#### APPENDIX M

#### SUMMARY OF SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA NOMINATIONS

The following Special Management Area (SMA) nominations were compiled from public comments submitted to ODNR in 1977 and the results of a survey conducted by the Lake Erie Shore Area Redevelopment Task Force in 1988. To simplify the list, duplicate nominations have been condensed into one reference.

The list begins with Ohio's easternmost coastal county, Ashtabula, and ends at Lucas, the westernmost coastal county in the state. Within each county, the sites are also listed from east to west. The issues or problems of each site are briefly described, followed by the nominator's recommended course of action. This list is not intended to be all-inclusive, nor is it a workplan outlining SMAs that will be the focus of the Ohio Coastal Management Program. Furthermore, the recommendations are not necessarily those that will be implemented. The list merely reflects public concern and opinion. It is offered here as background material to show how ODNR staff created the eight generic APC categories described in the document text.

## **Ashtabula County**

- Conneaut Turkey Creek area
   Cold water stream that provides excellent fish habitat; undeveloped natural area and coastline
   with state park or preserve potential.
- Conneaut Port of Conneaut
   Industrial and commercial uses must be balanced with recreation and public access needs; increased sedimentation within breakwalls requires solution.
- 3. Conneaut Conneaut Creek
  Unique cold-water stream that should be protected from pollution; needs public access.
- 4. Conneaut Conneaut Township Park
  Needs erosion prevention and park maintenance to protect park's recreational values.
- 5. Route 531 Access Area Increased access to lakefront could help area realize recreational use potential.
- 6. Geneva-on-the-Lake Indian Creek
  Beach area should be protected; creek offers scenic area and good fishing opportunities.
- 7. Geneva-on-the-Lake Geneva Township Park
  Needs erosion prevention structures and park maintenance; pollution from public use of area should be monitored.

## 8. Ashtabula - Lake Shore Park

Heavy public use necessitates facility improvement; increasing sedimentation threatens use of boat ramps and requires either dredging or building of sand control structures.

## 9. Ashtabula - Port of Ashtabula

Increasing and competing uses threaten harbor's role in shipping, thus requiring locally directed shore area development; proposal for boat ramps threatens natural dunes area; dredging needed to keep harbor open; approved disposal facility for contaminated sediments must be secured.

## 10. Ashtabula - Ashtabula River

Water pollution must be controlled; dredging needed to improve boating and fishing opportunities.

## 11. Ashtabula - Walnut Beach Park

Development should be restricted to prevent degradation of natural values.

### 12. Saybrook-on-the-Lake

Damage from erosion is a continual concern that must be addressed.

## **Lake County**

## 1. Arcola Creek Estuary

One of Lake Erie's few remaining estuaries; harbors endangered plant species and may serve as spawning grounds; should be managed as a natural area.

### 2. Lake Erie Viticultural Region

Prime agricultural lands should be maintained for grape production.

## 3. North Perry - Perry Nuclear Power Plant

Must be carefully managed to prevent nuclear contamination of Lake Erie and surrounding area.

## 4. Painesville-on-the-Lake - Painesville Township Park

Severe coastal erosion threatens park and recreational use.

## 5. Diamond Shamrock

Hazardous waste site that must be protected from shoreline erosion.

### 6. Fairport Harbor - Grand River

Intense competition between users requires comprehensive management; need for increased boating facilities; dredge spoil disposal problems.

#### 7. Fairport Harbor - Marsh along Grand River

Natural preserve or passive recreational area should be established to protect marshlands.

## 8. Mentor - Mentor Headlands State Park

Should be protected from increasing development pressures along adjacent proper ties.

## 9. Mentor - Mentor Marsh

Should be protected from threat of improper waste disposal and development.

### 10. Mentor - Mentor Lagoons

Area is used as a dump and public access is limited; should be managed to pro vide fishing and recreational use access.

## 11. Eastlake - Chagrin River

Low water levels and lack of dredging has created problems for recreational boaters; Chagrin River Islands are unique natural areas that should be protected against development.

## 12. Willowick

Severe erosion threatens private property; lakefront park and recreational access should be developed.

## **Cuyahoga County**

#### 1. Euclid - East 270th Street

Small, undeveloped area should be maintained as a park.

## 2. Euclid - Euclid Park

Park's natural values are endangered by proposed marina development and shoreline erosion.

#### 3. Euclid - Sims Park

Natural area is threatened by proposed development and erosion.

#### 4. Euclid - Shoreline area

Needs additional Lake Erie access facilities and erosion control structures.

# 5. Cleveland - Lakefront State Park

Parks (Edgewater, Donald Gray Gardens, Kirtland, Gordon, White City, Wildwood) need regular maintenance to provide adequate Lake Erie Access; erosion and pollution problems.

