

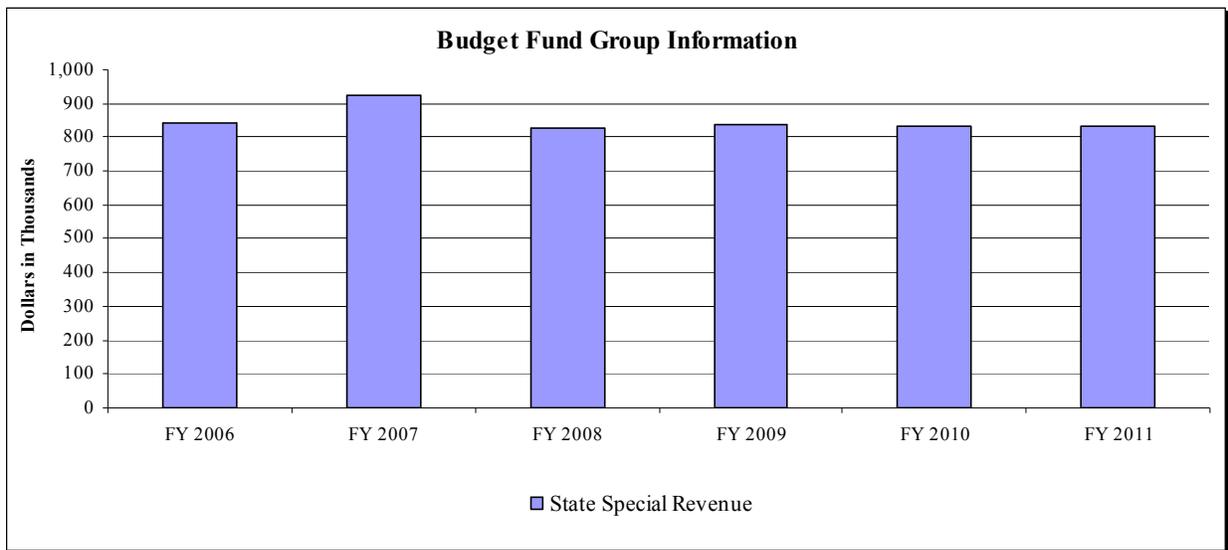
**Role and Overview**

The Lake Erie Commission (LEC) preserves Lake Erie’s natural resources, protects the quality of its waters and ecosystem, and promotes economic development of the region by coordinating policies and programs related to Lake Erie. The commission works to implement policies and programs of state government pertaining to water quality, toxic substances, and coastal resource management. The commission also oversees the management of the Lake Erie Protection Fund.

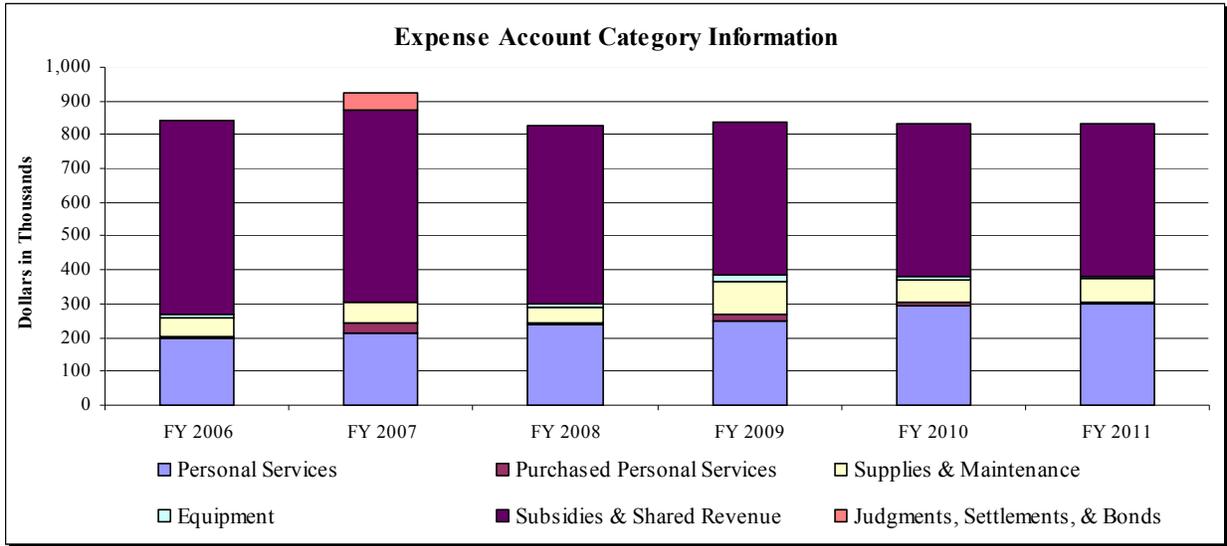
The Lake Erie Commission is made up of the directors of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Natural Resources, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Transportation, the Department of Development, and the Ohio Department of Agriculture. The commission issues reports such as *State of the Lake Report ~ Lake Erie Quality Index* and *Lake Erie Protection & Restoration Plan* that provide information and strategic action proposals for state government to improve the quality of Lake Erie and its use.

