GLRI efforts to address HABs in the Great Lakes

Inland HABS Discussion Group Webinar

December 10, 2014

Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI)

- Obama Administration Initiative
  - FY10: $475 million
  - FY11: $300 million
  - FY12: $300 million
  - FY13: $284 million
  - FY14: $300 million
  - FY15: $275 million*

Great Lakes RESTORATION

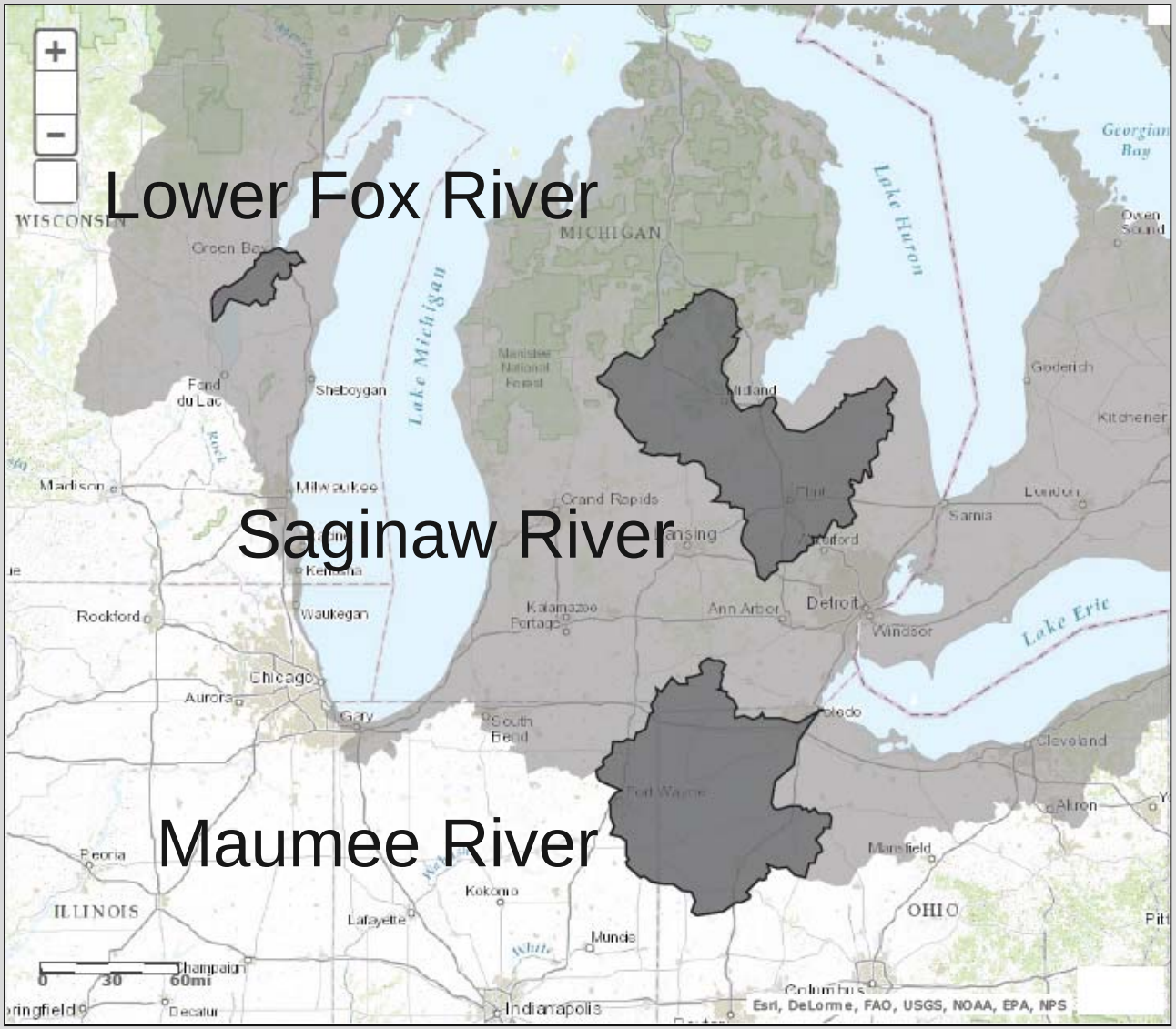
GLRI Action Plan I Focus Areas

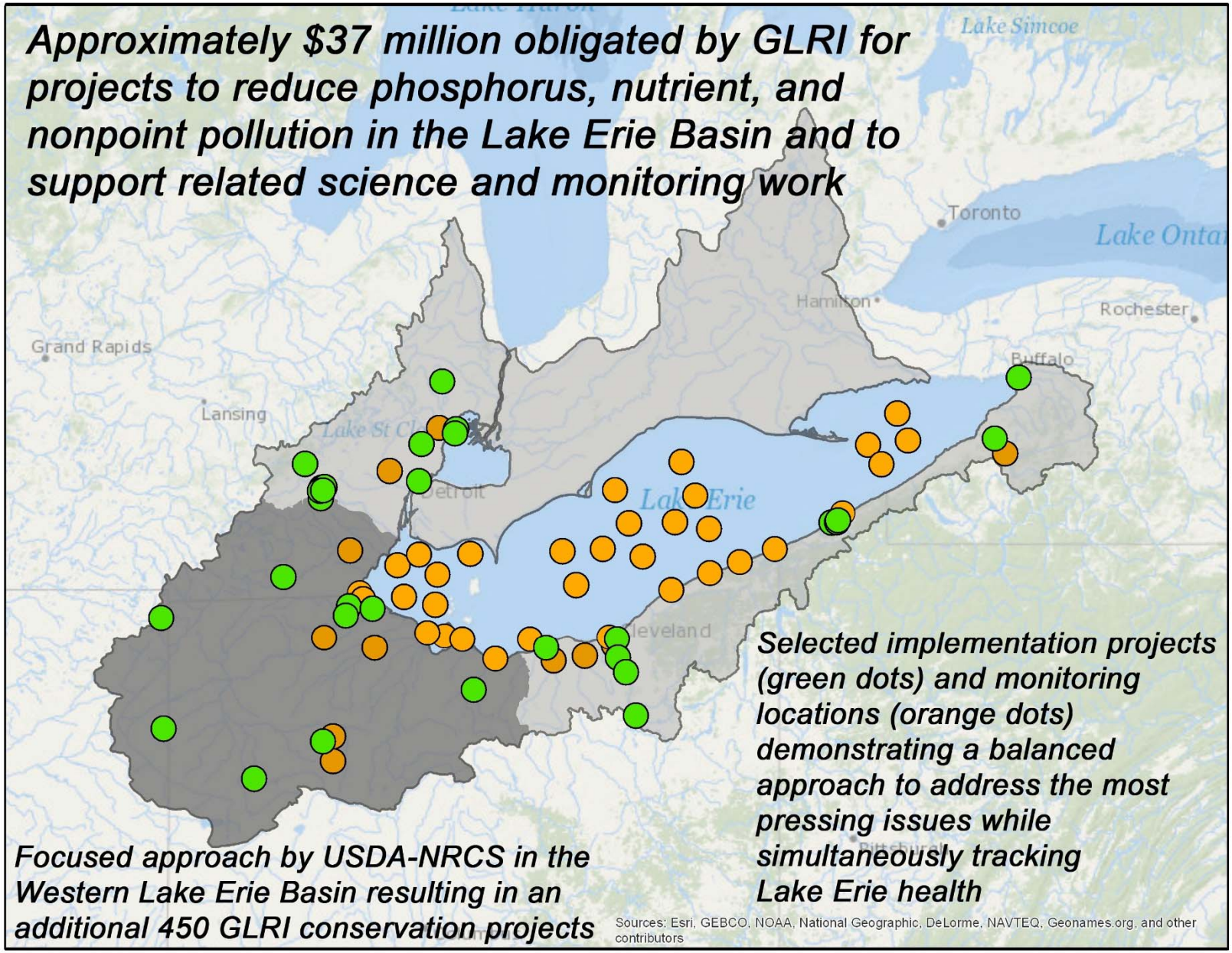
1. Toxics Substances and Areas of Concern
2. Invasive Species
3. **Nearshore Health and Nonpoint Source Pollution**
4. Habitat and Wildlife Protection and Restoration
5. Accountability, Education, Monitoring, Evaluation, Communication and Partnerships

