

Getting the Great Lakes to B-WET



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Local Implementation of a National Vision

- Other programs: Chesapeake Bay, California, the Hawaiian Islands, New England, the Gulf of Mexico, and the Pacific Northwest.



<http://www.oesd.noaa.gov/BWET/>

Quick Facts

- Great Lakes Restoration Initiative funded nearly \$1 million of fiscal year 2011 funds to establish a Great Lakes B-WET program
- NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS) administers the program from the Alpena, MI office.
- \$850K will be available for grants
- Proposals due October 7, 2011 (Grants.gov or paper submission to Cathy Green).

B-WET Framework: Basic Approaches

- Meaningful Watershed Educational Experiences for students
- Professional development in the area of environmental education for teachers
- Exemplary programs combining teacher professional development with long-term classroom-integrated MWEE's for their students

MWEEs



- Investigative or project oriented
- An integral part of the instructional program
- Part of a sustained activity
- Considers the watershed as a system
- Enhanced by NOAA products, services, or personnel, where appropriate

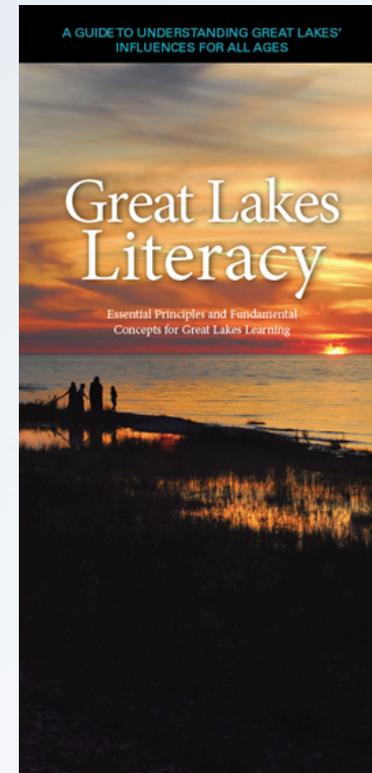
Funding: Grant Category

- Estimated \$850K available for grants
- Anticipated to award 10-12 grants in FY12
- 2 award levels:
 - Category A: \$25-75K
 - Category B: \$100-150k
- Project duration of one year with the opportunity to reapply for continuation funds

Great Lakes B-WET Program Priorities

Regional Priorities also require that projects support and align with the goals, strategies and principles of:

- GLRI Action Plan
- Great Lakes Literacy Principles.

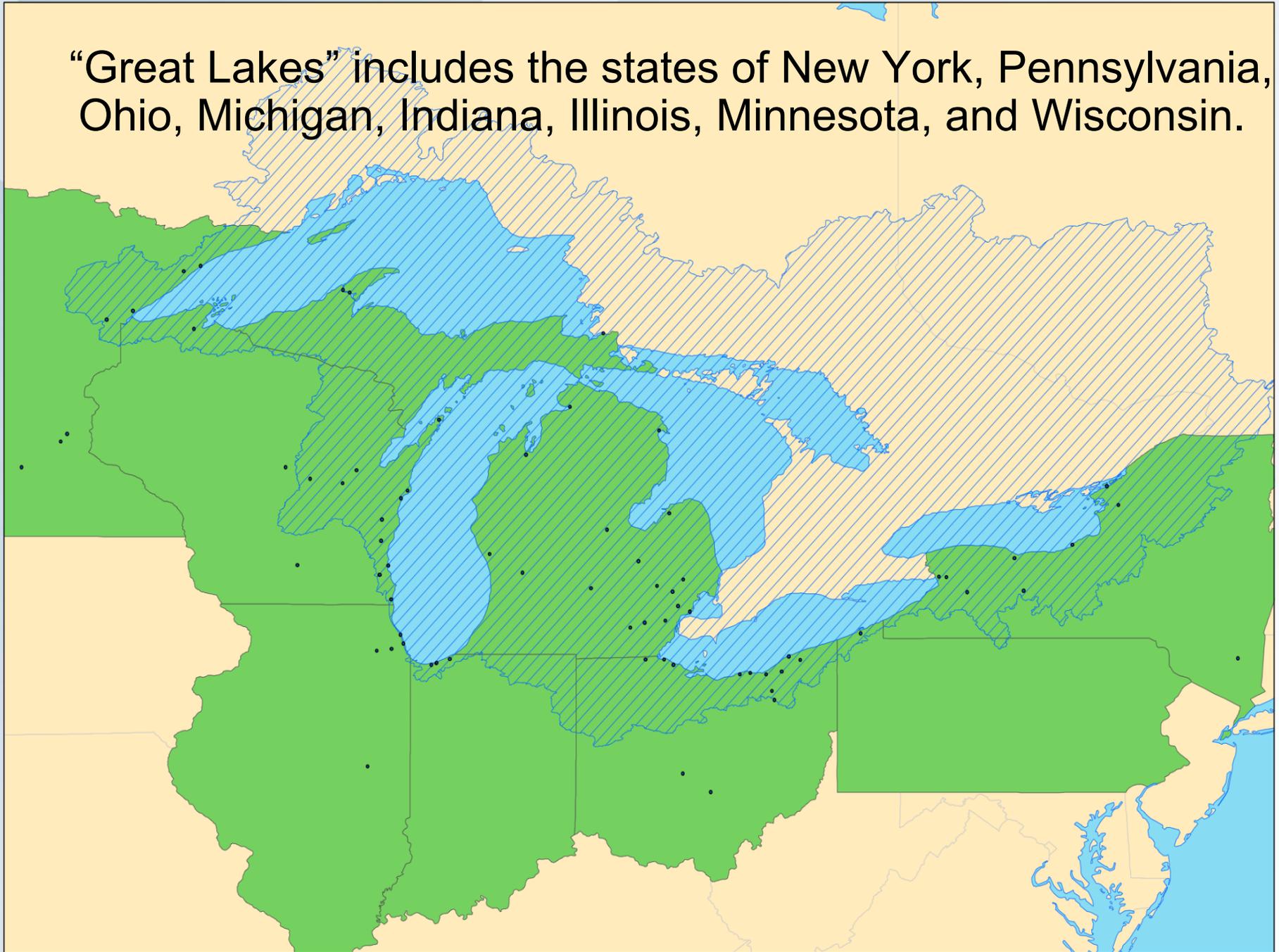


Great Lakes
RESTORATION



"We're committed to creating a new standard of care that will leave the Great Lakes better for the next generation."
- Lisa P. Jackson, Chair of GLRI Task Force

“Great Lakes” includes the states of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.



Eligibility

- K-12 public and independent schools and school systems
- Institutions of higher education
- Community-based and nonprofit organizations
- State or local government agencies, interstate agencies
- Indian tribal governments

Evaluation Criteria

- Importance and/or relevance and applicability of proposal to the program goals (30 points)
- Technical merit (35 points)
- Overall qualifications of applicants (10 points)
- Project costs (20 points)
- Outreach and education (5 points)

Timeline

- Federal Funding Opportunity published August 1, 2011
- Proposals due October 7, 2011
- Expect to award grants by May 2012
- www.thunderbay.noaa.gov/B-WET

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