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White Lake Restoration

An industrial manufacturing era, along with increased residential development and municipal discharges, took an ecological toll on White Lake, beginning in the 1950s. In 1985, due to White Lake's history of pollution, state and federal environmental authorities placed White Lake on a list of Areas of Concern, where pollution and other problems were serious enough to endanger aquatic life.

Beginning in 2003, there was more focus on removing individual Beneficial Use Impairments. The Public Advisory Council, the Muskegon Conservation District and the state worked from 2006 through 2010 to establish processes for deciding when and how White Lake's Beneficial Use impairments could be removed.

Grand Valley State University-Annis Water Resources Institute, which has provided assistance through scientific research and assistance, was an essential partner. In 2015 White Lake was removed from the list of AOCs.