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Today Gov. John R. Kasich and members of his Cabinet announced major new multi-agency initiatives that make available significant resources to local communities and the agriculture community to help further strengthen protections for Lake Erie water quality and local drinking water supplies. Details of the initiatives can be found [here](#).

Here's what stakeholders are saying.

Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Kris Swartz, Vice President

"This multi-faceted announcement proves Ohio's commitment to improving the health of Lake Erie," said Kris Swartz, Vice President of the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. "Ohio's soil and water conservation districts are actively working with farmers to implement best management practices and this additional funding will allow us to help more producers by getting additional practices on the ground now. We look forward to working with our partners at ODNR and Ohio's continued leadership in improving water quality."

The Nature Conservancy in Ohio, Josh Knights, Executive Director

"We welcome today's announcement of immediate actions to address the ongoing challenge of restoring and sustaining a healthy Lake Erie," said Josh Knights, executive director of The Nature Conservancy in Ohio. "These initiatives to curb additional nutrients from entering our streams and to protect a drinking water source for millions of Ohioans are one more step in the right direction. We look forward to working with our state partners and other stakeholders on further actions to protect this tremendous natural asset for current and future generations."

The Ohio Farm Bureau Federation

"As we have seen in recent weeks, the importance of protecting our water resources is of the highest priority. We know that solving the problem will require a comprehensive approach that addresses all of the factors that are contributing to our water quality challenges. Ohio Farm Bureau appreciates Gov. Kasich's announcement today that the state will be investing \$1.25 million in conservation techniques that farmers can use to help them continue their work to protect water quality. Ohio farmers are committed to doing their part to address our water quality challenges, and we're glad to see the governor's multifaceted approach includes \$150 million in investments for upgrades to drinking water and wastewater treatment infrastructure and \$2 million in additional research."

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