



Register Now: April 25th Water Always Wins Virtual Discussion with Author Erica Gies



WATER ALWAYS WINS A VIRTUAL CONVERSATION WITH SCIENCE JOURNALIST & AUTHOR ERICA GIES

Thursday, April 25th
6-7:30 pm | Zoom Webinar

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Register to join PennFuture and author Erica Gies for a virtual discussion of her book, [Water Always Wins: Thriving in an Age of Drought and Deluge!](#)

Erica Gies, an accomplished science journalist and author, challenged us to reconsider our attempts to control water in *Water Always Wins*. A Rachel Carson Award for Excellence in Environmental Journalism winner, *Water Always Wins* introduces us to the “Slow Water Movement.” By sharing the stories of “water detectives” around the globe who are figuring out what water wants, Erica inspires us to reconsider our own relationship with water.

Erica will discuss what brought her to publish this book, including her introductions to the global water detectives from whom she shares stories. We’ll also explore how a shift in our relationship with water and our efforts to control it could help protect the Lake Erie Watershed.

When: Thursday, April 25th, from 6 to 7:30 pm

Where: [Register here for the Zoom link!](#)

Cost: FREE! But you can head over to our friends at [Pressed Books + Coffee + Gifts](#) to grab a copy of *Water Always Wins*! Book sales support PennFuture!

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Great Lakes Day 2024: Advocating for Lake Erie in Washington, D.C.



From Left: Jenny Tompkins, PennFuture Campaign Manager, Ben Gilsdorf, Legislative Aide for Senator Bob Casey, Joe Lewis, PennWest Edinboro University, Joe Greco, BEG Group & NWPAs Trout Unlimited Chapter Board Member, & Catherine Segada, Mercyhurst University

PennFuture, as the State Lead for the [Healing Our Waters-Great Lakes Coalition \(HOW Coalition\)](#), annually facilitates the Pennsylvania Delegation's legislative meetings for [Great Lakes Day](#) in Washington, D.C. On March 7th, our four-person PA Delegation had the opportunity to meet with Congressman Mike Kelly and staff from Senator Casey's and Fetterman's offices.

PennFuture is thankful for the participation of Joe Greco, BEG Group President and NWPAs Trout Unlimited Chapter Board Member, Joe Lewis, a PennWest Edinboro University senior, and Catherine Segada, a Mercyhurst University senior, as team members this year.

Advocating for additional funding under the **Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI)** remains critical as the GLRI supports projects in the PA Lake Erie Watershed and across that basin vital for managing invasive species, restoring habitats, and reducing nutrient runoff. Despite the FY 2024 federal budget uncertainties, the Coalition set our sights on FY 2025, requesting a fully appropriated **\$450 million for GLRI in FY 2025**. With appropriations for GLRI currently running through FY 2026, the Coalition is also focused on Congress the recently introduced [GLRI Act of 2024](#) which outlines annual appropriations of \$500 million for the GLRI from FY 2027 through FY 2031.

Team members also spoke with legislators about increasing **water infrastructure funding**, boosting **Farm Bill** clean water and conservation programs, and **protecting the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act** clean water and climate initiatives.

PennFuture is proud to partner with the HOW Coalition to highlight the federal government's critical role in protecting the largest freshwater system on the planet.



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- [Microplastics found in remote waters near Great Lakes in 'alarming' new study](#), FOX 2 Detroit
- [Fewer fish and more algae? Scientists seek to understand impacts of historic lack of Great Lakes ice](#), The Associated Press
- [From the Ice Age to Now: A Lake Erie timeline](#), Great Lakes Now
- [Biden-Harris Administration Announces More than \\$35 million to selectees to Fund Environmental Justice Projects Across the Great Lakes](#), EPA
- [Climate change is throwing the water cycle into chaos across the US](#), NBC News



Upcoming Events, Deadlines, & Comment Opportunities

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PennFuture-Led Events:

Thursday, April 25th: [Water Always Wins: A Virtual Conversation with Science Journalist & Author Erica Gies](#), 6-7:30 pm, Zoom Webinar, PennFuture is partnering with Pressed Books + Coffee + Gifts! Book sales support PennFuture!

Wednesday, May 15th: [PennFuture's 25th Anniversary Celebration - Pittsburgh](#), 6-9 pm, The National Aviary

Community Events & Public Meetings:

Tuesday, April 9th: [Great Lakes Coastal Resiliency Study - Pennsylvania Virtual Public Meeting](#), 3-5:30 pm, US Army Corps of Engineers - Meeting link to be posted April 1st.

Tuesday, April 16th: [Choose Native Virtual Mini-Workshop](#), 6-8 pm, Pennsylvania Sea Grant & Penn State Extension

Saturday, April 20th: [Mercyhurst University Dance Department Presents "National Water Dance"](#), 4 pm, Erie Bayfront, Mercyhurst University & Erie Maritime Museum

Friday, April 26th - Monday, April 29th: [Greater Erie City Natural Challenge](#) - Organized by Asbury Woods but includes several data collection hikes at different locations.

Saturday, April 28th: [Presque Isle Spring Clean-Up](#), 8-12 pm, PISP Rotary Pavilion, SONS of Lake Erie, Presque Isle Partnership, PA DCNR, & The Great PA Clean-Up

Friday, May 10th: [Erie Water Works Historic Lead Line Removal Efforts](#), 12-1:30 pm, Jefferson Educational Society

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