine of Ohio's largest rivers; and for 21 of Ohio's inland lakes (240 samples); results for the recreation use attainment analysis are presented in this section. Samples used in this analysis were collected from 2008 through 2012 during the recreation season of May 1 – October 31. More detailed recreation use statistics are provided at http://www.epa.ohio.gov/dsw/tmdl/2012IntReport/index.aspx.

F3.1 Lake Erie Public Beaches

Information about water quality conditions at Lake Erie public bathing beaches is summarized in Tables F-5 through F-8 and Figure F-5. The location of these beaches is shown in Figures F-1 through F-3. The methodology used for assessing the beaches along Ohio's Lake Erie shoreline is unchanged from the 2010 and 2012 reports.

Table F-5 contains the seasonal geometric mean *E. coli* levels for 17 public beaches along the coast of Lake Erie's western basin for the past five recreational seasons (2008-2012) while Table F-6 contains the seasonal geometric mean E. coli levels for 47 public beaches along the coast of Lake Erie's central basin for the past five recreational seasons (2008-2012).

The seasonal geometric mean *E. coli* criterion for bathing waters was exceeded at six beaches in 2008, three beaches in 2009, eight beaches in 2010, fourteen beaches in 2011, and twelve beaches in 2012. Two beaches exceeded the seasonal geometric mean bathing water criterion for the entire five year reporting period – Euclid State Park and Villa Angela. Not surprisingly, these two beaches had the most days under a swimming advisory during the 2008-2012 reporting period. Highlighted cells in Table F-5 indicate impairment of the recreation use at a given beach in a given year. The table also indicates the number of beach advisories for each beach based upon exceedance of the single sample maximum *E. coli* criterion for beaches of 235 cfu/100 ml. This is the threshold that triggers the issuance of beach advisories, and has been used since 2006. Use of the single sample maximum *E. coli* criterion for the purpose of issuing beach advisories complies with the federal BEACH Act rule (*Water Quality Standards for Coastal and Great Lakes Recreation Waters*, 69 FR 67217, November 16, 2004), which became effective on December 16, 2004.

In Tables F-7 through F-9, the beaches are arranged alphabetically according to the Lake Erie assessment unit in which they are geographically located. The table indicates the number of days (and the percentage for all years) when Ohio's Lake Erie public beaches exceeded Ohio's bathing water single sample maximum criterion compared to the total number of days in the recreation season sampling period.

As depicted in Figure F-5, the frequency with which individual beaches were recommended for a swimming advisory based on elevated bacteria levels above the state water quality standards for the entire five year reporting period (2008-2012) ranged from near zero at Kelleys Island State Park beach to over 40% at Edson, Euclid, Lakeshore, Lakeview, and Villa Angela beaches. Considerable variation in the frequency of advisories was observed between beaches. However, several beaches stand out as consistently good performers over the past several recreation seasons, including Battery Park, Catawba, Cranberry Creek, East Harbor, Fichtel Creek, Hoffman, Kelleys Island, Lakeside, Old Womans Creek, South Bass Island, and Walnut Beach which all had a cumulative exceedance frequency under 10%. These beaches infrequently exceeded the goal of fewer than 10 days per season under advisement. There were also several beaches that performed poorly on a consistent basis with five beaches including

Edson Creek, Euclid, Lakeshore, Lakeview, and Villa Angela beach under advisement over 40% of the past five recreation seasons on a cumulative basis.

High variation in bacteria levels was also seen between seasons for some beaches. For example, Lakeview beach was under advisement for 11 days in 2007, but under advisement for 44 days in 2008. Century beach was under advisory just two days in 2007, but was under advisory for 53 days in 2008. The annual median number of days under advisement was highest in 2010 at 19 days compared to the rest of the reporting years which had medians of 13-14 days under advisory. The annual average geometric mean of all beaches ranged from a low of 53.9 in 2009 to a high of 71.7 in 2010. The annual mean *E. coli* level of all beaches ranged from a low of 41.4 in 2007 to a high of 57.5 in 2010.

Impairment of the bathing water recreation use was determined by pooling data from beaches in each of the three Lake Erie assessment units and calculating the percentage of days in the recreational season when the *E. coli* criterion was exceeded. A threshold of impairment was set at 10 days per season based upon the Ohio Lake Erie Commission's evaluation system (Ohio LEC 1998). This translates to a seasonal exceedance frequency of 10%, as the recreation season at Lake Erie's beaches in Ohio typically runs from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Results are shown in Table F-10. As in previous assessment cycles, the 2014 assessment results indicate that the Lake Erie Islands assessment unit fully supports the recreation use while the western basin and central basin assessment units do not support the recreation use. The overall total recreation days in exceedance of the bathing waters criterion on a percentage basis was 15.6% in the western basin (15 beaches) and 17.6% (47 beaches) in the central basin.

Table F-5. Seasonal geometric mean *E. coli* levels and advisory postings at public Lake Erie shoreline beaches in the western basin.

Beach	2008		2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Seasonal geomean	# of days posted	Seasonal geomean	# of days posted	Seasonal geomean	# of days posted	Seasonal geomean	# of days posted	Seasonal geomean	# of days posted
Battery Park	6	4	4	0	10	2	11	5	10	0
Bay View East	56	13	27	13	179	40	52	9	128	23
Bay View West	193	46	112	36	71	15	184	39	288	52
Camp Perry	88	34	63	23	60	9	200	16	481	48
Catawba Island	8	1	8	3	20	2	28	3	50	4
Crystal Rock	61	12	106	42	147	39	42	14	53	17
East Harbor	10	0	13	1	7	0	39	4	62	12
Kelleys Island	10	0	11	0	11	0	13	0	28	3
Kiwanis	61	8	79	5	112	30	67	7	108	24
Lakeside	10	5	12	1	13	9	12	5	8	0
Lion's Park	15	1	10	0	79	29	53	19	60	23
Maumee - Erie	67	17	44	20	51	15	50	16	65	22
Maumee - Inland	91	18	78	8	68	9	18	5	41	15
Pickerel Creek	51	11	27	4	93	32	45	18	83	18
Port Clinton	16	9	18	10	7	6	127	37	156	36
South Bass Island	7	0	9	0	13	7	5	0	7	0
Whites Landing	64	10	61	10	91	24	91	21	188	33

Highlighted cells indicate impairment of the recreation use. Impairment is triggered by an exceedance of the geometric mean on a seasonal basis *(Seasonal geomean)* or if the single-sample maximum criteria *(SSM)* are exceeded more than 10% of the time during a season. The beach season is defined for this analysis as the time *E. coli* monitoring commences, typically in late May, though the end of the Labor Day weekend. The number of days posted is determined by counting the number of days a criterion is exceeded. Days for which no monitoring data were collected are presumed to be in exceedance if the preceding day's bacteria level exceeded the criteria. Unmonitored days are presumed to meet the criteria when preceded by a monitored day that was below the criterion.

