



MAKING WAVES

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Register Now for the GLSLCI 2009 Annual Conference and Member Meeting

Visit www.greatlakes-troisrivieres.com to register and learn more about the GLSLCI 2009 Annual Member Meeting and Conference which will be held June 17-19, 2009 in Trois-Rivières, Quebec. Don't miss this once-a-year opportunity to join with mayors and other local elected officials from around the region to advance the protection and restoration of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River!



Mayor Dave Ross Elected to GLSLCI Board

The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative is pleased to announce that Mayor Dave Ross of the City of Superior has been elected to join its sixteen member Board of Directors. Mayor Ross has been an active member of the Cities Initiative since 2003 and has been a leader on Great Lakes protection and restoration efforts, particularly around Lake Superior. With his work on water quality, responsible development and issues pertinent to port cities, Mayor Ross brings a great deal of knowledge, experience and leadership to the Board.

Update on the Canada Ontario Agreement Memorandum of Cooperation

It's almost here! GLSLCI will host the Great Lakes Summit meeting between Ontario Mayors and Ministers on May 5, 2009 in Toronto. At this meeting, mayors will present the first Mayors Report to ministers on local priorities in the Great Lakes. The report calls for a new approach to see the Great Lakes through local citizens eyes, to recognize that the changing Great Lakes requires changes in our approaches and stresses the need to work collaboratively to better focus on programs geared toward improving nearshore conditions.

Municipalities are interested in improving the nearshore zone, including reducing algae, increasing wetlands, and better beaches. In Ontario, municipalities are also interested in new leadership, coordination and funding for wastewater and stormwater to further reduce bypasses and CSOs, to better manage wet weather flow, to increase green infrastructure and to better respond to climate change. We also need to work to reconnect people to the Lakes through tourism, local trails and tours. There is also a growing interest in working together to build a better business case for protection and restoration of the Great Lakes as a whole and for local projects.

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The Mayors Report is the first milestone to be achieved under the Canada Ontario Memorandum of Cooperation (COA MOC) signed at the GLSLCI Annual Meeting in July 2008. The agreement and the process that has followed have given municipalities an important voice at government tables to protect and clean up the Great Lakes.

For details on the COA MOC process, which has been underway for the last six months, please visit www.glslicities.org/coamoc.htm. For more information, please contact Sarah Rang, Acting Deputy Director while Nicola Crawhall is on maternity leave, at 416-972-7400 or srang@enveei.com.

Green Pipeline to Fuel Water Reclamation Facility

The Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) is getting ready to construct a low-pressure pipeline to transport landfill gas 17 miles to one of its regional, water reclamation facilities on Lake Michigan, an effort that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 500,000 tons a year. Along with installation of new turbines, the \$80 million dollar project will provide more than \$100 million in energy savings for MMSD and its customers. For more information on this innovative project, please click [here](#).

Chicago, Milwaukee and Grand Rapids Make the List!

We are excited to share that three of the top 25 cities with the most Energy Star Buildings in the nation are members of GLSLCI as announced by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency! The City of Chicago reached the 6th spot on the list with 125 Energy Star Qualified Buildings in 2008. Milwaukee is in the 15th spot with 62 Energy Star Buildings and Grand Rapids is 20th with 42 buildings. Energy Star high efficiency buildings have saved over \$1.7 million in utility costs over the past year. In addition, more than 7 million tons of carbon dioxide emissions were eliminated. For more information on Energy Star Buildings please go to <http://energystar.gov/labeledbuildings> and we applaud the successful efforts by the cities of Chicago, Milwaukee and Grand Rapids.

New Ontario discussion paper on Great Lakes just released

The Province of Ontario has just released a new broad discussion paper on the Great Lakes, entitled *Healthy Great Lakes, Strong Ontario*. The discussion paper will be used by the government in a series of five stakeholder meetings around the Lakes to be held at Kingston, Thunder Bay, London, Goderich, and Toronto in April and May. GLSLCI is working with the province to ensure municipal representation at these meetings. The provincial document already reflects many of the ideas proposed by municipalities to the province through the current GLSLCI provincial COA MOC meetings. The provincial discussion paper presents five goals for the Great Lakes:

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1. Resilient ecosystem
2. Human health and well-being
3. Green, diverse economies
4. Sustainable natural resources
5. Strong communities

The province plans to use this discussion paper, comments from the stakeholder meetings and our COA MOC Mayors Report to help shape Ontario's negotiating position with the federal government on the upcoming Canada Ontario Agreement negotiations scheduled to start in June.

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Estuary Habitat Restoration Funding

The US Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting project proposals on behalf of the Estuary Habitat Restoration Council for estuary habitat restoration projects. Projects in the Great Lakes are eligible for consideration. In reviewing proposed projects, emphasis will be placed on projects that encourage increased coordination and cooperation among federal, state, and local government agencies. For more information on this opportunity, click [here](#).

Best Practices Rolling in!

Since GLSLCI put out a call for best practices from its member cities, great projects have been rolling in. There is still time to send us examples of best practices from your cities. Please visit our best practices webpage at www.gslscities.org/projects.htm to download and complete a one page best practices template. You can email it back to Melissa Soline at melissa.soline@gslscities.org and the information will be posted on our best practices webpage and highlighted in Making Waves.

Membership

Join the 62 Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative members in protecting and restoring the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River by clicking [here](#). If you are already a member, please encourage your neighboring communities to join, and be sure to renew your membership when you receive your notice.

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