

Let's Talk Lake Ontario

Striking a Balance: Nutrients and Algae in Lake Ontario

Hosted by the Lake Ontario Partnership

Thursday, October 19, 2023; 12:00-1:00 p.m. ET

AGENDA (times given in ET)

12:00 – 12:02	Welcome Emma Tahirali, Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)
12:02 – 12:15	Nutrients and algae 101: Understanding and identifying algae, successes and challenges in managing nutrients Marie-Claire Doyle, Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)
12:15 – 12:20	Audience Q&A #1
12:20 – 12:40	Taking Action: Controlling nutrient inputs to the lake
	 Reducing nutrient impacts to Lake Ontario nearshore – Upgrades to wastewater infrastructure in the city of Toronto (10 min) Bill Snodgrass, Toronto Water Improving water quality in Western NY's Lake Ontario basin with soil health practices (10 min) Caitlin Tucker, American Farmland Trust
12:40 – 12:45	Audience Q&A #2
12:45 – 12:55	 How to report nuisance and harmful algae Emma Tahirali, MECP & Brian Duffy, NY State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) MECP reporting hotline DEC harmful algal bloom reporting
	 DEC narmal algar bloom reporting DEC nuisance algae reporting Other citizen science tools
12:55 – 1:00	News you can use: Steps you can take to reduce nutrient pollution and algal blooms in Lake Ontario