



## **MAKING WAVES**

**April 20, 2010**

### ***Cities Hosts Workshop on Great Lakes Beaches and Coasts: 2010 to 2020***

On April 15, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, the Ontario Ministry of Environment, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources hosted a joint workshop, **Great Lakes Beaches and Coasts: 2010 to 2020** in Toronto. This workshop brought together over 80 federal, provincial, and municipal groups and experts working on improving Ontario's coasts and beaches. Designed to highlight the great beach and coast projects of many Cities' members to provincial and federal governments, the workshop also featured break-out sessions to identify beach and coast challenges and opportunities. The emphasis was on increasing provincial and municipal collaboration to better protect, restore, enjoy and promote our coasts and beaches and to begin discussing the components of a potential beach and coastal strategy in Ontario. New projects on beach monitoring, beach management and beach funding were presented and ways to manage coasts on a regional basis were discussed. Participants agreed on the need for a beach hub to increase communication and collaboration on Ontario beaches and coasts.

The workshop agenda and downloadable presentations have been posted on the Cities web site. A workshop summary will be posted in June 2010. For more information please contact Sarah Rang, Program Manager, 416- 972- 7400 or [srang@enveei.com](mailto:srang@enveei.com)

### ***Senators Push for More Dredging in Great Lakes Ports***

Senator Carl Levin of Michigan expressed his great concern for the shipping industry by introducing Senate Bill 3213. The Bill, backed by Senators Debbie Stabenow (MI), Sherrod Brown (OH), and James Oberstar (MN), will require the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund dollars to be spent on increased dredging of Great Lakes ports. The funding acquired through the Harbor Maintenance Tax creates almost a \$5 billion surplus that goes towards balancing the federal budget rather than allowed efficiency in Great Lakes shipping. The bill hopes to allow the Army Corps of Engineers to spend another \$180 million to complete the needed dredging of all US Great Lakes ports. For a complete press release from the Great Lakes Maritime Taskforce, please visit our website at [www.glslcities.org/news/news.cfm](http://www.glslcities.org/news/news.cfm).

### ***Governor Jim Doyle to Speak at Cities Initiative Annual Conference***

We are pleased to announce that Governor Jim Doyle of Wisconsin will be joining the list of keynote speakers for our Annual Members Meeting and Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin June 16-18, 2010. Governor Doyle along with Canadian Ambassador to the United States, Gary Doer and Senior Advisor to the U.S. EPA Administrator, Cameron Davis are slated to speak.

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### ***The Water Channel***

The United Nations' Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and other partners have created a web-based video channel focused solely on water. This website provides visual materials on diverse subjects related to water such as agriculture, urban water management, water pollution, wastewater, wetlands, education, drinking water, large dams, sanitation & hygiene, fisheries, and flood. Other services also offered on the website include hosting of videos, media management, and support to awareness and educational campaigns and events. To view the website please visit [www.thewaterchannel.tv/](http://www.thewaterchannel.tv/)

### ***Register Now – Cities Initiative Annual Member Meeting & Conference!***

Register for the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative 2010 Annual Member Meeting and Conference to be held June 16-18, 2010 in Milwaukee, WI! The early-bird registration discount ends **April 21<sup>st</sup>**, so register soon! For more details on the conference program and featured speakers, please visit [www.glslici2010milwaukee.org](http://www.glslici2010milwaukee.org).

### ***Membership***

Join the 72 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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