



ODA H2Ohio Program Proposals Fact Sheet

What is H2Ohio?

H2Ohio is Governor Mike DeWine's comprehensive, data-driven water quality plan to reduce harmful algal blooms, improve wastewater infrastructure, and prevent lead contamination.

The Ohio Department of Agriculture is leading efforts to reduce phosphorus runoff. Producers can receive incentives for implementing proven, cost-effective best management practices on their land.

Proposed Funding

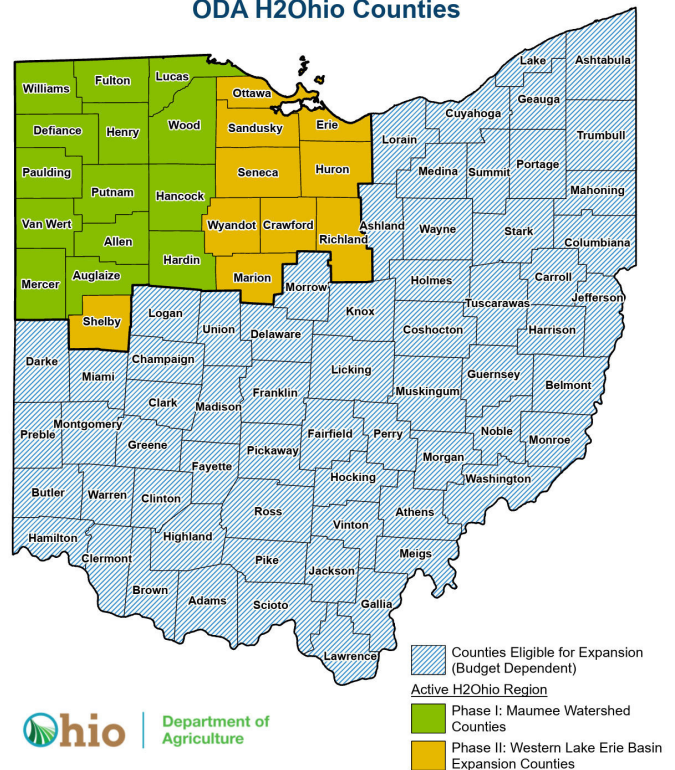
Ohio Department of Agriculture's (ODA) H2Ohio funds for the current budget (FY 23) are obligated to funding practices in the Western Lake Erie Basin (WLEB) project area.

ODA's funding request for FY24 - 25 biennium budget includes \$69 million per year to grow H2Ohio's footprint across the state.

Proposed goals for FY24 - 25 are dependent on H2Ohio funding awarded by the Ohio General Assembly through the State Operating Budget.



ODA H2Ohio Counties



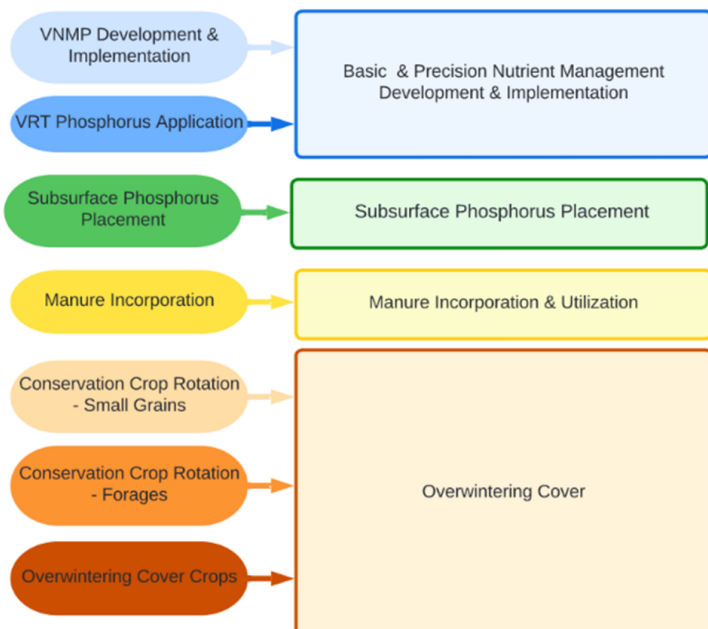
Western Lake Erie Basin Proposal

Goal: Grow enrollment to 2 million acres

- Accept new applications for best management practices (BMP) in the Maumee River Basin and WLEB expansion area for 2024 through 2026
- Promote contract extensions for existing participants to include 2026 practices

ODA is streamlining BMPs from seven practices to four to better serve enrolled producers. The Voluntary Nutrient Management Plan (VNMP) will continue to be the foundation of the program, and these changes will allow a more efficient program delivery. Practice requirements will be updated to provide producers more options to implement BMPs.

Proposed Best Management Practice Changes



Expansion Outside of WLEB

Goal: Promote VNMP development across 500,000 new acres

- Open enrollment for VNMP development across counties outside of the WLEB focusing on row crop agriculture
- Build capacity at Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) through nutrient management and agronomic education
- Facilitate relationships between SWCDs and local consultants, agronomists, and ag retailers

How do I apply?

Contact your local Soil and Water Conservation District