



TOP FIVE QUESTIONS TO ASK CANDIDATES FOR ELECTED OFFICE

Voters like you can make sure that the Great Lakes and clean water are part of the election-year conversation. In 2022, many federal, state, and local offices are on the ballot around the Great Lakes region. Seven Great Lakes states – New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, and Wisconsin – have gubernatorial elections. Five states have U.S. Senate races on the ballot. All seats in the U.S. House of Representatives are up for election in the fall. And numerous state and local offices are on the ballot.

Asking candidates for any office where they stand on Great Lakes issues raises awareness, highlights the issues, and allows us as constituents to hold elected officials accountable once they take office. To get you started, here are five questions to ask candidates for elected office.



TELL YOUR STORY

Incorporate your own story when asking questions of candidates for elected office. You can modify these questions by replacing “Great Lakes” with your home lake. And be sure to make these questions your own by sharing your personal experiences. Telling your story can be powerful and can help to get attention for issues you care about.



What is your number one Great Lakes policy priority?



What policies will you put in place to ensure Great Lakes communities have safe, clean, and affordable drinking water?



If elected, what would you do in your first 100 days in office to protect the Great Lakes for people who live, work and play in the region and depend on them for drinking water?



What will you do to increase much-needed funding for the Great Lakes region's failing drinking and wastewater infrastructure and ensure that no one loses access to water and sewer services because of an inability to pay?



How will you ensure that businesses, from industrial facilities to industrial agricultural, are held accountable for pollution flowing into our waterways?