Table F-6. Seasonal geometric mean *E. coli* levels and advisory postings at public Lake Erie shoreline beaches in the central basin.

Beach	2008		2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Seasonal geomean	# of days posted	Seasonal geomean	# of days posted	Seasonal geomean	# of days posted	Seasonal geomean	# of days posted	Seasonal geomean	# of days posted
Arcadia			88	33	58	29	189	30	362	56
Bay Park			18	0	42	20	25	13	42	7
Cedar Point	35	26	38	8	44	10	28	18	32	6
Century	99	53	60	28	46	27	44	17	45	14
Chappel Creek	40	13	26	9	45	21	47	23	16	12
Clarkwood			94	20	82	30	179	25	115	28
Clifton			57	14	63	29	81	24	100	28
Columbia Park			33	11	129	40	44	3	153	28
Conneaut	29	14	22	22	19	9	29	14	30	3
Cranberry	35	5	18	0	40	14	17	9	18	6
Darby	49	12	55	22	91	25	111	32	33	5
Edgecliff			88	48	38	20	269	45	110	28
Edgewater	158	37	99	29	47	15	85	29	48	12
Edson	118	29	155	39	335	73	205	49	56	29
Euclid State Park	182	51	142	43	133	49	158	48	149	42
Fairport Harbor	101	23	44	15	43	11	57	18	66	17
Fichtel Creek	24	10	15	10	18	4	30	14	19	8
Geneva State Park	56	21	21	9	21	5	43	13	20	5
Headlands East	48	10	33	9	43	17	43	11	46	12
Headlands West	47	13	29	7	36	18	39	15	31	12
Hoffman Ditch	14	4	17	7	51	14	23	5	24	8
Huntington	39	14	44	9	45	16	62	13	54	11
Huron River East	52	17	42	15	48	12	51	14	43	16
Huron River West	78	27	49	16	113	31	96	40	70	15
Lakeshore Park	231	56	114	36	143	39	231	56	114	36
Lakeview	139	44	55	12	131	47	260	50	271	51
Miller Beach									42	4
Moss Point			111	27	94	23	182	34	108	40

Beach	2008		2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Seasonal geomean	# of days posted	Seasonal geomean	# of days posted	Seasonal geomean	# of days posted	Seasonal geomean	# of days posted	Seasonal geomean	# of days posted
Noble			103	34	153	43	98	30	91	28
Old Womans East	12	1	6	0	20	9	20	7	21	3
Old Womans West	15	11	11	2	27	1	17	2	20	5
Parklawn			33	10	57	13	49	9	38	21
Royal Acres			97	20	116	36	190	22	136	28
Sawmill Creek	16	0	39	3	117	30	61	5	55	18
Sherod Creek	68	19	68	29	124	40	114	36	75	27
Shoreby Club			93	34	29	7	88	26	48	21
Shorehaven			110	63	92	14	15	14	47	19
Showse	47	19	21	13	32	14	37	22	17	11
Sims			96	34	113	28	150	34	111	28
Sugar Creek	39	12	25	14	70	28	69	28	28	13
Utopia			37	20	25	14	74	17	186	42
Vermilion East	85	25	48	23	78	32	47	20	45	17
Vermilion West	57	13	56	22	93	34	66	26	52	16
Veteran's Beach									40	15
Villa Angela	153	49	167	46	156	42	195	57	127	44
Wagar			58	10	97	27	65	9	110	37
Walnut	23	11	16	5	18	10	16	14	29	7

Empty cells indicate no data were available for the beach during that year. Highlighted cells indicate impairment of the recreation use. Impairment is triggered by an exceedance of the geometric mean on a seasonal basis *(Seasonal geomean)* or if the single-sample maximum criteria *(SSM)* are exceeded more than 10% of the time during a season. The beach season is defined for this analysis as the time *E. coli* monitoring commences, typically in late May, though the end of the Labor Day weekend. The number of days posted is determined by counting the number of days a criteria is exceeded. Days for which no monitoring data were collected are presumed to be in exceedance if the preceding day's bacteria level exceeded the criteria. Unmonitored days are presumed to be below the criteria when preceded by a monitored day that was below the criterion.

Table F-7. The number of days per season (and the percentage for all years) when Ohio Lake Erie public beaches exceeded Ohio's single sample maximum *E. coli* criterion compared to the total number of days in the sampling period, 2008 – 2012, for the Central Basin AU.

Beach	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	All years (%)
Arcadia Beach		33/101	29/97	30/97	56/97	148/392 (37.8%)
Bay Park Beach		0/103	20/98	13/98	7/97	40/396 (10.1%)
Cedar Point Chausee	26/98	8/105	10/103	18/98	6/98	68/502 (13.5%)
Century Beach	53/95	28/105	27/104	17/98	14/97	139/499 (27.9%)
Chappel Creek	13/98	9/105	21/103	23/98	12/98	78/502 (15.5%)
Clarkwood Beach		20/104	30/97	25/97	28/97	103/395 (26.1%)
Clifton Beach		14/105	29/98	24/98	28/97	95/398 (23.9%)
Columbia Park Beach		11/108	40/98	3/98	28/97	82/401 (20.4%)
Conneaut Township Park	14/95	22/105	9/105	14/98	3/78	62/481 (12.9%)
Cranberry Creek	5/98	0/105	14/103	9/89	6/98	34/502 (6.8%)
Darby Creek	12/98	22/105	25/92	32/98	5/98	96/491 (19.6%)
Edgecliff Beach		48/91	20/82	45/97	28/97	141/367 (38.4%)
Edgewater State Park	37/122	29/110	15/104	29/111	12/106	122/553 (22.1%)
Edson Creek	29/96	39/105	73/103	49/98	29/98	219/500 (43.8%)
Euclid State Park	51/108	43/114	49/106	48/112	42/106	233/546 (42.7%)
Fairport Harbor	23/105	15/112	11/104	18/99	17/106	84/526 (16.0%)
Fichtel Creek	10/98	10/105	4/103	14/98	8/98	46/502 (9.2%)
Geneva State Park	21/95	9/105	5/105	13/98	5/108	53/511 (10.4%)
Headlands State Park East	10/106	9/112	17/104	11/99	12/106	59/527 (11.2%)
Headlands State Park West	13/106	7/112	18/104	15/99	12/106	65/527 (12.3%)
Hoffman Ditch	4/96	7/105	14/103	5/98	8/98	38/500 (7.6%)
Huntington Beach	14/106	9/109	16/106	13/106	11/108	63/535 (11.8%)
Huron River East	17/98	15/105	12/103	14/98	16/98	74/502 (14.7%)
Huron River West	27/98	16/105	31/103	40/98	15/98	129/502 (25.7%)
Lakeshore Park	56/95	36/105	39/105	44/98	45/108	220/511 (43.1%)
Lakeview Beach	44/95	12/105	47/104	50/98	51/98	204/500 (40.8%)
Miller Beach					4/98	4/98 (4.1%)
Moss Point Beach		27/104	23/97	34/97	40/97	124/395 (31.4%)
Noble Beach		34/104	43/97	30/97	28/97	135/395 (34.2%)
Old Womans Creek East	1/96	0/103	9/103	7/98	3/98	20/498 (4.0%)
Old Womans Creek West	11/98	2/105	1/103	2/98	5/98	21/502 (4.2%)
Parklawn Beach		10/103	13/98	9/98	21/97	53/396 (13.4%)
Royal Acres Beach		20/104	36/97	22/97	28/97	106/395 (26.8%)
Sawmill Creek	0/96	3/105	30/103	5/98	18/98	56/500 (11.2%)
Sherod Creek	19/96	29/105	40/103	36/98	27/98	151/500 (30.2%)
Shoreby Club Beach		34/104	7/97	26/97	21/97	88/395 (22.3%)
Shorehaven Beach		63/104	14/97	14/96	19/96	110/3931 (28.0%)
Showse Park	19/96	13/105	14/103	22/98	11/98	60/404 (14.9%)
Sims Beach		34/104	28/97	34/97	28/97	124/395 (31.4%)
Sugar Creek	12/96	14/105	28/103	28/98	13/98	95/500 (19.0%)
Utopia Beach		20/104	14/97	17/97	42/97	93/395 (23.5%)

