



BRIEFING

May 1, 2007

Great Lakes & St. Lawrence Mayors to Gather in Grand Rapids

Don't miss out on this once-a-year opportunity to gather with mayors and other officials from around the Basin to focus on protecting and restoring the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River. Formal invitations will be sent out soon. Please visit www.glslcities.org/annual.htm for more information regarding the meeting and registration.

Join Cities in Conserving Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Water

Mayor David Miller, Mayor Richard M. Daley, and Mayor Gary Becker recently reached out to GLSLCI cities to encourage participation in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative Water Conservation Framework. The initiative is a great way for cities to make a tangible difference within the Basin. GLSLCI asks that cities interested in participating notify us by **June 1, 2007**. GLSLCI would like to announce the participating cities at the Annual Meeting in Grand Rapids in July. Please visit www.glslcities.org/watercons.htm to learn more about the details of the effort.

Ontario / Great Lakes Regional Meeting

A number of Ontario Mayors are meeting in Toronto on May 2, 2007 for the GLSLCI Ontario/Great Lakes Regional Meeting. Topics of the meeting include key environmental legislative developments in Ontario, the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, and the GLSLCI Water Conservation Framework. GLSLCI regional meetings provide cities the opportunity to come together to discuss issues pertinent to their region as well as broader Basin topics.

Thunder Bay Waterfront Plan Approved

The Thunder Bay, Ontario city council recently approved a waterfront revitalization master plan which will focus on Prince Arthur's Landing at Marina Park. The plan aims to transform Thunder Bay's waterfront and realize the potential of its location on the shores of Lake Superior. The plan contemplates a mixed use of the land including recreational, residential, commercial and retail. To view the Thunder Bay Port Arthur's Landing master plan, and other cities' waterfront plans, please visit <http://www.glslcities.org/projects.htm>.



Green Racine

An environmentally-friendly cleaning campaign, Green Racine, was recently launched throughout Racine County, WI. Mayor Gary Becker and the City of Racine signed onto the pledge to reduce the impact of facilities on the environment and people's health by switching to green-cleaning products and processes. In addition to Green Racine, the City of Racine's environmental efforts include installing a solar power system at the City Hall Annex, cleaning lead out of homes, and continuing the important work of keeping its beaches and river clean.

Membership Success

GLSLCI now has 42 members with the Town of Penetanguishene, Ontario joining the organization. In addition, eight cities have renewed their memberships. Membership continues to be very important, so please get your neighboring communities to join, and be sure to renew your membership when you receive your notice.

Call for Stormwater Ordinances

GLSLCI is calling for examples of municipal stormwater ordinances to be highlighted in 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.