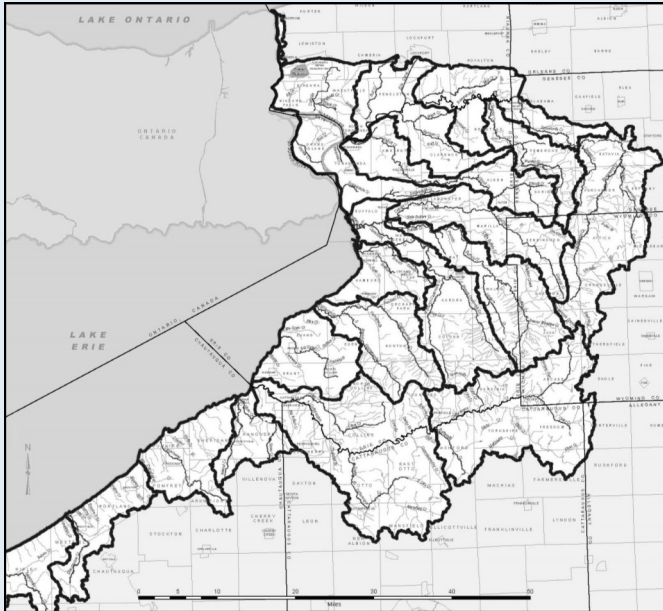


Regional Niagara River / Lake Erie Watershed Management Plan Phase 2

Erie County, New York in partnership with Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper and Lake Erie Watershed Protection Alliance



Outline of Niagara River / Lake Erie watershed

Outcomes:

- ◆ Updated *Watershed Atlas* and *Watershed Characterization Report* to include existing data for the entire watershed region including all 18 sub-watersheds.
- ◆ Expanded *Local Laws and Practices Affecting Water Quality Assessment*.
- ◆ Water quality sampling and stream visual assessments in 5 prioritized sub-watersheds.
- ◆ Development of 5 *Sub-Watershed Implementation Plans* identifying baseline conditions, goals, and priority projects for implementation.
- ◆ Updated *Watershed Citizen's Guide*.
- ◆ Scajaquada Creek community engagement.
- ◆ *Municipal Workshop Series* for municipal boards.

The New York State Department of State has awarded Erie County \$507,830 to continue the Niagara River Watershed Management Plan and expand it to now include the Lake Erie watershed. The “Regional Niagara River Lake Erie Watershed Management Plan - Phase 2” project will take place from 2014-2017.

Stakeholders will be engaged throughout the process to gain additional information as we expand the geography of this Plan to include southern Erie County, Cattaraugus County, and Chautauqua County, as well as create in-depth implementation plans for 5 prioritized sub-watersheds in the region.

Erie County and the Lake Erie Watershed Protection Alliance (LEWPA), with stakeholder involvement, will update the *Watershed Atlas*, that lists existing reports and data, to include the new Lake Erie watershed area. They will also update the *Watershed Characterization Report* in order to provide information on the make-up of each sub-watershed draining to Lake Erie. This information is critical for planning a region that protects and improves our water resources. In addition, Erie County will expand upon an existing local law assessment and will update the *Watershed Citizen's Guide*.

Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper will focus on data collection, water quality sampling, and implementation plans in the five prioritized sub-watersheds of the Niagara River region: Upper Tonawanda Creek, Lower Tonawanda Creek, Buffalo River, Smokes Creek, and Eighteenmile Creek. This work in Erie, Genesee, Niagara, and Wyoming counties builds upon Phase 1 of the project. They will also develop a workshop to educate municipalities on watershed issues as well as develop an *Urban Creek Corridor Restoration—Community Engagement Model* for Scajaquada Creek.

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