Beach	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	All years (%)
Vermilion River East	25/96	23/105	32/103	20/98	17/98	117/500 (23.4%)
Vermilion River West	13/98	22/105	34/103	26/98	16/98	111/502 (22.1%)
Veteran's Beach					15/98	15/98 (15.3%)
Villa Angela State Park	49/109	46/114	42/106	57/112	44/106	238/547 (43.5%)
Wagar Beach		10/103	27/98	9/98	37/97	83/396 (21.0%)
Walnut Beach	11/95	5/105	10/105	14/98	7/106	47/509 (9.2%)

Table F-8. The number of days per season (and the percentage for all years) when Ohio Lake Erie public beaches exceeded Ohio's single sample maximum *E. coli* criterion compared to the total number of days in the sampling period, 2008 – 2012, for the Islands AU.

Beach	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	All years (%)
South Bass Island State Park	0/93	0/103	7/92	0/78	0/85	7/451 (1.6%)
Kelleys Island State Park	0/93	0/104	0/92	0/78	3/85	3/452 (0.7%)

Table F-9. The number of days per season (and the percentage for all years) when Ohio Lake Erie public beaches exceeded Ohio's single sample maximum *E. coli* criterion compared to the total number of days in the sampling period, 2008 – 2012, for the Western Basin AU.

Beach	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	All years (%)
Battery Park	4/94	0/105	2/103	5/98	0/98	11/498 (2.2%)
Bay View East	13/98	13/105	40/103	9/98	23/98	98/502 (19.5%)
Bay View West	46/98	36/105	15/103	39/98	52/98	188/502 (37.5%)
Camp Perry	34/95	23/105	9/105	16/78	48/89	130/472 (27.5%)
Catawba Island State Park	1/95	3/105	2/105	3/78	4/89	13/472 (2.8%)
Crystal Rock	12/98	42/105	39/103	14/98	17/98	124/502 (24.7%)
East Harbor State Park	0/93	1/105	0/105	4/78	12/91	17/472 (3.6%)
Kiwanis	8/98	5/105	30/103	7/98	24/98	74/502 (14.7%)
Lakeside	5/95	1/105	9/105	5/78	0/91	20/474 (4.2%)
Lion's Park	1/98	0/105	29/103	19/98	23/98	72/502 (14.3%)
Maumee Bay State Park (inland)	18/95	8/105	9/105	5/85	15/106	55/496 (11.1%)
Maumee Bay State Park (Erie)	17/95	20/105	15/105	16/85	22/106	90/496 (18.1%)
Pickerel Creek	11/98	4/105	32/103	18/98	18/98	83/502 (16.5%)
Port Clinton	9/95	10/105	6/105	37/78	36/91	98/474 (20.7%)
Whites Landing	10/98	10/105	24/103	21/98	33/98	98/502 (19.5%)

