

Preserve your right to enjoy the Lake Erie shoreline!

For 200 years, Ohioans have enjoyed the right to walk and fish from the Lake Erie shore — up to the high water mark.

However, some privileged property owners want our lawmakers to break that trust. They want to shove the public from the shore and into the water. They want our shoreline all to themselves.

Tell your lawmakers to stand up for our right to walk and fish along the Lake Erie shore.

Fact

Lake Erie and its shore — up to the high water mark — are held in trust by the State of Ohio for all 11 million Ohioans.

Fact

The public's right to recreate along the Lake Erie shore — up to the high water mark — is supported by 200 years of tradition, Ohio law, and Ohio taxpayers.

Fact

A small but vocal group of privileged property owners along Lake Erie have persuaded some lawmakers to propose privatization of the shoreline and granting broad new rights to fill and build in sensitive coastal lands along Ohio's 312-mile Lake Erie shoreline.

Fact

Major newspapers have editorialized in support of the public's right to walk the beach: the *Toledo Blade*, *Akron Beacon Journal*, *Dayton Daily News*, and *Cleveland Plain Dealer*.



Some upland property owners have built fences perpendicularly across the beach and into the waters of Lake Erie.

Fact

According to the federal NOAA agency, the proposal will threaten Lake Erie fisheries habitat and the public's right to enjoy the Lake Erie shoreline. **Legal experts describe the proposal as one of the biggest land giveaways in American history!**

**Don't give away our shoreline!
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