



MAKING WAVES

June 4, 2009

Register for the 2009 Annual Meeting!!

Visit www.greatlakes-troisrivers.com to register for the GLSLCI 2009 Annual Member Meeting and Conference which will be held June 17-19, 2009 in Trois-Rivières, Quebec. This is an important event for members to attend as we will vote on resolutions that guide the policy direction of the organization. Invited keynote speakers include: Quebec Environment Minister Line Beauchamp, Mayor David Miller of Toronto, and IJC Commissioner Pierre Trépanier. The discounted hotel rate ends on June 7, 2009.

Mayor Miller's Push for Cities Engagement at C40 Climate Summit

The C40 Large Cities Climate Summit was held last week in Seoul, South Korea with Mayor David Miller of Toronto urging the world's biggest cities to unite in climate change efforts. "The fight against greenhouse gas emissions will be won or lost in cities," said Mayor Miller. The world's cities are accountable for 80% of our greenhouse gas emissions, but also 75% of our global energy. Mayor Miller encouraged national governments to empower their cities and provide resources to fight climate change at its roots. With the upcoming U.N. climate negotiations in Copenhagen this December, the cities would like to have a more prominent voice in world climate change discussions. More information on the C40 Summit can be found at www.c40cities.org.

Racine's Beach Research Shared to Help Area Waterfronts

A great demonstration of sharing best practices can be seen from the City of Racine's, Dr. Julie Kinzleman and her beach team. Upon visiting with the Michigan City Sanitary District, Dr. Kinzleman had begun her own testing and techniques in order to control E. coli at city beaches. The study involved testing various beach grooming methods and the resulting E. coli levels. From the research, it was found that wet or moist sand, when groomed deeper and without a finishing level, had significantly less amounts of E. coli than those with wet sand leveled after grooming. From 2000-2008, the city of Racine was able to reduce their amount of beach closings per year from 101 to just four! By searching for the specific sources of E. coli, the city departments and Dr. Kinzleman were able to create simple and cost-effective solutions to curb beach closings. The city of Michigan City, Indiana along with many local partners is taking the study of Racine and implementing their beach management practices with hopes of similar success. Washington Park Beach will be the first area hoping to benefit from lowered E. coli levels.

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International Upper Great Lakes Study Holds Public Webcasts

The International Upper Great Lakes Study will be holding a series of seven public meetings between June 9-11, opening itself for comments by communities in the Great Lakes Basin. The meetings will be connected via webcast to facilitate questions and comments after a brief presentation on the report. The report is the first step of the full study and covers various areas of the St. Clair River System connecting Lakes Michigan and Huron to Lake Erie. For more information on the draft report and meeting dates please visit the IUGLS website at www.iugls.org.

Alliance for the Great Lakes President Becomes Special EPA Advisor

The Alliance for the Great Lakes and the U.S. EPA are both proud to announce that Cameron Davis, president and CEO of the Alliance has been chosen by President Obama's administration to serve as special advisor to the EPA overseeing the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. Both Davis and the Alliance are pleased with the work he has done for the organization as its chief for the past 11 years and are looking forward to more great leadership. Cameron Davis leaves his position at the Alliance on June 30th and passes his role onto Joel Brammeier as interim president and CEO. For more information on Mr. Davis and the Alliance please visit their website at www.greatlakes.org.

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 64 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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