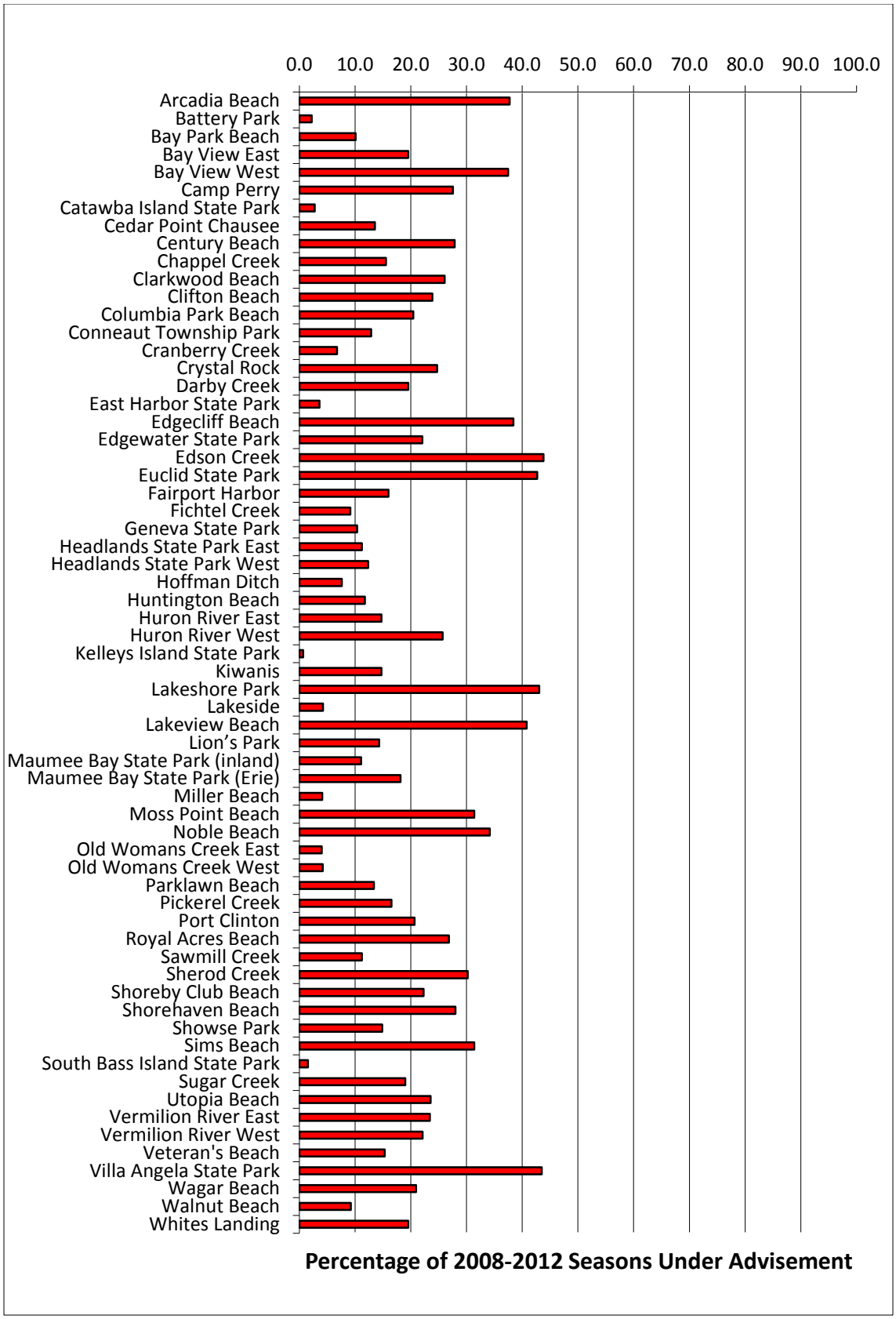

Figure F-5. Frequency of advisory postings at Ohio's Lake Erie public beaches.

Table F-10. Bathing water geometric mean *E. coli* exceedance frequency at 64 Lake Erie public beaches from 2008-2012 (pooled by Lake Erie AU to report use support).

	Western Basin	Central Basin	Lake Erie Islands
Number of beaches	15	47	2
Total recreation days	7,368	24,819	903
Total days in exceedance	1,171	3,731	10
Percentage of days in exceedance	15.9%	21.8%	1.1%
Average # of days *E. coli* criteria exceeded per beach per season[1]	15.6	17.6	1.0
Attainment status	Does not support	Does not support	Full support

[1]Calculated by dividing the total days in exceedance in a basin by the total number of beach seasons in the basin. The total number of beach seasons in a basin is equal to aggregated sum of the total number of beaches for which monitoring was conducted during each season for the 2008-2012 reporting period.

F3.2 Rivers and Streams

Approximately 13,500 bacteria measurements were evaluated for the 2014 recreation use support analysis of streams, rivers, and inland lakes in Ohio. Ohio's recreation use support analysis is based on an examination of *E. coli* data collected in Ohio's rivers, streams and inland lakes during the recreation season. Most of the data used in the 2014 assessment of recreation use support were collected by Ohio EPA, though some discharger generated monitoring data (~3,000 records) began to become available in the 2009 recreation season, with an increasing amount in subsequent years. This compares to only about 330 discharger generated data points available in the 2012 IR. As Ohio completes its transition from fecal coliform limits and monitoring requirements to *E. coli* limits and monitoring requirements through permit renewals, the amount of *E. coli* discharge monitoring data that is available in the next IR cycle is expected to grow again. Table F-11 provides a summary of Ohio EPA's recreation use monitoring effort and its translation to use assessment annually for the past five recreation seasons.

Table F-11. Annual Ohio EPA *E. coli* sampling effort and recreation use assessment (using Ohio EPA data) in Ohio streams, rivers, and inland lakes, 2008-2012 recreation seasons.

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
# of Samples Collected by Ohio EPA	3,211	1,839	2,190	1,935	1,386
# of Site Geometric Means Computed	527	283	336	578	620
# of Unique WAUs Assessed	197	166	174	240	239
# of Unique LRAUs Assessed	2	2	3	3	8

The *E. coli* data used in this report were primarily collected by Ohio EPA, typically as part of routine ambient monitoring associated with annual drainage basin surveys conducted around the state. Using the methodology described in Section F2, it was possible to determine the recreation use attainment status of 664 of the 1,538 (43%) WAUs in Ohio based on current data (2008-2012). This figure includes those WAUs in which data were collected between 2008 and 2012, regardless of the category of the AU. Ohio has completed bacteria TMDLs for 425 of the 1,538 WAUs in Ohio (28%).

On an annual basis, Ohio is able to assess the recreation use of approximately 8 to 13% of the WAUs in the state using data collected by Ohio EPA, with an average of about 10% of the WAUs per year. At this rate, the maximum current assessment information that will be possible at any given time using Ohio EPA-generated data will be for about half of the state's WAUs, assuming that there is no assessment

duplication within any given WAU during any five-year data period and limiting the sampling effort to the minimal amount needed per WAU to make an assessment determination as described in Section F2.

Table F-12. Overall differences in the assessment of recreation use attainment, 2010-2014.

	2010 Report		2012 Report		2014 Report	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total AUs	1,576	100	1,576	100	1,576	100
Assessed	487	31	588	37	680	43
Not Assessed	1,089	69	988	63	896	57
Supporting Recreation Use	65	13[a]	88	15[a]	130	19
Not Supporting Recreation Use	422	87[a]	500	85[a]	550	81

[a] Note: The percentage of AUs reported as supporting the recreation use and not supporting the recreation use are based on the total AUs that were assessed (e.g., 487 in the 2010 analysis).

The overall attainment and impairment rates and the changes between reporting years are summarized in Table F-12. Attainment and impairment rates in Table F-12 are based on the total number of watersheds for which sufficient data were available in the respective reporting cycle, and not on the total number of assessment units in the state. For the 681 assessment units having sufficient data available to determine the recreation use assessment status in 2014, 19% fully supported the use while 81% did not support the use. These results are comparable to the 2008, 2010 and 2012 recreation use analysis, though there does appear to be a slight trend emerging showing a slow but steady increase in the percentage of assessment units supporting the recreation use. Still, four out of five assessed assessment units were found to not support the recreation use in the latest assessment cycle.

Table F-13 contains *E. coli* recreation use geometric mean criteria attainment rates on an individual site basis for primary contact use Class A and Class B sites by year. While there does not appear to be any discernable trends, recreational use attainment on a site-by-site basis is typically around a third of the assessed PCR Class A sites, with a dip in 2011 and 20-30% for PCR Class B sites. Interestingly, the attainment rates are consistently higher for the past five years for the Class A streams compared to the Class B streams, despite the fact that more stringent criteria apply to the Class A streams compared to the Class B streams. PCR Class C and secondary contact recreation sites were excluded from this table due to very limited sample sized relative to the Class A and Class B sites.

