



# New Opportunities

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# Opportunity of a generation



- Unique time in Great Lakes history
- As stand alone region, Great Lakes would be second largest economic power in world
- Need to work together to make most of new opportunities

# Opportunities

- **1. Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement**

Closed/posted beaches are impairment of beneficial use, new nearshore focus

- **2. Canada-Ontario Agreement-** extended 1 year, new agreement by March 2011

- **3. Healthy Great Lakes, Healthy Ontario**

- **4. Provincial Policy Statement**



# Opportunities

## ■ 5. Stimulus funding

Record infrastructure investments

End of primary wastewater treatment plants on the Lakes



# US progress

## 6. United States funding

\$475 million this year

\$310 million next year

Great Lakes Restoration Initiative

– five priority areas

Project proposals 7:1

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In addition to increased \$6 billion water  
and wastewater funding



# At the Shoreline: A Mayors' Collaborative Action Plan to Protect the Great Lakes



On May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009, the Great Lakes Mayors and Chairs Committee presented their report, *At the Shoreline: A Mayors' Collaborative Action Plan to Protect the Great Lakes*, to the Ontario Ministers of Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs at the first Provincial-Municipal Great Lakes Summit in Toronto. The report consists of a five point action plan and key recommendations to forge a stronger relationship and strategic coordination among the three orders of government to protect and promote the Great Lakes.



- Five point plan:
- 1) Tripartite 3G Great Lakes table
- 2) Improve and promote beaches and shorelines
- 3) Attack nuisance and toxic algae
- 4) Reduce untreated sewage and stormwater into lakes
- 5) Build a better business case

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# 7. New thinking

- Several new beach and coast initiatives happening in Ontario
- Potential to lead the way
- Increasing public demand for improved beaches and coasts
- Increasing “staycation”



# Today



- Chance to help build momentum and new collaborations for improving beaches and coasts
- Ideas reflected in workshop summary online and emailed to you
- Discussion on possible follow up steps