



## *Who We Are*

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A broad-based & diverse coalition of businesses & business organizations that support improved water quality & water infrastructure policy across Ohio.

Our mission to ensure a consistent and effective approach to protecting & preserving Ohio's water resources with a focus on promoting Ohio's competitive advantage.

The Ohio Water Partnership is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, presented through funding of the Cleveland Foundation, The George Gund Foundation, and The Joyce Foundation.







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## *Water Is Advantage*

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Economic growth is water dependent, and compared to other states and nations, Ohio is water rich. Ohio's industries are driven by an abundant supply of fresh water from Lake Erie to the Ohio river and a robust system of streams, lakes and aquifers in between.

While drought & pollution impact other regions of the U.S. and around the globe, Ohio has a plentiful supply of water for industry, irrigation, consumption, transportation & recreation.





## *Water Is Policy*

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 Consistent with the Ohio Water Partnership's mission & objectives, policy objectives are broad based, and consensus-driven.

We raise awareness & educate Ohio's leaders regarding the importance of:

Eliminating harmful algal blooms;

Ensuring Ohioans' access to clean, affordable drinking water;

Ensuring clear & consistent policies for manufacturing, transportation & agriculture;

Advocating for funding Ohio's water infrastructure, wastewater treatment, supply systems, stormwater & sanitary collection, storage & treatment.



# H2Ohio

## Targeted Priorities

[h2.ohio.gov](http://h2.ohio.gov)



**MIKE DEWINE**  
GOVERNOR OF OHIO

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**Reducing  
Phosphorus**



**Creating Wetlands**



**Addressing Failing  
Septic Systems**



**Preventing Lead  
Contamination**



**1.4 Million Acres**

in voluntary nutrient management plans

**706**

lead service lines to be replaced

**301**

home sewage treatment systems to be repaired or replaced

**3,000 Square Miles**

of additional watershed to be monitored for nutrient content

**20** new rain gages installed

**130,000+**

acres of watershed filtered by wetland projects

**15,705**

acres of wetland and ecosystem restoration

**Nearly 35%**

of the Western Lake Erie Basin cropland enrolled

**2.2 Million Acres**

enrolled in overwintering cover, manure incorporation, precision and placement practices

**14,000**

number of people to be served by 20 wastewater projects

**44,000 People**

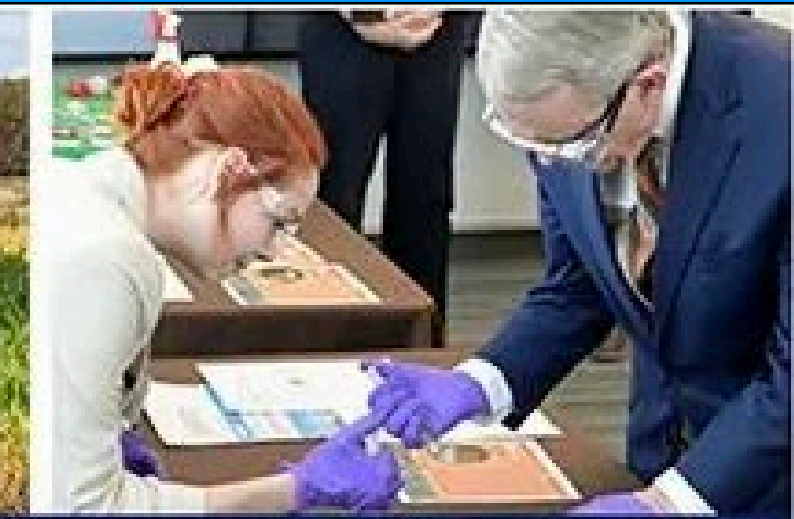
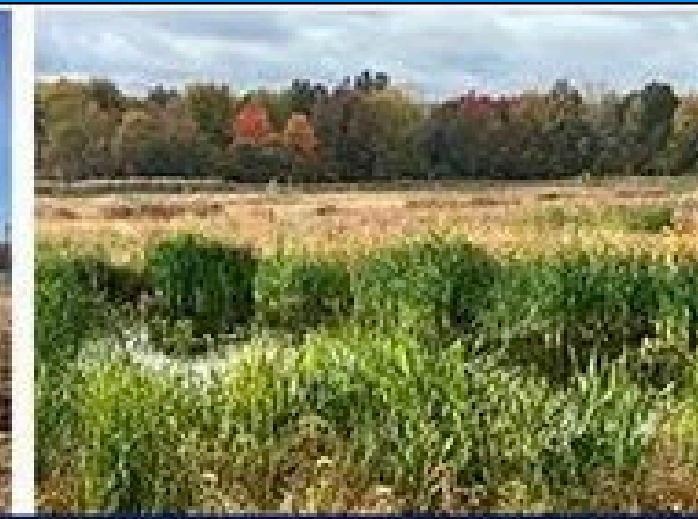
people to be served by 19 new drinking water projects

**2400 Producers**

have entered into agreements

# H2Ohio

*The H2Ohio initiative is Governor DeWine's long-term investment toward water quality improvements for future generations in Ohio.*



**\$270M** **2024-2025**  
**INVESTMENT**

## Ohio Department of Agriculture

**\$60.7M** per year to support and research best management practices in the Western Lake Erie Basin and expand H2Ohio practices statewide to encompass 500,000 new acres of farmland.