Table F-13. Annual *E. coli* geometric mean criteria attainment rates by site.

Recreation Use[1]	Applicable Geometric Mean Criterion[2]	Percentage of All Sites Attaining *E. coli* Geometric Mean Criterion by Recreation Season				
		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
PCR Class A	126 cfu/100 ml	37%	33%	30%	20%	30%
PCR Class B	161 cfu/100 ml	30%	19%	17%	16%	24%

[1] PCR = primary contact recreation

[2] *E. coli* concentrations are expressed in colony forming units (cfu) per 100 milliliters (ml)

Recreation Use Attainment Index Score

Since assessment units can often be composed of monitoring sites having a range of *E. coli* geometric means and the range of impairment can be wide between assessment units, a recreation use index was developed to provide some differentiation between those assessment units composed of monitoring sites that greatly exceed the criteria versus those where exceedances are comparably low. The index scores also serve as a useful tool in the TMDL prioritization process (see Section J1.1 for more details).

Index scores were only assigned to those assessment units for which sufficient *E. coli* monitoring data were available to assess the recreation use support as described in Section F2. Index scores range from 0-100 depending on the magnitude of exceedance of the site(s) from the applicable criterion within the AU. An index score of 100 indicates that all sites sampled within the assessment unit fully attained the applicable geometric mean *E. coli* criterion, while lower scores indicate a progressively greater average level of exceedance from the criteria for monitored sites within the AU. Figure F-6 summarizes the index scores for the WAUs. The median watershed assessment unit index score for the 2014 reporting cycle was 70.0, slightly higher than the median watershed assessment unit index score of 62.5 for the 2012 reporting cycle and 65.0 for the 2010 reporting cycle.

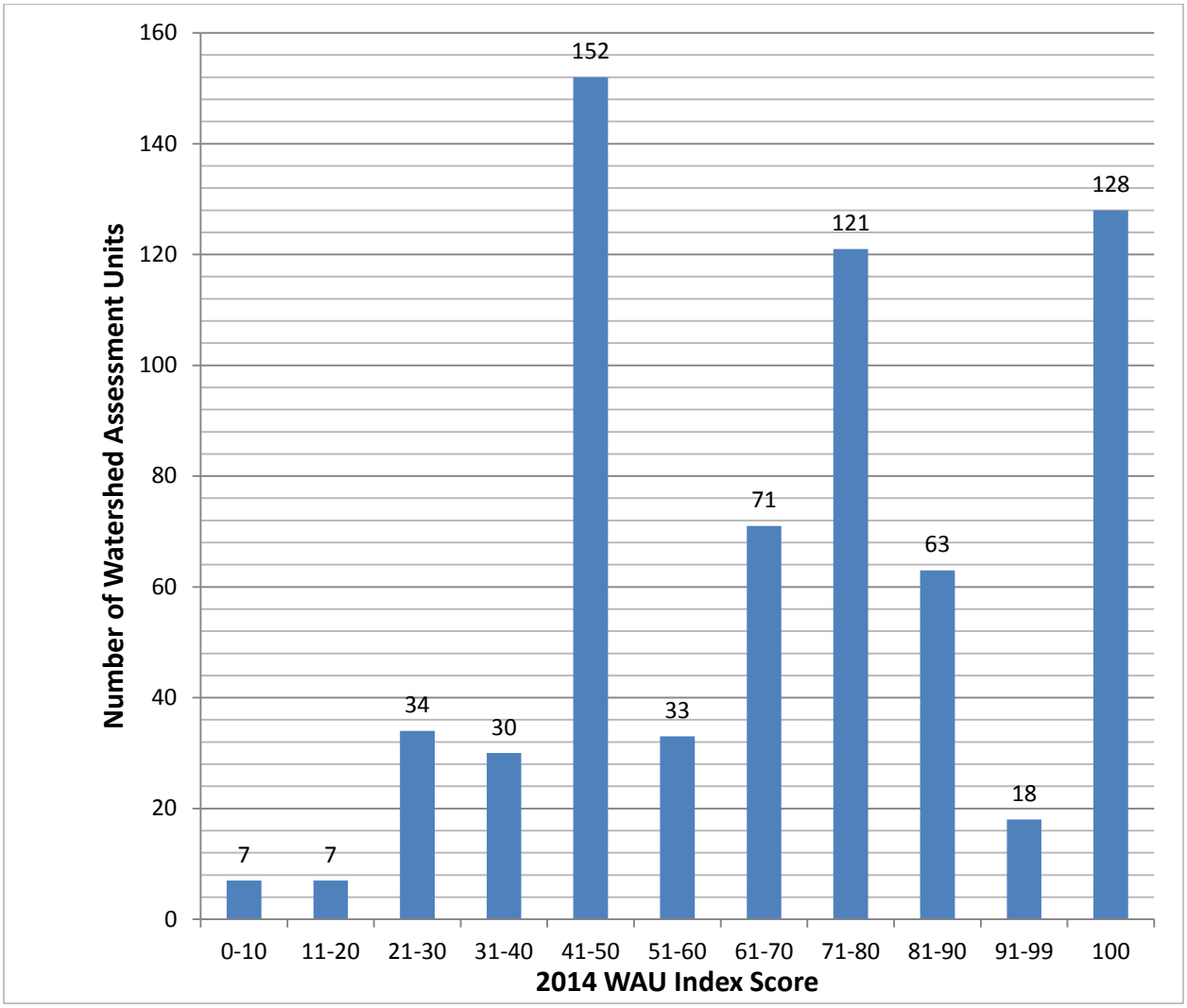

Figure F-6. Histogram of recreation use index scores for Ohio's WAUs.

The recreation use attainment status of Ohio's 1,538 WAUs is summarized in Table F-14. This table differs slightly from the summary presented in Table F-12 as this table accounts for those watersheds for which TMDLs have been completed (and thus placed into category 4A) and also includes historic categorizations carried over from previous reporting cycles.

Table F-14. Summary assessment status of the recreation use in Ohio's WAUs.

