



BRIEFING

March 1, 2007

Great Lakes Combined Sewer Overflow Workshop

The City of Toronto, along with the Regional Municipality of Niagara and the Toronto Region and Conservation Authority, is hosting a workshop on the management and implementation of Combined Sewer Overflows. The workshop will feature speakers from Environment Canada, Ontario Ministry of the Environment and municipalities from the United States and Canada (including those from the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Basin) and provincial and federal infrastructure funding agencies. The workshop will be held Monday March 5th and Tuesday March 6th, 2007 at Metro Hall, Rooms 308 and 309. For further information, please visit <http://www.urisaoc.ca/>.

Illinois Congressmen to Meet on Great Lakes Issues

Congressman Mark Kirk of Illinois will be holding a meeting in Chicago at the Shedd Aquarium on Monday, March 6th, 2007 along with other Congressmen and Great Lakes representatives. The objective of the meeting is to highlight Great Lakes issues of concern in Illinois, including the Asian Carp Barrier. The meeting provides a nice lead-in to Great Lakes Day in Washington D.C. In addition to Congressman Kirk, Congresswomen Judy Biggert and Melissa Bean, and Congressman Daniel Lipinski will also be in attendance.

Reminder: Great Lakes Day in Washington

The annual Great Lakes Day in Washington DC will be held on Tuesday, March 6th and Wednesday, March 7th. Mayor Gary Becker of Racine will be testifying at a hearing sponsored by the House Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment on invasive species and other Great Lakes issues to inform Congress of cities' priorities and concerns. For further information, please visit <http://www.glc.org/greatlakesday/>. To attend the reception at the Canadian Embassy, please RSVP at <http://www.glc.org/greatlakesday/howreception.html>.

GLSLCI Annual Meeting in Grand Rapids

Mark your calendars! The GLSLCI annual meeting will be hosted in Grand Rapids this year on July 11, 12 and 13th, 2007. Be on the lookout for a save the date notice that will be mailed out in March.



Call for Stormwater Ordinances

GLSLCI is calling for examples of municipal stormwater ordinances. We'd like to collect and provide examples of stormwater ordinances on our website's Best Practices section. If you feel your city has a best practice stormwater ordinance, please send an electronic version to melissa.arjomand@glslcities.org. If you don't have an electronic version or web link to the ordinance, please mail a hard copy to Melissa Arjomand at GLSLCI.

Membership Dues

We are now up to 37 dues paying members from the United States and Canada. The funds from dues are essential for our operations. Please send in your dues promptly so you can participate fully as a member of GLSLCI.