## Ohio Department of Natural Resources

**\$46.6M** per year for continued investment into natural infrastructure through the creation, restoration, and enhancement of wetlands that filter harmful nutrients out of Ohio waterways that can cause harmful algal blooms. The funding would restore an estimated additional 4,800 acres of wetland and associated habitat and filter 33,000 additional acres of watershed each year.

## Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

**\$27.5M** per year to improve the quality of life for Ohioans by ensuring safe drinking water and protecting public health. This funding will be awarded as grants to underserved communities for water and wastewater infrastructure projects and technical support.

## H2Ohio Rivers Initiative

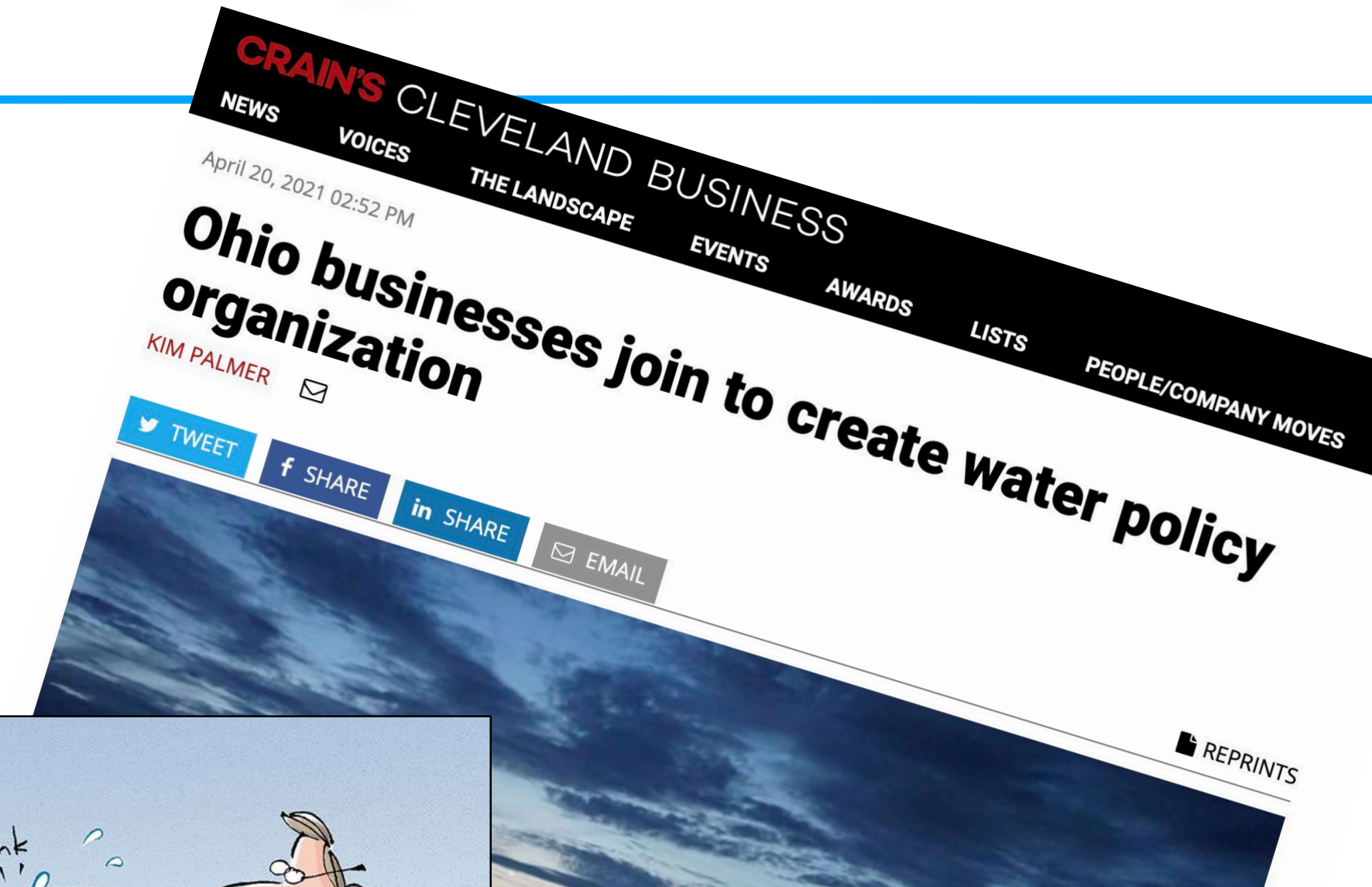
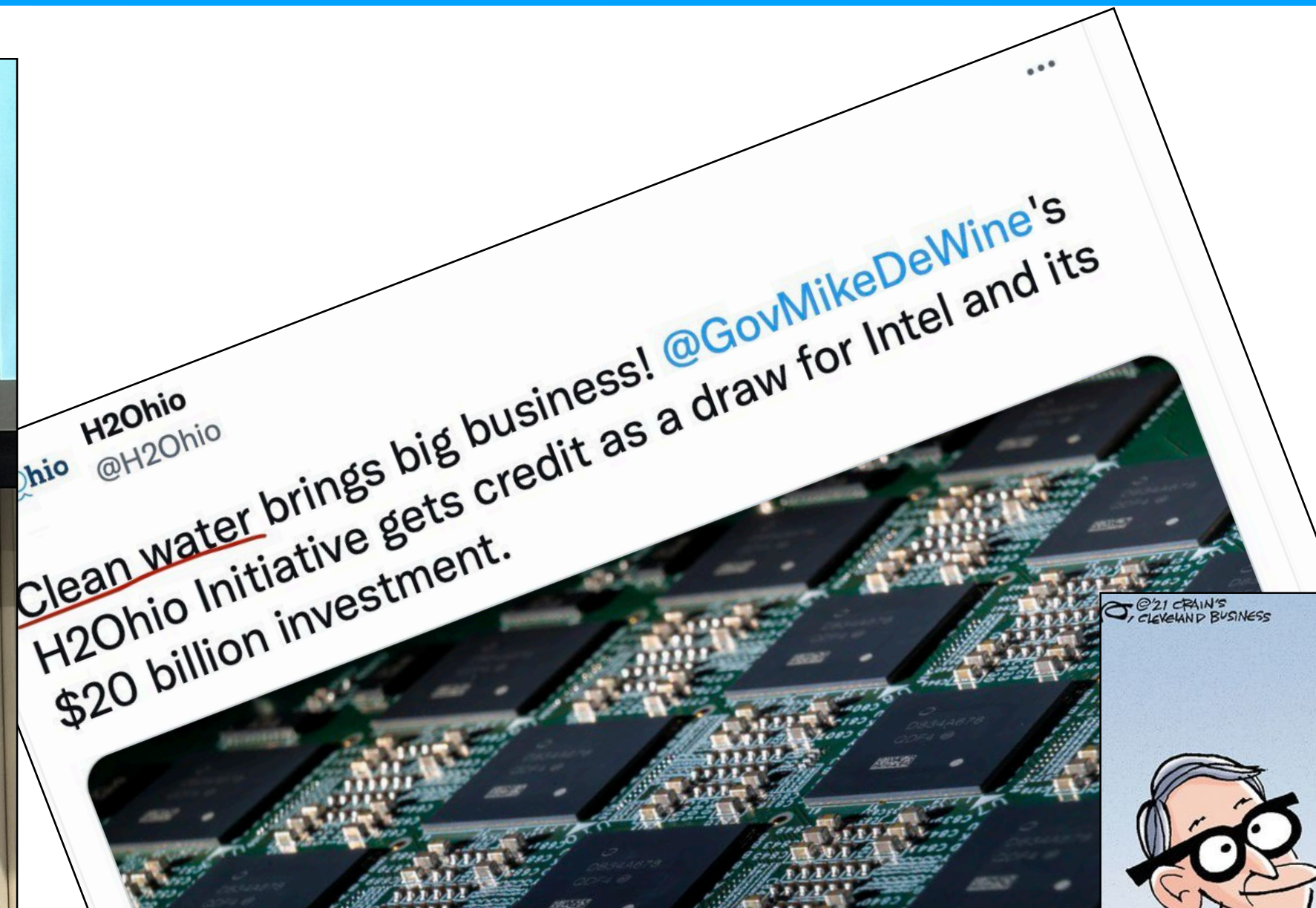
**\$46.6M** per year, included in the agencies' funding totals, for the new H2Ohio Rivers Initiative.

## Ohio Lake Erie Commission

**\$131,250** per year to continue funding accountability tools to evaluate H2Ohio efforts.



# Water Means Business





*Water Is Action*

