

# Scientists Teach Region about Climate

## Purpose

The Ohio State University Climate Change Outreach Team is a multi-departmental initiative within the university to help localize the climate change issue for Ohioans and Great Lakes residents.

Created in 2008, the team works with university faculty to create outreach tools to get climate research information out to the public. Through such tools as a webinar series, informal educational displays, and secondary education curricula, the team collaborates with experts from around the country to teach the public about issues and impacts the region could face with a changing climate.

## Impact

The Climate Team has educated more than 34,000 people representing 500+ organizations from governmental agencies, academia, non-profits, private industry, and the legislature through its flagship Global Change, Local Impact monthly webinar series and archives. The team is considered the go-to organization for Great Lakes climate information.

Agencies such as the National Park Service and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, as well as secondary schools and informal education facilities use the team's programming as teaching tools for their climate-related programs.

The team launched the first and only online regional repository for Great Lakes climate information at [greatlakesclimate.com](http://greatlakesclimate.com) in 2013.

## Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

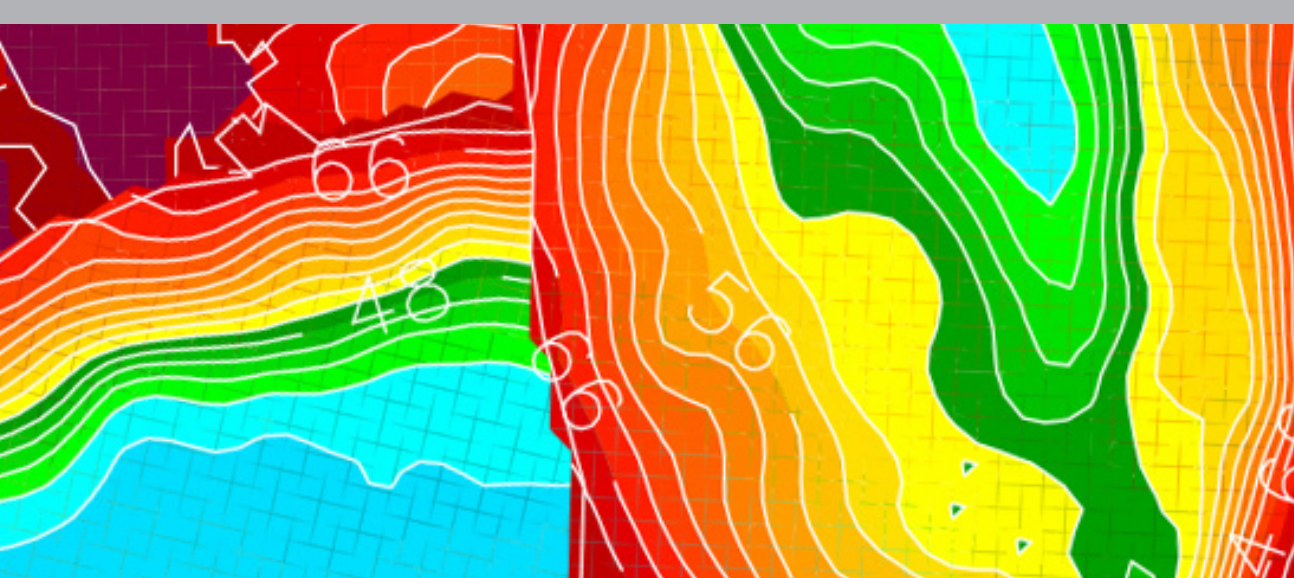
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Carbon, Water, and Climate Program  
Department of Geography  
Department of Evolution, Ecology, and Organismal Biology

## Community Partners Involved

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
Cuyahoga County (Ohio) Board of Health  
Ohio Department of Health  
Great Lakes Commission  
Great Lakes Landscape Conservation Cooperative  
Great Lakes Regional Water Program  
Great Lakes Sea Grant Network  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)  
NOAA National Sea Grant Program  
NOAA Coastal Services Center  
NOAA Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory  
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