



MAKING WAVES

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Asian Carp Monitoring Stepped Up

According to new monitoring techniques, Asian Carp may be closer to the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal than previously thought. Genetic testing has been added to various monitoring techniques used by the Army Corps of Engineers through a partnership with a University of Notre Dame team led by Dr. David Lodge. DNA testing has indicated the presence of carp DNA in the Brandon Road Pool and at a location just downstream of the Lockport Lock. There haven't been any sightings of carp at these locations, only the genetic testing which indicates the presence of carp DNA.

In response to these test results, the Army Corps of Engineers is conducting more DNA testing and has started to test an increased voltage at the electric barrier. The barrier has operated at a reduced voltage of 1 volt per inch since its partial completion earlier this year. There have been indications that a voltage of at least 2 volts per inch will be necessary to deter carp. The Army Corps of Engineers has started safety testing of 2 volts per inch at the Barrier. For more information, please visit www.lrc.usace.army.mil/.

Cities Initiative Lake Superior Regional Meeting

The Cities Initiative will host a Lake Superior regional meeting the morning of Thursday, September 10, 2009 in Duluth, MN. The purpose of the regional meeting is to bring together Cities Initiative member mayors as well as potential member mayors from the area to discuss pertinent regional issues relating to the Lakes. The Cities Initiative Lake Superior regional meeting will be held before the start of the Healing Our Waters coalition meeting. If a mayor is interested in attending the regional meeting and has not received information on it, please contact Pam Kaput at pkaput@glslcities.org or 312-201-4518 for details. For information on the Healing Our Waters meeting, please visit www.healthylakes.org/09conference/.

Sustain Our Great Lakes Funding Opportunities

Through a unique public-private partnership among ArcelorMittal, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the U.S. Forest Service, *Sustain Our Great Lakes* is a regional program working on a local level to restore, protect and preserve the habitats and ecosystems of the Great Lakes Basin. *Sustain Our Great Lakes* is offering two funding opportunities for

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which local governments would be eligible. The first grant opportunity is through the Stewardship Grant Program and would support large-scale restoration, enhancement and protection projects that will have significant positive impacts on the ecology and water quality of the Great Lakes basin. The second grant opportunity is through the Community Grants Program and would support habitat restoration, water quality improvement, and watershed planning and management. Projects that include an education, training or community outreach component linked to restoration activities are encouraged. The grant proposal deadline for the Stewardship Program is October 1, 2009 and the deadline for the Community Program is October 15, 2009. For more details and applications for these opportunities, please visit their website at www.sustainourgreatlakes.org.

Membership

Please join us in welcoming the City of Chatham-Kent, Ontario to the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative! Join the 66 Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative members in protecting and restoring the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River by clicking [here](#) for a membership application. 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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