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**Ohio EPA Awards Environmental Education Mini Grant
to Cuyahoga County Organization**

Ohio EPA has awarded a \$4,956 environmental education mini grant to the Great Lakes Science Center to develop a "Great Science Academy" project for sixth grade students. Eight projects throughout the state were funded for \$34,513.

Great Lakes Science Academy is an immersive science program that uses project-based learning to engage diverse Cleveland youth in solving real-world challenges. The sixth-grade students focus their studies on the relationship between Northeast Ohio, the Lake Erie watershed and the Great Lakes from cultural, economic and environmental perspectives. Lessons include Great Lakes formation and watersheds, weather and waves, shipwrecks and history, water quality, the Cuyahoga River, beach health assessment, invasive species, estuaries and indicator species, watershed stewardship and the sustainable lakefront city.

In addition to exploring sources of pollution, students will build a remotely operated underwater robotic vehicle and take field trips to Edgewater Park, the Watershed Stewardship Center at Cleveland Metroparks' West Creek Reservation and the Old Woman Creek National Estuarine Research Reserve.

The Ohio Environmental Education Fund provides funding each year for environmental education projects targeting kindergarten through university students, the general public and the regulated community. For additional information, visit the [Ohio Environmental Education Fund](#) or call (614) 644-2873.

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The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency was created in 1972 to consolidate efforts to protect and improve air quality, water quality and waste management in Ohio. Since then, air pollutants dropped by as much as 90 percent; large rivers meeting standards improved from 21 percent to 89 percent; and hundreds of polluting, open dumps were replaced with engineered landfills and an increased emphasis on waste reduction and recycling.