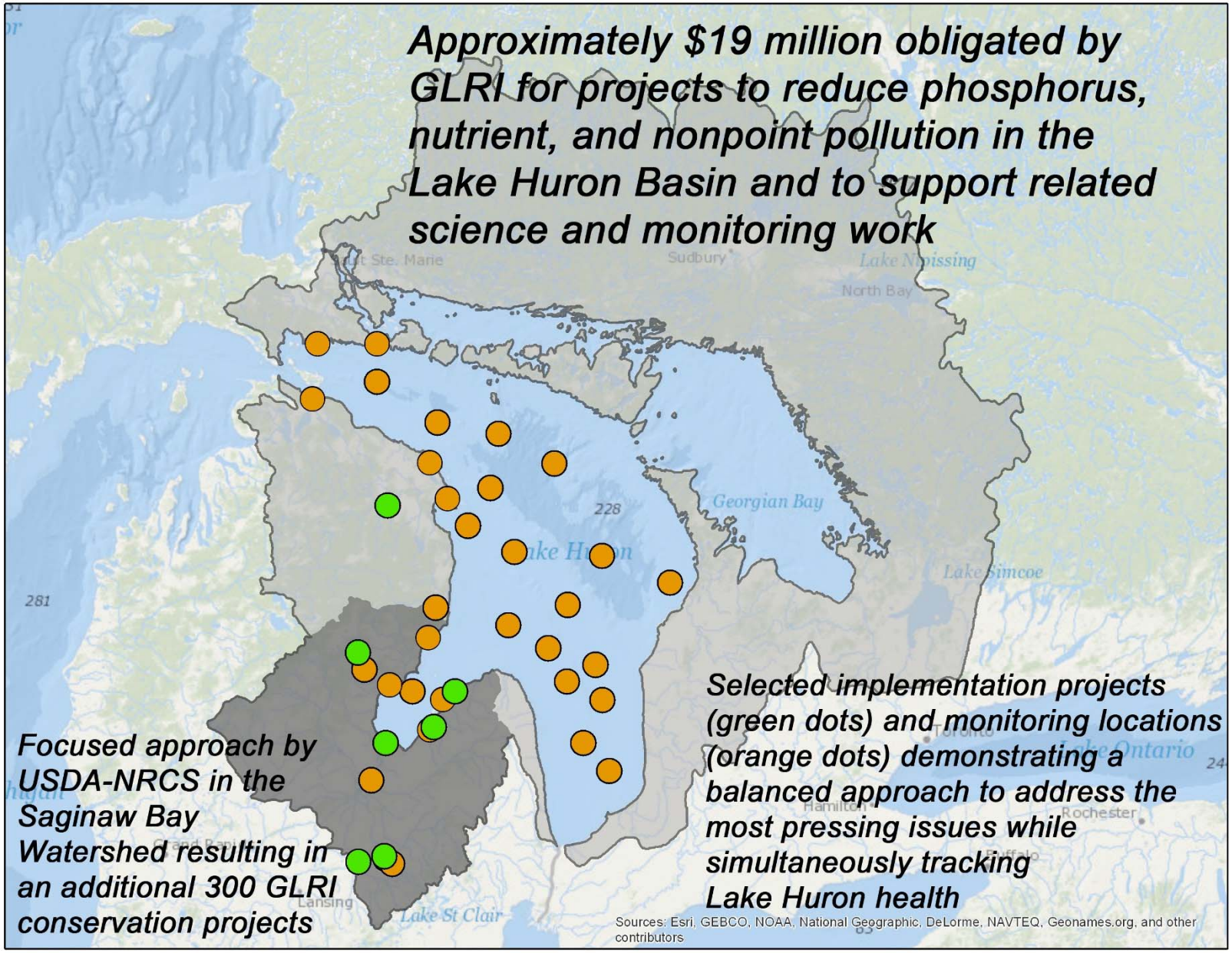
Original Priority Watershed Work Group Charges (August 2011)

