



MAKING WAVES

March 1st, 2011

Chicago Area Waterway System 21 Project on Schedule and on Budget

The project headed by the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative and the Great Lakes Commission to find a solution to keep Asian carp and other invasive species from moving between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River watersheds is proceeding on schedule and on budget. The project is also designed to improve transportation, water quality, and flood control in the Chicago Area Waterway System. The second meeting of the Advisory Committee was held in Chicago on February 16th, and all the participants were actively engaged in a discussion of how to come up with goals, principles, and criteria for developing and evaluating solutions. The plan is to have options for review by late June when the Advisory Committee meets again. Contact Dave Ullrich at david.ullrich@glslcities.org for further information.

Bruce Power Shipment Update

On Friday February 4th, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission announced its decision to approve Bruce Power's proposal to ship 16 steam generators containing radioactive waste from Ontario to Sweden through the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence. There has been a great deal of press coverage of the matter, including the Cities Initiative's disappointment with the decision and continuing concern that the risk presented by the shipment to the largest source of surface fresh water in the world has not been adequately assessed or accounted for. The Canadian House of Commons Committee on Natural Resources has requested the Cities Initiative to testify on the matter in Ottawa on March 10th, and the Québec National Assembly has debated various motions on the shipment. This shipment requires review and approval from authorities in the US, UK, Sweden, Norway and Denmark. Currently the Cities Initiative is considering all options for our next steps.

Canada Water Week

The Cities Initiative is proud to be a supporter of Canada Water Week starting March 14th, culminating in World Water Day on March 22nd. World Water Day aims to raise awareness in the importance of water resources throughout the world. Organizer's of Canada's first ever World Water Week have asked the Cities Initiative to spread the word about the event in Canada, and to encourage mayors to promote World Water Week in their communities through public communication, outreach and events. For more information on how your municipality can promote Water Week, please go to <http://canadawaterweek.com>.

Georgian Bay and Upper Great Lakes Health Speaker Series

Join IJC Chair Lana Pollack and other Upper Great Lakes and Georgian Bay experts as they discuss the health and vitality of the region. The series will be held on March 26, 2011 from 10am-3pm. Please visit www.georgianbayforever.org for more details.

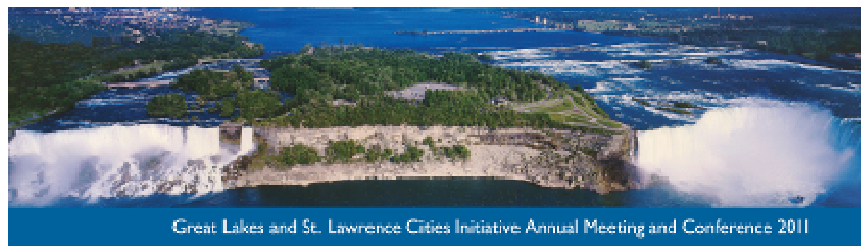


Michigan Sea Grant Study links 1.5 million jobs to Great Lakes

A study by Michigan Sea Grant and the University of Michigan shows that more than 1.5 million U.S. jobs are directly connected to the Great Lakes. These jobs generate nearly \$62 billion annually in wages in industries such as manufacturing, tourism, recreation, shipping and agriculture. For more information on this study please visit www.miseagrant.umich.edu.

2011 Annual Meeting and Conference

Please Save the Date as the Region of Niagara hosts the 2011 GLSLCI Annual Meeting and Conference in Niagara Falls, Ontario, June 15-17, 2011. Please stay tuned to as the conference website will launch in the coming week at www.thepowerofsharedwaters.com



Niagara, Canada
June 15 - 17, 2011
Sheraton Fallsview Hotel and Conference Centre

Simon Bélisle Joins Cities Initiative Staff

Please join us in welcoming, Simon Bélisle to the Cities Initiative team! Simon will be joining the staff in Chicago as an intern from Québec for the next six months. Simon will be focusing on increasing our membership and programs in Québec in addition to assisting in preparation for the Annual Meeting and Conference.

Membership

Join the 73 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.