Assessment Category	Number of Assessment Units Categorized			Percentage of Assessment Units Categorized		
	2010	2012	2014	2010	2012	2014
1	59	103	141	4%	7%	9%
3	888	673	511	58%	44%	33%
4	266	341	425	17%	22%	28%
5	325	421	461	21%	27%	30%
Total	1,538	1,538	1,538	100%	100%	100%

There are also 23 large rivers in Ohio, eight of which are further divided into two or more subdivisions for a total of 38 large river assessment units. All of Ohio's large river assessment units are designated for Class A primary contact recreation with the exception of a portion of the Maumee River. Large river assessment units have drainage areas greater than 500 square miles and comprise in total 1,236 river miles in the state. The large river assessment units were analyzed independently of the WAUs through which they flow and LRAU data were not included in WAU assessments. Table F-15 summarizes the results of the analysis of *E. coli* data for the large river assessment units and the resulting recreation use support determinations and index scores. Sufficient data were available to determine the use support status for 16 of the 38 LRAUs (42%) in the 2014 reporting cycle (compared to 15/38 or 40% of the LRAUs in the 2012 reporting cycle). These 16 LRAU subdivisions had an average spatial sampling frequency ranging from 2.2 to 7.3 stream miles. Ohio EPA would need to collect samples from 35-49 sites per year on each of the large rivers (minimum of 175-245 samples) to be able to maintain up-to-date recreation use assessments and index scores for all of the LRAUs within the state.

The LRAU with the greatest sampling intensity in terms of sampling location frequency was the Great Miami River between the Mad River and Fourmile Creek confluences, with an average distance of 2.3 river miles between sampling stations. Of the 15 LRAUs having sufficient data to assess, only one (Walhonding River) fully supported the use while the remaining 14 were not supporting the use. Five of the twelve non-supporting LRAUs are in fact very close to reaching full attainment, having index scores of 90 or greater. The Scioto River downstream of Columbus (Olentangy River confluence to Big Darby Creek confluence) had the lowest index score (21) followed by the Cuyahoga River (38) of all the index scores calculated for the 15 assessed LRAUs.

Table F-15. Summary assessment status of the recreation use in Ohio's LRAUs.

LRAU	Length (miles)	# Sampling Stations	Avg Length per station (miles)	Index Score	Assessment Category
Auglaize River	12.86	3	4.3	100	1
Blanchard River	35.65	0	n/a	n/a	3
Cuyahoga River	25.34	8	3.2	38	4Ax
Grand River	41.28	1	41.3	n/a	4A
Great Miami River – Tawawa Creek to Mad River	48.93	9	5.4	89	5
Great Miami River- Mad River to Fourmile Creek	43.10	18	2.4	82	5
Great Miami River – Fourmile Creek to the mouth	38.38	8	4.8	91	5
Hocking River – Scott Creek to Margaret Creek	32.58	2	16.3	n/a	5h
Hocking River – Margaret Creek to the mouth	36.38	1	36.4	n/a	5h
Licking River	23.21	7	3.3	96	5
Little Miami River – Caesar Creek to O'Bannon Creek	26.92	2	13.5	n/a	4A
Little Miami River – O'Bannon Creek to the mouth	24.00	5	4.8	40	4A
Mad River	18.38	2	9.2	n/a	3i
Mahoning River	37.00	8	4.6	56.3	5
Maumee River – Indiana border to Tiffin River	42.11	7	6.0	92.9	5
Maumee River – Tiffin River to Beaver Creek	34.44	8	4.3	96.9	5
Maumee River – Beaver Creek to Maumee Bay	31.32	14	2.2	92.9	5
Mohican River	27.58	2	13.8	n/a	5h
Muskingum River – Walhonding River to Licking River	34.94	0	n/a	n/a	5h
Muskingum River – Licking River to Meigs Creek	46.78	0	n/a	n/a	5h
Muskingum River – Meigs Creek to the mouth	29.42	0	n/a	n/a	5h
Paint Creek	39.17	2	19.5	n/a	5
Raccoon Creek	37.55	1	37.6	n/a	3i
Sandusky River – Tymochtee Creek to Wolf Creek	43.00	3	14.3	n/a	3i
Sandusky River – Wolf Creek to Sandusky Bay	22.73	5	4.5	90	5
Scioto River – Little Scioto River to Olentangy River	32.70	2	16.4	n/a	3i
Scioto River – Olentangy River to Big Darby Creek	31.42	8	3.9	38	5
Scioto River – Big Darby Creek to Paint Creek	37.30	8	4.7	84.4	5
Scioto River – Paint Creek to Sunfish Creek	36.68	5	7.3	100	1
Scioto River – Sunfish Creek to mouth	26.82	0	n/a	n/a	3
Stillwater River	32.38	2	16.2	n/a	3i
Tiffin River	19.67	4	4.9	68.8	5
Tuscarawas River – Chippewa Creek to Sandy Creek	30.12	3	10.0	n/a	5h
Tuscarawas River – Sandy Creek to Stillwater Creek	26.05	0	n/a	n/a	3
Tuscarawas River – Stillwater Creek to mouth	47.05	0	n/a	n/a	5h
Walhonding River	23.19	0	n/a	n/a	1h
Whitewater River	8.26	0	n/a	n/a	3
Wills Creek	44.06	0	n/a	n/a	3

F3.3 Inland Lakes

Data availability for inland lakes is relatively limited compared to that for streams and rivers. In fact, the assessment for inland lakes is based upon a total of only 240 samples from 21 lakes, compared to over 11,200 samples collected from streams and rivers. Ohio EPA has only recently begun to routinely conduct bacteria sampling in lakes as part of its renewed inland lakes program. The data in this report were primarily collected in 2008-2010, with a few samples collected in 2006 at inland lakes. It is expected that the 2014 report will contain more data, allowing for the recreation use assessment of additional lakes as the inland lakes sampling program is now established. However, the Ohio EPA has a relatively limited capacity in its lake sampling program. Additional details on the inland lakes sampling program can be found in Section I2 of this report and on Ohio EPA's web page at the following address: http://www.epa.ohio.gov/dsw/inland_lakes/index.aspx.

Table F-16 summarizes the assessment results for the recreation use of inland lakes. Geometric means were very low both at open water locations and at beach or other sample locations. Based on the geometric means, the inland lakes sampled in 2006-2010 are attaining the Class A and Bathing Water *E. coli* criteria at all locations sampled, although it is notable that bacteria levels can also spike above the 235 *E. coli*/100 ml water single sample criterion typically used as the threshold for posting swimming advisory information at a beach.

Table F-16. Summary assessment status of the recreation use for inland lakes, 2008-2012.