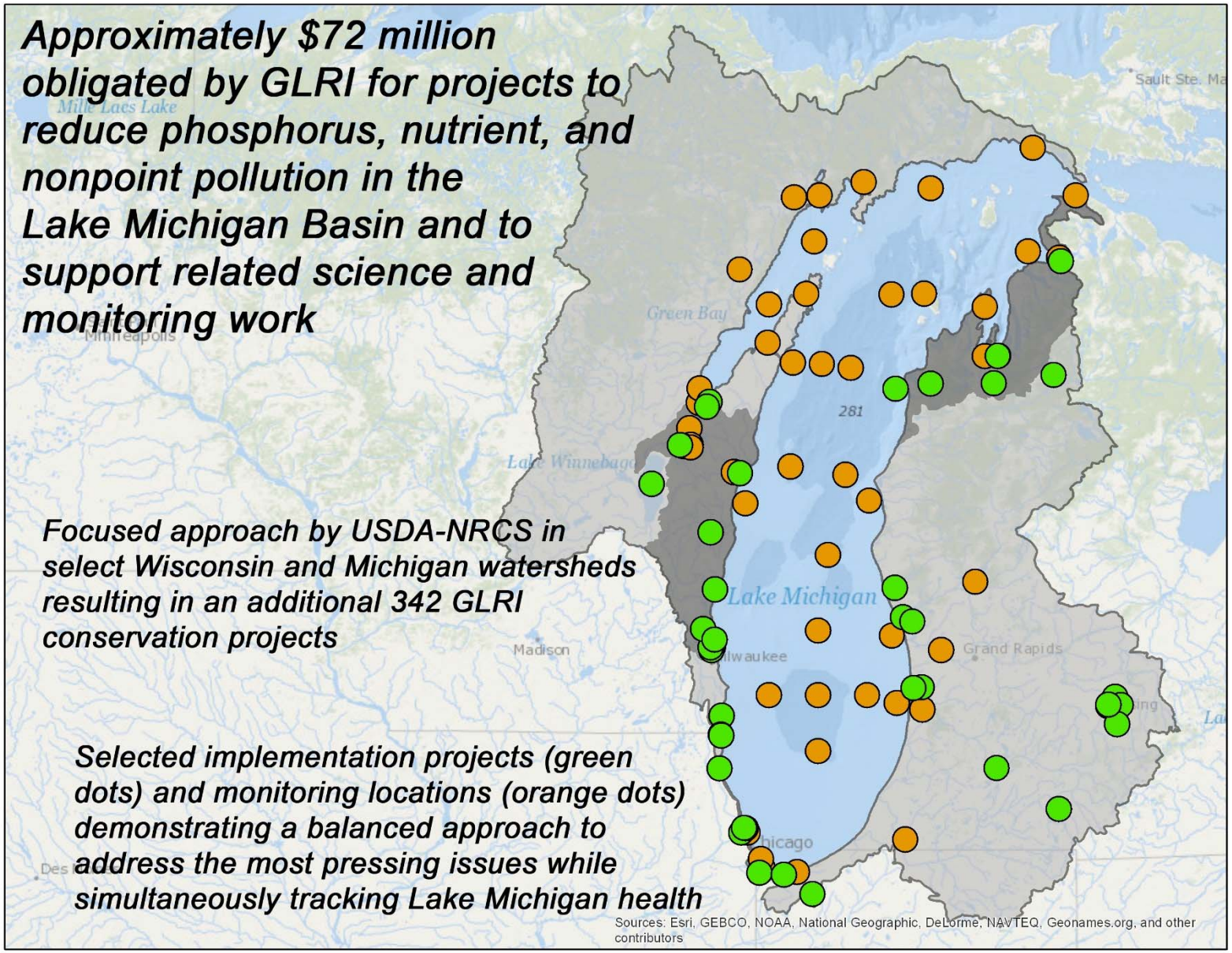
- understand from the best available science where most of the agricultural sources of phosphorus are coming from at the most granular scale possible;
- develop a list of priority sub-watersheds and inter-agency efforts for reducing phosphorus in those sub-watersheds;
- recommend GLRI funding needed for implementing the inter-agency efforts
- direct efforts to implement efforts
- ***evaluate the effectiveness of efforts so that efforts can be re-calibrated in the future***

