EcoScore
Presented by the Great Lakes Clean Communities Network
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The EcoScore is a framework offered to members of the Great Lakes Clean Communities Network (GLCCN) online at www.glccn.org. The overall goal of the EcoScore is to give Great Lakes communities and watershed planning bodies the ability to describe and measure their ecological health based on a series of questions about 12 water and land indicators. Participating members establish a baseline ecological health score, identify areas for improvement, and track ecological improvements and progress toward science-based goals over time by completing annual Eco-Evaluations.

Participating communities are eligible to apply for a Community Partnership Program offered through the GLCCN for installing practices that improve water quality. Furthermore, communities that achieve 100% of the total points possible for their EcoScore receive special recognition as a designated "Great Lakes Clean Community."

The current version of the EcoScore focuses on establishing a sound foundation on which to drive ecological improvements in the Great Lakes Basin. The evaluation centers around a community's specific planning, programming, monitoring and implementation activities. EcoScore development was led by The Nature Conservancy with the Michigan State University Institute of Water Research.

Features
- Proven framework to evaluate a community's ecological health
- Track progress toward environmental goals each year
- Review regional averages for scores
- Print detailed and customizable reports
- Companion workbook available to guide users through the process
- Opportunities for recognition by achieving the "Great Lakes Clean Community" Designation
- Freely available on GLCCN

Water and Land Indicators
- Green Infrastructure
- Combined Sewer Overflows
- Healthy Rivers and Streams
- EPA Water Quality Violations
- Phosphorus
- Wetlands
- Impervious Surface
- Brownfield Sites
- Urban Tree Canopy
- Built Environment
- Open Space Preservation
- Recycling Rate