From a burning river to a river reborn.

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Bill Roberts, Cleveland Press
Moses Cleaveland: 1796
“An open sewer through the center of the city.”

- Mayor Herrick, 1881
Easterly WWTP, August 31, 1938

12,000 Visit City's New Sewage Plant After Dedication

More than 12,000 persons visited the new $10,000,000 Easterly sewage treatment plant at Lake Shore Boulevard N. E. and E. 140th Street yesterday and last night following the formal dedication of the plant yesterday morning.

On Monday night, when the plant held its first open house, more than 10,000 persons inspected it.

Assisting in the dedication yesterday was Charles E. Pynchon, special assistant to Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes. Pynchon
Bill Roberts, Cleveland Press
The aftermath of the June 22, 1969 fire as the fire boat continues to break up oil slicks. (Photo courtesy of The Cleveland Public Library Photograph Collection.)
The Plain Dealer, undated 1960s
A message from our Lake: 1976

Credit: Cleveland Memory Project
Lake Erie, 1976
Southerly Aerial, 1970s
IWS: Quite the Stylin’ Crew
The IWS (now WQIS) performs stream monitoring, gathering information to assess water quality, 1988
Selfies in the Field
Electrofishing
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Marty Zelinsky, Electrician
Where we are today

The Cuyahoga River “is in its best shape since the Civil War”
Chuck Boucher, OEPA (Akron Beacon Journal 10/06/08)