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**Advocates for a Clean Lake Erie**

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**FOR EARTH DAY, ADVOCATES CALL FOR “MORATORIUM ON CAFOS”**  
**Will make announcement at Point Place presentation Saturday, 12:45 pm**

**TOLEDO** – After a year of effort on behalf of the lake, Advocates for a Clean Lake Erie said today it has learned enough about the harmful effects of factory farms to call for a moratorium on permitting any more of them in the Western Lake Erie watershed.

The group will explain its decision at a news conference on Saturday, 12:45pm, just prior to a showing of a newly-revised version of “The Third Battle for Lake Erie,” at the Friendship Park Community Center on 131<sup>st</sup> St. in Point Place.

“When we started ACLE just 13 months ago, our sole concern was the health of Lake Erie. Since then we’ve learned how these huge factory farms feed the toxic algae and it’s our belief the lake just can’t take any more of them,” said Susan Matz, an ACLE coordinator. “Until existing CAFO operators decide to do business without poisoning our drinking water we certainly don’t want any more of them in our watershed.”

Matz added that “Just the two largest dairy CAFOs in the watershed, out of about 150 that exist, generate manure equal to the annual sewage output of Perrysburg, Sylvania, Maumee, Defiance, Fremont, Fostoria and Dayton. All that feces, urine and wastewater is dumped, untreated, on fields that drain into our lake causing Toledoans to pay more every year to detoxify our drinking water.”

The group’s revised slide show, “The Third Battle for Lake Erie,” acknowledges the many sources of excess nutrient pollution harming the lake, but now makes the case that CAFOs are the key to the problem.

[“Tree Toledo,”](#) a citizens group with a goal to plant 282,313 trees -- one for every resident of Toledo -- will be at the program with free tree seedlings to give away.

The program at 1:00pm is free and open to the public.

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