

# The Sub-Basin Priority and Outcome Tracker (SPOT) Experience User Manual



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## Home

This page includes information about the Great Lakes Action Agenda (GLAA), the Sub-Basin Priority and Outcome Tracker (SPOT), and New York's Great Lakes sub-basins. Scroll through the page to read information regarding each.

- Click buttons where available to read more information (e.g., "Read the GLAA").

[Read the GLAA](#)

An interactive mapper is at the bottom of the page.

- Zoom in and out using the +/- buttons or by scrolling on the map.
- Click and drag the map to explore different areas.
- If pop-ups are enabled, clicking a map feature will display detailed attribute information.



At the top of the page, there are navigation tabs (e.g., "Home," "Lake Erie," "Get Involved," and "Contact Us").

- Click these tabs to move to that section (e.g., "Home").

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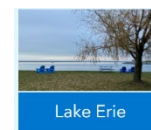
- Use the navigation controls to return to the home page.

## Watershed Pages

The navigation tabs at the top of the home page include the watershed pages: "Lake Erie," "SW Lake Ontario" (Southwest Lake Ontario), "SE Lake Ontario" (Southeast Lake Ontario), and "NE Lake Ontario" (Northeast Lake Ontario and St. Lawrence River). You can also navigate to the watershed pages using the buttons located at the bottom of the home page to the left of the interactive mapper (e.g., "Lake Erie"). Scroll through the watershed page for more information.

- Click the navigation tabs to move to that section (e.g., "Lake Erie").

[Lake Erie](#)   [SW Lake Ontario](#)   [SE Lake Ontario](#)   [NE Lake Ontario](#)



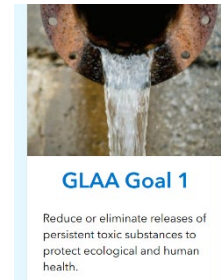
These pages include information about the sub-basin and an interactive mapper.

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At the bottom of each watershed page, you will see six goal cards which display the GLAA goals (e.g., “GLAA Goal 1: Reduce or eliminate releases of persistent toxic substances to protect ecological and human health.”).

- Hover over the goal cards to read the GLAA goal and the indicators we investigated.
- Click the goal cards to enter the goal dashboard, which will display the results related to the selected GLAA goal.



## Goal Dashboards

At the top of each goal dashboard, the GLAA goal is listed for reference. There are navigation tabs at the top right (e.g., “Sub-basin” and “Home”).

- Click these tabs to move to that section (e.g., “Sub-basin”).



- Use the navigation controls to return to the home page.

On the left side is a panel with sections displaying information about the dashboard or analyses completed.

- Click the expand button at the left of each section heading to expand or collapse the section.



- Scroll through each section for more information.
  - “About This Dashboard” provides information about what the dashboard displays.
  - “Indicators” outlines the indicators analyzed for this goal dashboard.
  - “Interactive Map” provides information about the interactive mapper and instructions on how to use it.
  - “Charts” presents information about the charts/figures shown in the dashboard.
  - “More Information” provides websites to learn more about the data sources used for analyses.
    - Click the links to access the websites.
      - [iMap Invasives Network](#)
      - [New York Invasive Species Info](#)
  - “Map Layers” outlines the layers shown on the interactive mapper. Click the legend button to show the map legend.

In the middle is an interactive mapper with the geolocated results of the analyses.

- Zoom in and out using the +/- buttons or by scrolling on the map.
- Click and drag the map to explore different areas.
- If pop-ups are enabled, clicking a map feature will display detailed attribute information.
- Search for a specific location using the search icon.
- Click the layer icon and select “Legend” to display the map legend.
- Click the basemap icon to change the basemap.
- Use the query button to filter by variable and download and export the data.



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On the right side is a panel with charts that display the results of the analyses. The “About the data” section outlines where the data were obtained.

- Click the right-pointing arrow to move to the next chart, if there is one.
- Click the left-pointing arrow to move to the previous chart, if there is one.
- Hover over the chart and select the expand button to make the chart full screen. Exit full screen by hitting the “X” at the top right corner or using the navigation arrows.

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## Get Involved

This page provides information on how to get involved in the collection of participatory science data. Scroll through the page for more details.

- Click the buttons below each participatory science program to learn more about it (e.g., “Explore iNaturalist”).

Explore iNaturalist

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Join the GLAA sub-basin work groups and connect with other group members by participating in the GLAA Sub-Basin Work Group Survey at the bottom of the page.

- Click the “Start now” button to begin taking the survey.

Start now

- Fill out the survey and hit the “Submit” button once complete.

Submit

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## Contact Us

This page provides information on how to contact the Great Lakes Program. Scroll through the page for further details.

- Click the “Learn More About the Great Lakes Program” button to be transferred to the “Great Lakes Action Agenda” webpage.

Learn More About the Great Lakes Program

- Click the “Sign Up for the GLP Newsletter” button to be transferred to where you can sign up for the Great Lakes Program Newsletter.

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