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County Executive Discusses Lake Erie Quadrangle National Marine Sanctuary

Erie County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper will discuss the Lake Erie Quadrangle National Marine Sanctuary application on public television this week.

Hosted by Tom New, she will be featured on Perspective: Lake Erie Quadrangle Marine Sanctuary on WQLN Television at 8:00 PM on Thursday, February 19 and 2:00 PM on Sunday, February 22, 2015.

The proposed marine sanctuary will be an area of protected water that preserves the scenic beauty, biodiversity, historical connections, and economic productivity in the waters of Lake Erie. The main focus of the Lake Erie Quadrangle will be the preservation and protection of the known and undiscovered shipwrecks within the 2,500 square miles in both the United States and Canada.

"I would like to thank Tom New and the multimedia team at WQLN for the opportunity to educate the citizens and stakeholders of Erie County and gain support for this initiative. Education is critical at this point in time. We need to ensure the public is aware of this effort and the opportunity this designation can provide," commented County Executive Dahlkemper.

For the first time in two decades, the National Atmospheric and Oceanic Administration (NOAA) is accepting applications from communities along the shores of the United States to be considered as national marine sanctuaries.

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