Lake	Sample Location	Sample Year	Number of Samples	Geometric Mean	Maximum Value	Index Score
Auglaize Power Reservoir	Open Water	2012	6	9	31	100
Beaver Creek Reservoir	Open Water	2009	5	<3	650*	100
		2010	5	<2	4	100
Buckeye Lake	L-2	2010	2	30	30	100
	L-1	2008	8	<8	60	100
		2010	6	<7	20	100
	Fairfield Beach	2008	8	<14	520*	100
		2010	4	16	40	100
Caesar Creek Lake	Boat Ramp	2011	5	<1	5	100
		2012	5	<1	1	100
	Beach	2011	5	4	17	100
		2012	5	6	101	100
	Open Water	2011	6	2	20	100
		2012	5	1	1	100
Caldwell Lake	Open Water	2011	5	22	260*	100
	Open Water	2012	4	<8	30	100
Clear Fork Reservoir	Open Water	2008	10	<5	20	100
Clendening Reservoir	Open Water	2012	2	<5	5	100
Cutler Lake	Open Water	2008	5	<11	30	100
		2009	4	<8	20	100
Dale Walborn Reservoir	Open Water	2008	5	6	150	100
	Price Street	2008	5	10	52	100
Deer Creek Lake	Open Water	2011	5	18	770*	100
Deer Creek Reservoir	Open Water	2008	8	4	100	100
	Boat Ramp	2008	8	4	100	100

Lake	Sample Location	Sample Year	Number of Samples	Geometric Mean	Maximum Value	Index Score
Dillon Lake	Open Water	2008	9	8	40	100
	Beach	2008	7	14	690*	100
East Branch Reservoir	Boat Ramp	2008	5	4	21	100
		2009	5	5	10	100
	Open Water	2008	5	9	61	100
		2009	4	<4	16	100
Findlay Lake	Open Water	2012	3	8	12	100
Griggs Reservoir	Open Water	2009	6	31	440*	100
		2010	5	17	70	100
Hargus Lake	Open Water	2011	4	8	30	100
Kiser Lake	Open Water	2009	2	2	4	100
	Open Water	2010	2	107	770*	100
Ladue Reservoir	L-1	2009	5	1	4	100
	L-1	2010	4	<2	9	100
	L-2	2009	4	2	4	100
	L-2	2010	4	<5	33	100
	Main ramp	2009	5	15	200	100
	Main ramp	2010	5	59	1300*	100
	South ramp	2009	5	51	310*	100
	South ramp	2010	5	7	75	100
Lake Loramie	Open Water	2009	4	4	8	100
	Open Water	2010	4	10	687*	100
Lake Olander	Open Water	2011	5	32	68	100
	Open Water	2012	5	<4	18	100
	Beach	2012	4	22	42	100
Lake Rockwell	Open Water	2009	5	<2	4	100
		2010	5	3	11	100
Lake Vesuvius	Beach	2010	4	21	70	100
	Open Water	2010	3	16	40	100
Lake White	Open Water	2011	4	11	60	100
	Open Water	2012	4	<7	20	100
Madison Lake	Open Water	2011	5	27	60	100
Maysville Reservoir	Open Water	2008	3	<6	10	100
		2009	4	<5	10	100
Meander Reservoir	Open Water	2011	4	8	680*	100
	Open Water	2012	2	<1	2	100
Metzger Reservoir	Open Water	2010	5	7	52	100
	Open Water	2011	5	3	41	100
O'Shaughnessy Reservoir	Open Water	2009	5	22	270*	100
		2010	6	<20	220	100
Piedmont Reservoir	Open Water	2012	2	<7	10	100
Pike Lake	Open Water	2011	5	49	250*	100
	Open Water	2012	4	<6	10	100
Ross Lake	Open Water	2011	5	9	20	100
	Open Water	2012	4	<10	20	100
Stewart Lake	Open Water	2011	5	19	110	100
Summit Lake	Open Water	2012	4	14	31	100
Swanton Reservoir	Open Water	2006	2	<1	3	100

Lake	Sample Location	Sample Year	Number of Samples	Geometric Mean	Maximum Value	Index Score
Swift Run Lake	Open Water	2008	7	2	3	100
Tappan Lake	L-1	2012	2	<5	<5	100
	L-2	2012	2	<5	<5	100
	Beach	2012	4	1794**	80000*	0
Timbre Ridge Lake	Open Water	2010	4	<6	10	100
Veteran's Memorial Reservoir	Open Water	2008	5	<1	2	100
		2009	5	<1	2	100
Wellington Reservoir	Open Water	2012	4	<3	10	100

*Value exceeds the single sample maximum bathing water criterion of 235 cfu/100ml.
**Value exceeds the geometric mean bathing water criterion of 126 cfu/100ml.

The ODNR Division of Parks and Recreation also conducts routine bacteria sampling of public bathing beaches at inland state park beaches pursuant to Ohio Revised Code sections 1541.032 and 3701.18. Advisory signs are posted whenever notified by the Director of the ODH that the bacteria levels in the waters tested present a possible health risk to swimmers. Advisory postings are recommended whenever the *E. coli* density of a water sample exceeds the bathing water single sample maximum of 235 cfu/100 ml. Sampling frequency at the inland state park beaches is generally once every two weeks. This sampling frequency is much less intense compared to sampling frequency at the Lake Erie beaches, which is typically four or more days per week.

Table F-17 summarizes the advisory postings from 2008 through 2012 at 67 of the state's inland state park beaches. Beaches where more than 10% of the samples collected over a recreation season exceeded 235 cfu/100 ml (the bathing beach criterion) are highlighted. The inland lake data from ODNR are presented in the Integrated Report for informational purposes and not for official use support determinations since the level of data credibility was indeterminate at the publication of this report. Its inclusion here is intended to notify readers of the existence of this sampling program for these popular recreational resources in Ohio and to provide some information as to the relative amount of data and relative water quality conditions with respect to bacteria indicators. Should Ohio EPA affirm the data as level 3 credible data in the future, it will be considered in the process for making official use support determinations.

Table F-17. Swimming advisory postings at Ohio's inland lake public beaches (2008-2012).

