



MAKING WAVES

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Congratulations GLSLCI Award Winners!

Our congratulations to the City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio on winning the *Wege Small Cities Sustainability Best Practices Award*. We are also proud to recognize two member cities as part of our Water Conservation Framework Recognition Program. The City of Kingston, Ontario was honored for utilizing the most innovative conservation methods and the City of Grand Rapids, Michigan was honored for the most progress on water conservation in 2009. More information on the Wege Award Submission from the City of Sheffield Lake can be found on our website at www.gslscities.org.

State of the Great Lakes 2009 Report

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Environment Canada have cooperated to provide the biennial report on the *State of the Great Lakes 2009 Highlights*. The report gives an overview of the ecological health of the Great Lakes along with the progress of both national governments on Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement issues. The report can be found at http://binational.net/solec/sogl2009_e.html.

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

The C40 Large Cities Climate Summit was held recently 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 account 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

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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. Kinzelman 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.

Alliance for the Great Lakes President Becomes Special EPA Advisor

The *Alliance for the Great Lakes* and the U.S. EPA recently announced 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.

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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