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### **Ohio EPA Awards \$31,429 Environmental Education Grant to Cuyahoga County Organization**

The Alliance for the Great Lakes received \$31,429 from Ohio EPA's Environmental Education Fund for a "Bringing Great Lakes into Cleveland Classrooms" project. Eleven grants were awarded statewide for \$304,136.

The project provides "Great Lakes in My World" curriculum kits, 6-10 professional development workshops for 300-400 Cleveland teachers from grades 3, 5, 7 and 10, plus a three-day summer institute for teachers in grades K-8 and 9-12. The training will help them incorporate the Lake Erie-specific content into their teaching.

Lesson plans align with Ohio and national science standards including food webs and ecology, native and invasive species of plants and animals, the Great Lakes water cycle and information about tributaries and ground water. The grant supports coastal stewardship field trips and supplies for 12 classrooms to participate in Lake Erie beach cleanups. The Cleveland Metropolitan School District is collaborating.

The Ohio Environmental Education Fund is administered by Ohio EPA. Eligible grant recipients include environmental groups, public and private schools, colleges and universities, trade or professional organizations, businesses and state and local governments. For additional information, contact the [Ohio Environmental Education Fund](#) on the web or at (614) 644-2873.

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