GLRI Priority Watersheds

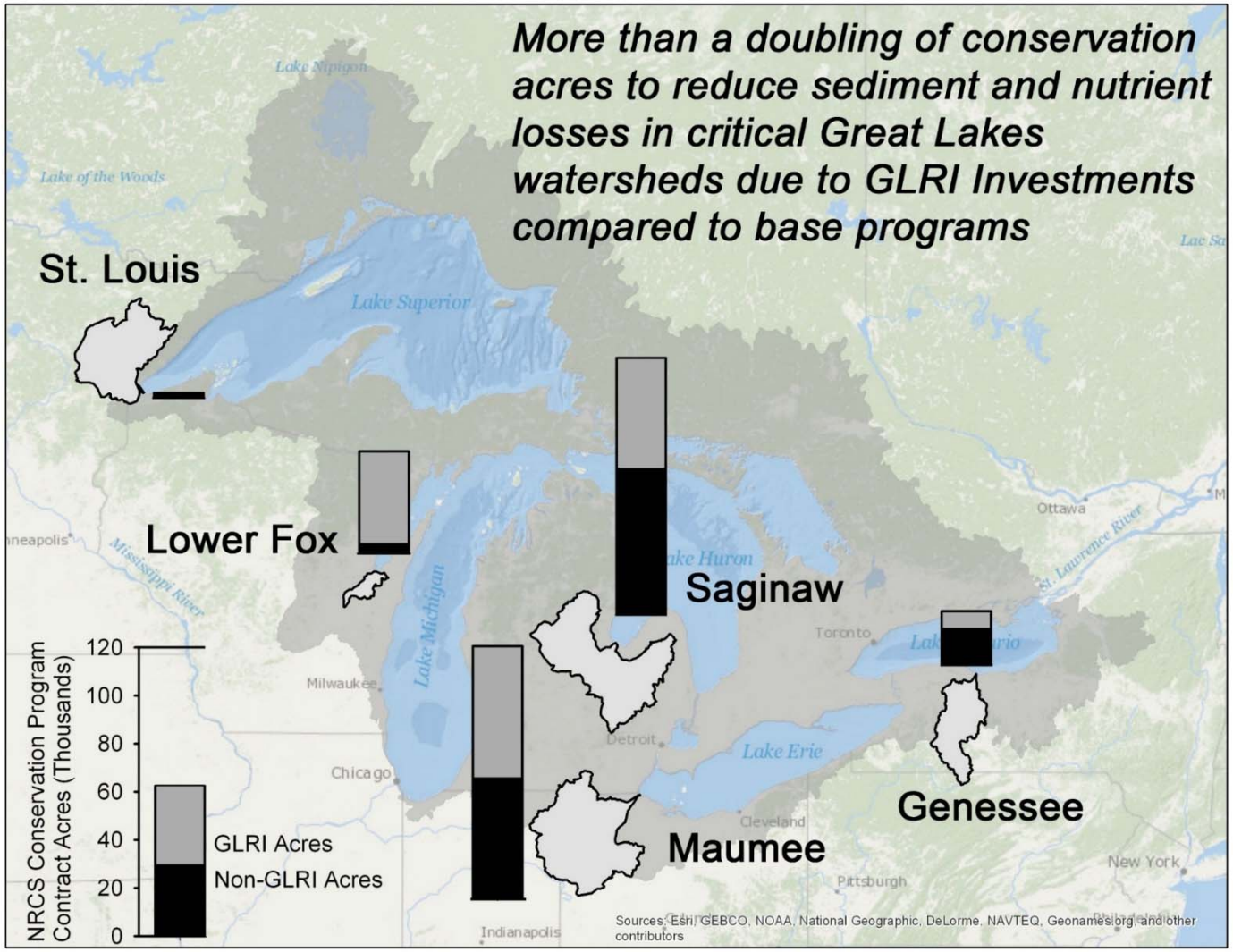




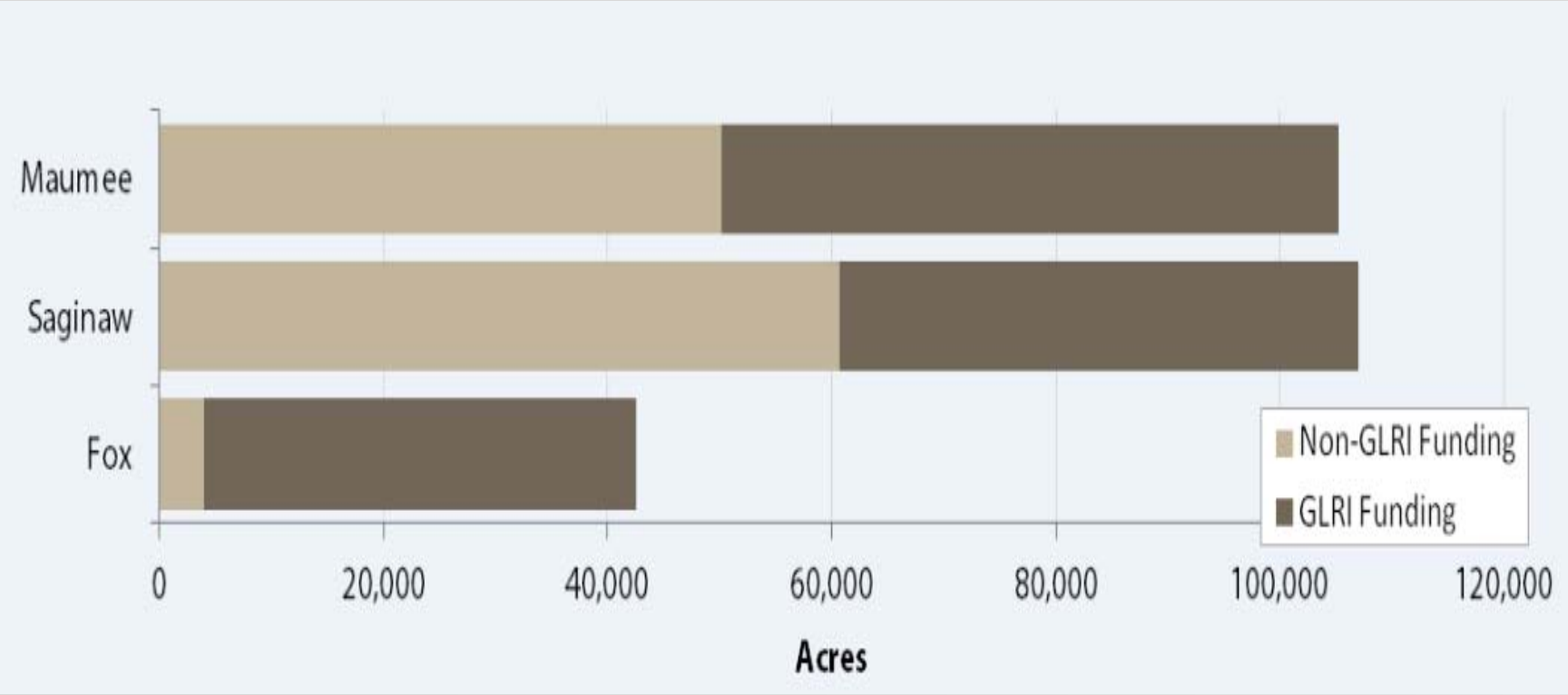




GLRI Priority Watershed Effort: Results FY2010-2013



NRCS FY10-13 Accomplishments
GLRI Priority Watersheds



GLRI Supports a Diversity of Voluntary, Incentive-Based, Regulatory, & Innovative Approaches

- Maumee
  - NRCS (*Voluntary/Incentive* – Farm Bill Programs)
  - Ohio EPA, ODNR, ODA (*Target Setting* – Lake Erie Phosphorus Targets Recommended Through Ohio Phosphorus Task Force II)
  - Ohio EPA (*Regulatory/Voluntary* – TMDL Implementation Plan)