The Lake Erie Commission staff of four employees advises the Governor and the commission on the development, implementation, and coordination of Lake Erie programs and policies; provides representation of the interests of Ohio in regional, national, and international forums pertaining to the resources of the Great Lakes; assists in the implementation of the Coastal Zone Management Program and the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration; facilitates compliance with the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement and the Great Lakes Toxic Substances Control Agreement; and manages the distribution of moneys from the Lake Erie Protection Fund. Funding is distributed to federal, state, and local agencies; educational institutions; and non-profit organizations in Ohio in the form of grants for research and implementation projects. Over \$8.5 million has been distributed for over 275 projects during a 16-year period. The Lake Erie Commission has an annual operating budget of approximately \$833,000. Additional information regarding the Lake Erie Commission is available at <http://lakeerie.ohio.gov>.

**Summary of Budget History and Recommendations**



(In Thousands)	ACTUAL			% CHANGE		RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	EST. FY 2009	FY 08-09	FY 2010	CHANGE %	FY 2011	CHANGE %
State Special Revenue	843	923	827	838	1.3	830	-1.0	833	0.4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>843</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>838</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>830</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>0.4</b>



(In Thousands) EXPENSE ACCOUNT CATEGORY	ACTUAL			EST.	% CHANGE	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 08-09	FY 2010	% CHANGE	FY 2011	% CHANGE
Personal Services	199	213	240	250	4.0	295	18.0	298	1.0
Purchased Personal Services	5	30	3	20	649.0	8	-60.0	8	0.0
Supplies & Maintenance	56	61	44	93	111.1	70	-24.7	70	0.0
Equipment	8	3	14	25	77.5	7	-72.0	7	0.0
Subsidies & Shared Revenue	575	565	526	450	-14.5	450	0.0	450	0.0
Judgments, Settlements, & Bonds	0	50	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>843</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>838</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>830</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>0.4</b>

**PROGRAM SERIES 01: Lake Erie Protection Commission**

This program series works to preserve Lake Erie’s natural resources, protect the ecological quality of its watershed, and promote economic development in the Great Lake region through policy direction and awarding of moneys for environmental projects concerning Lake Erie and its watershed.

**Program 01.01: Lake Erie Resources and Protection**

The *Lake Erie Protection and Restoration Plan* establishes the program’s priorities concerning policy and activities. The Lake Erie Protection Fund awards moneys for environmental projects to help support Lake Erie and its watershed. The Lake Erie Resources Fund provides moneys for the resources and operation of the Lake Erie Protection Fund.

**The Executive Recommendation will fund the following objectives:**

- Support the administration of approximately 20 grant projects;
- Support the day-to-day operations of the agency;
- Allow coordination of policies and projects pertaining water quality, habitat, recreation and tourism, and resource management within the Lake Erie Basin;
- Support the conduction of four quarterly Ohio Lake Erie Commission meetings and initiatives; and
- Allow the program to market established revenue sources such as the Lake Erie license plate program.

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FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2010	FY 2011
SSR	4C00	780601	Lake Erie Protection	450,000	450,000
SSR	5D80	780602	Lake Erie Resources	380,000	383,000
<b>TOTAL FOR PROGRAM</b>				<b>830,000</b>	<b>833,000</b>

**LINE ITEM SUMMARY - Lake Erie Commission**

FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2006 ACTUAL	FY 2007 ACTUAL	FY 2008 ACTUAL	FY 2009 ESTIMATE	FY 2010 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE	FY 2011 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE
4C00	780601	Lake Erie Protection	576,263	637,683	526,304	450,000	450,000	0.0	450,000	0.0
5D80	780602	Lake Erie Resources	266,362	285,267	301,087	388,000	380,000	-2.1	383,000	0.8
<b>TOTAL State Special Revenue</b>			<b>842,626</b>	<b>922,950</b>	<b>827,392</b>	<b>838,000</b>	<b>830,000</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>833,000</b>	<b>0.4</b>
<b>TOTAL Lake Erie Commission</b>			<b>842,626</b>	<b>922,950</b>	<b>827,392</b>	<b>838,000</b>	<b>830,000</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>833,000</b>	<b>0.4</b>