#### 6. Cleveland to Lorain

Underwater park should be developed to preserve shipwrecks and maritime heritage.

### 7. Cleveland - Villa Angela site

Property adjacent to Wildwood Park offers recreational benefits that warrant protection for minimal development.

#### 8. Cleveland - Nicholson Terminal

Should be managed as a State Park to utilize recreation potential.

### 9. Cleveland - E. 55th Nike Site

Increased parking and access facilities are needed to develop use as a recreation area.

### 10. Cleveland - Lakefront between E. 9th and E. 55th.

Intensive competition between users (recreational, industrial, commercial, shipping, etc.) requires comprehensive management to provide balance.

## 11. Cleveland - The Flats

Increasing competition for land and growing conflicts between industrial, residential, and entertainment/retail concerns requires clear land-use planning.

## 12. Cleveland - East bank of Cuyahoga River near Superior Ave.

Only part of downtown Cuyahoga River that is not bulkheaded; offers aesthetic and recreational values.

## 13. Cleveland - Cuyahoga Riverfront/Harbor

Commercial harbor should be managed primarily for shipping concerns.

## 14. Cleveland - Whiskey Island

Recreational development could yield better Lake Erie access.

#### 15. Lakewood - Lakewood Park

Threatened by intensive use and erosion of shale bluffs.

#### 16. Rocky River - Rocky River Park

Threatened by coastal erosion and overuse; needs facilities and safe harbor access.

## 17. Bay Village - Bay Village Boat Club

Use of existing private launch area would yield greater public benefits if purchased and managed by the state.

## 18. Bay Village - Huntington Park

Congested use dictates need for increased access and parking facilities.

## **Lorain County**

## 1. Avon Lake

Breakwater needed to minimize erosion damage to property.

## 2. Avon Lake - Avon Lake Point

Good fishing structure needs better access facilities.

#### 3. Avon Lake - Veteran's Memorial Park

Needs erosion control and additional development to maximize recreation potential.

#### 4. Avon Lake - Miller Road Park

Needs additional access facilities (especially for anglers).

## 5. Sheffield Lake - City Park

Offers Lake Erie access, boating and fishing opportunities; proposed boat ramp would encourage use.

## 6. Lorain - Cromwell Park Area

Recreational boating should be encouraged by new marina development.

# 7. Lorain - Black River southwest of Henderson Ave. Bridge

Undeveloped, riverfront land that could support marina development.

## 8. Lorain - Black River south of Bascule Bridge

Revitalization would stimulate economy and provide access to riverfront.

# 9. Lorain - Griffith Asphalt Property

Launch facility is needed; only remaining site on the Black River where boat ramp is feasible.

## 10. Lorain - Diked Disposal Site

Could be developed to provide additional Lake Erie access.

## 11. Lorain - Port of Lorain

Commercial and recreational uses must be balanced by clear land-use planning.

## 12. Lorain - Lorain County Lakefront

Limit industry; emphasize recreation; develop Ohio version of "New York Seaway Trail;" revive lakefront state park idea.

## 13. Lorain - Lorain Lighthouse

Listed in National Register of Historic Places; needs structural restoration.

## 14. Lorain - Hole-in-the-Wall Beach

Natural beach needs protection and improvement, particularly increased access and clean-up; artificial reef should be completed.

## **Erie County**

## 1. Vermilion - Vermilion River Park

Develop historical area, scenic park, beach, fishing wall, and boat harbor; provide for public access in Central Basin.

# 2. Vermilion - Lagoons Beach

Recreational area is being damaged by beach pollution and coastal erosion.

## 3. Vermilion - Port of Vermilion

Competing recreational and industrial uses must be balanced.

#### 4. Vermilion - West Lake Road

Bird sanctuary that suffers from lakefront exposure to storm and flood erosion needs protection.

## 5. Vermilion - Sherod Park

City park needs increased access, erosion control, facilities and beach restoration.

## 6. Chappel Creek

Wetland characteristics and fish spawning potential should be preserved by state acquisition of land.

### 7. Old Woman Creek

As only remaining, undeveloped estuary in Lake Erie, should be further protected against additional encroachment.

## 8. Huron - Dikes Disposal Site

Increase recreational access for anglers on fill area.

### 9. Huron - Huron Harbor

Competing recreational and industrial concerns must be balanced by clear, land-use planning; area with little commercial use could be developed for recreation al boating.

## 10. Huron - Huron River marshes

Valuable ecological characteristics of riverine marsh should be protected.

### 11. Sandusky - Sheldon's Marsh State Nature Preserve

Potential development threatens wildlife; State should acquire additional lands, restrict development, and assure adequate funding for continued operations.