  - Ohio State Extension (*Innovative* - Training Workshops for Fertilizer Dealers)
  - The Nature Conservancy/ACOE(*Innovative* – Two-Stage Ditches)

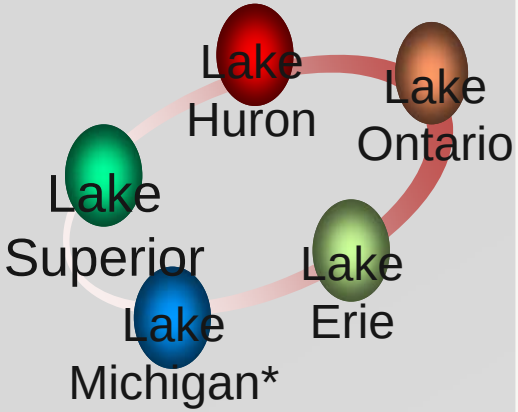
Ohio

Department of Agriculture
Department of Natural Resources
Environmental Protection Agency
Lake Erie Commission

Ohio Lake Erie Phosphorus Task Force II Final Report

Final Report
November 2013

2014 Lake Erie CSMI



- Western Lake Erie Basin nutrient dynamics (Ohio Lake Erie Commission)
  - Quantify internal nutrient loads to the water column
  - Evaluate role of river hydrology and/or seasonality of P loads to HAB formation and dynamics
  - Develop a nutrient mass budget

- Huron-Erie corridor water quality and coastal condition monitoring (US EPA ORD)
  - US EPA's National Coastal Condition Assessment pilot
  - Included sampling for microcystin

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WATERSHED MOMENT

Diving into the Lake Erie algae crisis that shut off our water supply.

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GLRI grants to Ohio, Michigan and Indiana to Target Harmful Algal Blooms in Lake Erie ($8.6 M)

