



Your Personal Action Plan for Saving Grand Lake St. Marys

A variety of environmental conditions have contributed toward the degradation of Grand Lake St. Marys. With your help, the Lake Improvement Association seeks to restore Grand Lake St. Marys to her original splendor and therefore sustain an important ecological habitat, economic resource, and recreation hub for all the individuals, businesses, and families in the Greater Grand Lake Region.

Fast Facts

- Grand Lake St. Marys welcomes more than 750,000 visitors annually, bringing more than **\$150 Million** to the local economy
- Grand Lake St. Marys is being consumed by blue-green algae, a bacteria that releases **toxic microcystin** into the water
- Grand Lake St. Marys has **lost 30% of its water volume** due to erosion; it is estimated that between 150,000 and 200,000 tons of silt are deposited in the lake annually
- **Grand Lake St. Marys can be saved!** By restoring water quality and preventing further degradation, the lake will once again be an asset to the local economy and the families who enjoy it for camping, fishing, hiking, boating, and a host of other recreational activities

√	How Can I Help? Steps To Save Grand Lake St. Marys
	Learn about the issues affecting Grand Lake St. Marys and the efforts to save it, as well as the benefits for doing so, by visiting www.savegrandlake.com
	Contact your legislators regarding your concerns for Grand Lake St. Marys
	Become a member of the Lake Improvement Association and participate in ongoing efforts to save the lake. Visit www.lakeimprovement.com
	Make a donation or tax-deductible donation to help fund water cleaning and degradation prevention efforts
	Report potential threats to Grand Lake St. Marys water quality
	Vote for legislative initiatives that will help restore Grand Lake St. Marys
	Perform a personal, employment, and/or business audit to ensure that you are taking measures to be a responsible steward of the lake. Such measures include proper lawn fertilizer application, septic system drainage, and proper producer fertilization and drainage
	Print this document and pass it on to friends, family, and co-workers so they can help save the lake!

Do it all at www.savegrandlake.com and www.lakeimprovement.com!