#### 12. Sandusky - Cedar Point

Represents one of only three major sand spit complexes on Lake Erie; remaining undisturbed sand spits should be preserved whenever possible (such designation should be included within the Cedar Point Amusement Park Master Plan).

#### 13. Sandusky - Port of Sandusky

Recreational interests are threatening industrial uses; proper balance must be maintained.

### 14. Kelleys Island - Kelleys Island State Park

Needs increased public access to realize recreational use potential (campground improvement and boating facilities).

## 15. Sandusky Bay - Mudflats

Natural values should be protected through government acquisition.

## 16. East Sandusky Bay

Comprehensive master plan must be developed to address shipping, hunting, fishing, marina, condominium, wetland issues; state park status could guard against threats to natural integrity.

## 17. East Sandusky Bay - Big Island Wetlands

Should be managed as wildlife refuge and outdoor education area.

## **Sandusky County**

## 1. Miller's Spring

Wildlife values of unique natural spring should be protected.

# 2. Southern Sandusky Bay - Ohio Power lands

Beaches, woodlands and marshes should be preserved in a natural state.

## 3. Western Sandusky Bay (including Muddy Creek Bay)

Important stopover point for migratory waterfowl should be preserved in a natural state.

## 4. Fremont - Eastern Sandusky River Shoreline

Extensive riverbank erosion needs stabilization.

#### 5. Fremont - Peninsular Farms

Area of great historical and natural value should be converted into a regional park.

#### 6. Fremont - Brady's Island

Aesthetic and wildlife values must be protected against development.

## **Ottawa County**

## 1. Bay Point

Wetlands should be protected from development.

## 2. Sandusky Bay

Needs organized zoning and planning to alleviate boat launch pressure; additional public access.

## 3. Sandusky Bay - West Harbor, East Harbor, Marblehead

Limit encroaching sprawl, condominium development, and boat overcrowding.

## 4. Marblehead - Marblehead Lighthouse

Historical significance of lighthouse could be preserved and promoted with more expenditures on signs, displays and parking.

#### 5. East Harbor State Park

Excessive shoreline erosion should be controlled to prevent negative impacts on recreational use; development should be carefully planned to minimize negative impacts.

## 6. Catawba Island - Gem Beach

Only sand beach on island should be acquired for public benefit rather than private development.

### 7. Catawba Island - West Harbor Channel

Channel should be dredged and widened to promote access.

## 8. South Bass Island - Put-In-Bay

Needs better management to limit over-development and control shore erosion.

## 9. Middle Bass Island

Aesthetic and natural values should be preserved by using "planned" development.

## 10. North Bass Island - Fox's Marsh

Acquire this special island habitat for preservation purposes.

#### 11. Port Clinton Area

Preserve natural areas against development pressures and manage harbor for water-dependent shipping interests.

## 12. Portage River

Channel from Port Clinton to Oak Harbor should be dredged to allow passage of recreational craft; canal from Portage River to Sandusky Bay should be considered; wetlands should be preserved.

## 13. Little Portage River, Oak Harbor, and Meadow Brook Area

Wetlands should be protected against encroaching growth.

# 14. Toussaint River

Should be dredged to allow for navigation into Lake Erie.

# 15. Turtle Creek

Boater safety problems require improved management.

## 16. Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Plant

Site should be carefully regulated to prevent destruction or harm to Lake Erie drinking water source.

# **Lucas County**

1. Metzger Marsh Prohibit erosion from damaging marshland values.

# 2. Jerusalem Township Shoreline

Restore sand beaches and minimize impact of shoreline erosion; protect historical sites; discourage development on sand beaches; rebuild pier and entrance to Cooley Canal.

## 3. Jerusalem Township - Niles Beach

Limit development to protect archaeological site.

## 4. Cedar Point National Wildlife Reserve

Control erosion to maintain marshland and wildlife values.

## 5. Oregon - Southshore Park

Needs renovation to enhance shoreline for public access.

#### 6. Otter Creek

Because creek runs through two landfills and an oil refinery, water quality must be monitored.

## 7. Duck Creek

Lime sludge and refinery wastewater pollute creek; requires water quality monitoring.

## 8. Toledo - Port of Toledo

Industrial, shipping, and commercial activities yield substantial local, economic gains and must be properly managed to ensure continual benefits.

## 9. Toledo - Maumee River and Bay

Toxic effluents, siltation, raw sewage from ditches, waste landfills, and dredging all affect ecosystem; must be managed to protect natural values (particularly fisheries industry).

## 10. Toledo - Ottawa River

River runs through heavy industrial area and must be monitored for water quality.

## 11. Toledo - Point Place

Subject to lake and river flooding and poor internal drainage; structural protection is needed to minimize flooding damages.