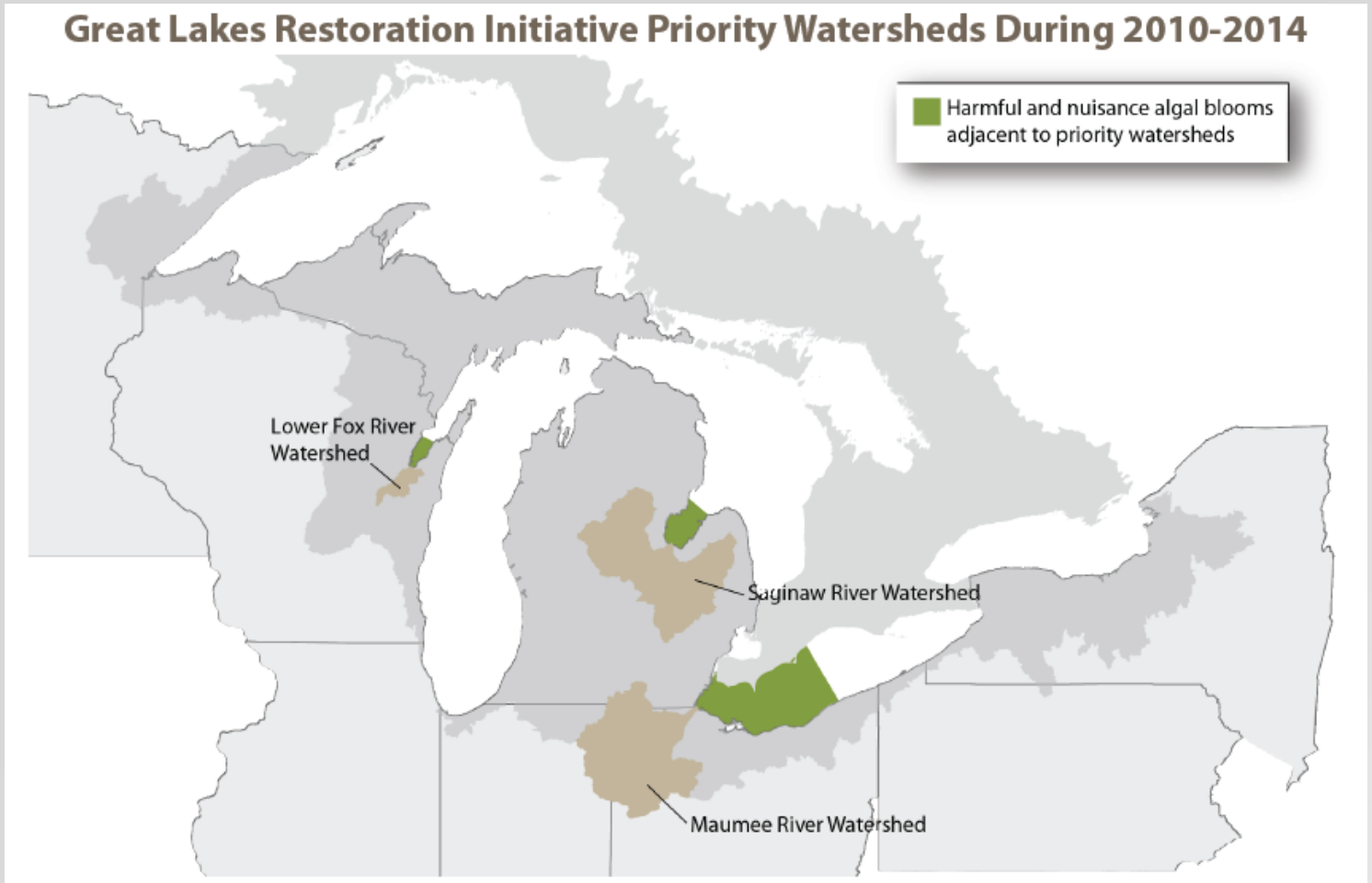
- Provide technical assistance and incentives to farmers in western Lake Erie watersheds to reduce phosphorus runoff that contributes to harmful algal blooms.

- Improve measurement of phosphorus loads in Lake Erie tributaries.

GLRI Action Plan II Principal Initiatives

1. Toxic Substances and Areas of Concern
2. Invasive Species
3. **Nonpoint Source Pollution Impacts on Nearshore Health**
4. Habitats and Species
5. Integrated Solutions to Cross-Cutting Issues

Objective I: Reduce nutrient loads from agricultural watersheds



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