Park	Beach	County	2008[a]	2009[a]	2010[a]	2011[a]	2012[a]	Total [a]
Alum Creek	Main	Delaware	0/7	0/9	4/30	8/57	4/60	16/163
	Camp	Delaware	3/10	0/8	2/34	1/36	0/0	6/88
Barkcamp		Belmont	0/7	0/2	0/6	0/4	0/8	0/27
Blue Rock		Muskingum	1/9	2/10	0/6	0/9	0/8	3/42
Buck Creek	Main	Clark	0/9	1/9	9/36	2/32	9/46	21/132
	Camp	Clark	1/8	0/8	0/41	0/15	0/12	1/84
Buckeye Lake	Crystal Beach	Fairfield	0/7	3/8	15/36	12/49	7/15	37/115
	Fairfield Beach	Fairfield	1/8	0/6	6/37	4/51	8/13	19/115
	Brooks Park	Fairfield	1/8	2/11	6/37	13/49	7/14	29/119
Burr Oak	Main	Athens	0/6	0/9	0/4	0/7	0/9	0/35
	Lodge	Athens	0/7	0/9	0/4	0/7	0/8	0/35
Caesar Creek	North	Warren	0/7	0/6	0/7	1/5	0/7	1/32
	South	Warren	0/7	0/6	0/7	1/5	1/8	2/33
Cowan Lake	Main (S)	Clinton	0/7	0/6	1/9	2/8	0/8	3/38
	Camp (N)	Clinton	0/7	0/6	0/8	1/7	0/8	1/36
Deer Creek		Pickaway	0/13	0/6	0/7	0/5	0/7	0/38
Delaware		Delaware	6/12	0/7	4/8	1/8	0/6	11/41
Dillon	Boaters	Muskingum	3/13	0/5	0/0	0/0	0/0	3/18
	Swimmers	Muskingum	3/15	0/9	1/13	2/9	2/10	8/56
East Fork	Main	Clermont	0/12	0/4	0/11	0/8	0/15	0/50
	Camp	Clermont	0/11	0/4	0/10	0/7	0/15	0/47
Findlay		Lorain	0/5	0/6	0/4	0/2	0/7	0/24
Forked Run		Meigs	0/6	0/6	1/5	0/4	0/8	1/29
Grand Lake St. Marys	Main East	Auglaize	0/8	0/7	9/33	6/49	2/37	17/134
	Main West	Auglaize	0/8	0/7	20/33	8/46	2/9	30/103
	Camp	Auglaize	0/8	0/7	16/33	5/49	2/36	23/133
Guilford Lake	Main	Columbiana	0/5	0/8	1/7	0/6	1/7	2/33
	Camp	Columbiana	0/5	0/8	0/7	0/3	2/8	2/31
Harrison Lake		Fulton	0/4	0/3	0/1	0/0	0/0	0/8
Hueston Woods		Preble	0/6	0/0	0/4	0/5	0/3	0/18
Indian Lake	Fox Island	Logan	0/5	1/6	0/5	0/3	0/1	1/20
	Camp	Logan	0/5	0/6	0/5	0/3	0/1	0/20
	Oldfield	Logan	0/5	1/7	0/5	0/3	0/1	1/21
Jackson Lake		Jackson	2/6	0/6	0/6	1/8	0/8	3/34
Jefferson Lake		Jefferson	0/6	0/8	0/7	1/2	1/7	2/30
Kiser Lake		Champaign	0/2	0/0	0/1	0/1	1/7	1/11
Lake Alma	#1-West	Vinton	1/6	0/6	0/6	0/8	1/9	2/35
	#2-East	Vinton	0/5	0/7	2/6	1/8	0/8	3/34
Lake Hope		Vinton	0/6	0/8	1/6	0/8	0/8	1/36
Lake Logan		Hocking	1/10	0/8	0/7	2/11	0/8	3/44
Lake Loramie		Shelby	0/4	0/4	2/5	0/7	0/8	2/28
Lake Milton		Mahoning	0/7	0/6	0/5	1/7	0/7	1/32
Lake White		Pike	1/9	0/2	0/6	1/8	0/8	2/33
Madison Lake		Madison	2/15	0/6	0/2	1/7	5/9	8/39
Mosquito		Trumbull	0/7	1/5	0/5	1/6	0/8	2/31
Paint Creek		Ross	0/7	0/7	0/7	0/7	0/8	0/36
Pike Lake		Pike	1/9	0/7	1/7	0/8	0/8	2/39
Portage Lakes	Main	Summit	1/9	0/7	1/7	0/4	1/8	3/35

Park	Beach	County	2008[a]	2009[a]	2010[a]	2011[a]	2012[a]	Total [a]
	Camp	Summit	0/7	0/7	0/7	0/4	0/5	0/30
Punderson		Geauga	0/7	0/8	0/7	0/0	0/3	0/25
Pymatuning	Main	Ashtabula	0/3	0/12	2/7	1/9	0/8	3/39
	Camp	Ashtabula	0/3	2/12	2/3	1/7	0/8	5/33
	Cabins	Ashtabula	0/3	2/14	2/5	0/5	0/8	4/35
Rocky Fork	North Shore	Highland	0/8	0/7	0/7	1/8	0/8	1/38
	South Shore	Highland	1/9	0/7	0/6	1/9	0/9	2/40
Salt Fork	Main	Guernsey	1/9	0/8	0/5	1/8	0/8	2/38
	Camp	Guernsey	1/9	0/8	0/5	0/8	0/8	1/38
	Cabins	Guernsey	0/8	0/8	0/5	0/8	0/7	0/36
Scioto Trail		Ross	2/10	0/7	3/7	5/12	6/13	16/49
Shawnee	Turkey Cr Lodge	Scioto	1/9	1/8	1/8	1/6	2/6	6/37
	Roosevelt-Camp	Scioto	1/9	0/5	2/8	2/8	1/5	6/35
Stonelick		Clermont	1/11	0/3	0/10	0/8	0/15	1/47
Strouds Run		Athens	0/7	0/6	0/7	1/6	0/8	1/34
Tar Hollow	Main	Ross	0/8	0/8	1/7	1/9	0/8	2/40
	Camp	Ross	0/8	0/7	0/6	1/8	0/8	1/37
West Branch		Portage	0/7	0/7	0/3	1/9	0/10	1/36
Wolf Run		Noble	0/7	0/8	0/7	0/0	0/0	0/22
	Total Advisory Postings[a]		**36**	**16**	**115**	**93**	**65**	**325/ 3,104**

[a] Indicates the number of advisories posted, based on a measured E. coli density exceeding 235 cfu/100 ml followed by the number of samples collected.

Beaches at inland state park lakes are tested for bacteria less frequently compared to those beaches along Lake Erie. Sampling was most frequent at Alum Creek Lake, Buck Creek Lake, Buckeye Lake and Grand Lake St. Marys within the 2010-2012 time period. Even at these beaches, the sampling frequency is roughly only half as intense as that of many Lake Erie beaches (Table F-7).

The sample results in Table F-17 indicate that at most inland lake beaches, the bacteria criteria are not frequently exceeded, resulting in fewer postings compared to some of the beaches along Lake Erie. Overall, the frequency of exceedances for all the beaches during the five-year reporting period was 10.5%. However, sample results at some inland lake beaches indicated a need for posting an advisory more often during some years. For example, over 60% of the samples collected during the 2010 recreation season at the Grand Lake St. Mary's main-west beach exceeded the applicable single sample bathing water criterion. More frequent sampling, particularly at beaches where previous sampling data indicates an increased chance of exceeding the recreation criteria, should be considered by beach managers so that the public can be adequately informed of actual water quality conditions at the time of their visit.