

THE NIAGARA 10

*Cross-**border** Cities in Action*



Outline

- Historical Overview
- Accomplishments to Date
- Discussion

The Niagara 10

Canada

City of Niagara Falls

Town of Fort Erie

Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake

Regional Municipality of
Niagara

United States

City of Buffalo

City of Niagara Falls

Village of Lewiston

Village of Youngstown

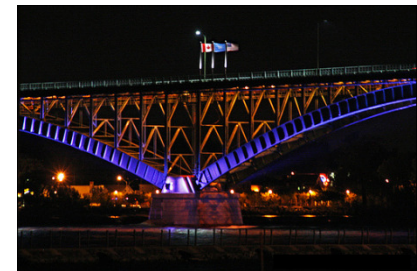
Erie County

Niagara County



Cross-Border Traditions & Traverses

- ❑ Sports & Culture
- ❑ Western New Yorkers summer in Niagara; Canadians ski/shop in Western New York
- ❑ Two Bi-National Bridge Commissions
- ❑ Local interest in key bi-national issues regarding Great Lakes/water, the border etc.



Waves of Cross-Border Collaboration



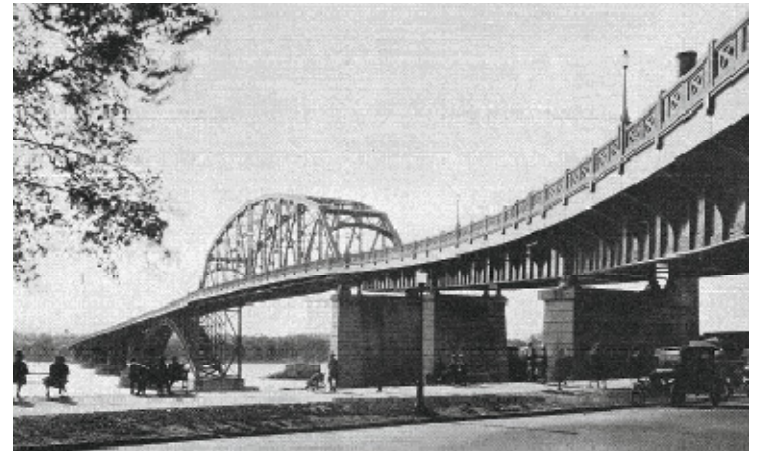
**.... have led to a
shared sense of region...**

Niagara Bi-National Regional Economic Round Table Report

“Adopting a vision and strategy that facilitates a view of the Niagara region as an internationally integrated economic region, capitalizing on shared regional assets, building on synergistic strengths of community and resolving constraints to this Region’s collective well-being”

Key Triggers: Evolution of the Niagara 10

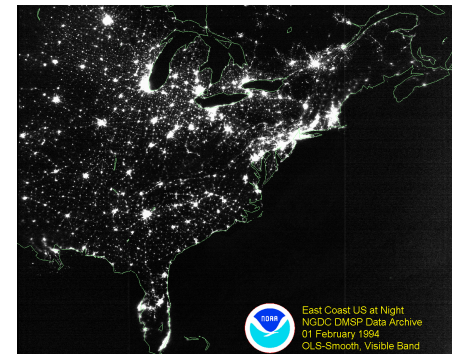
- ❑ Border issues after 9/11
- ❑ Tourism/Economic development
- ❑ Watershed interests
- ❑ Opportunities around regional designations



Niagara 10 Agenda

15 point agenda focusing on:

- ❑ Governance/Capacity Building
- ❑ Access/Transportation
- ❑ Environmental/Development
- ❑ Programs/Projects



Bi- National Administration

- ❑ Meetings rotate between communities
- ❑ Bi-Annual Leaders Meetings
- ❑ Quarterly Staff Meetings
- ❑ Cumulative effort of all jurisdictions
- ❑ Despite changes in membership, support has continued

Notable Niagara 10 Advances

- ❑ Increased communication / info sharing
- ❑ Shared projects
- ❑ Joint advocacy
- ❑ common resolutions

**..and an awareness that we are in this and
can do it together ...**



Attracting Attention

Borderlines/Borderlands:
Culture and the Canada -
U.S. International
Boundary Conference



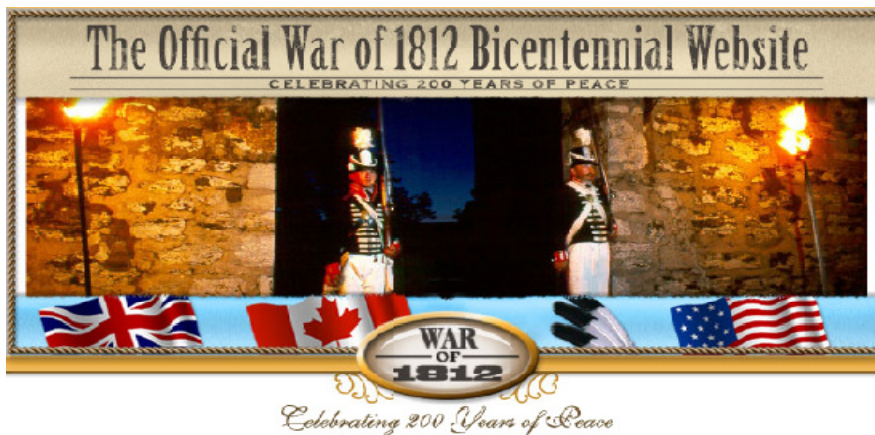
Accomplishments

The June 2009 Centennial Celebration of the Boundary Waters Treaty



Agenda Continues to Evolve

- Cross border Tourism linkages
 - 1812 Bicentennial/Peace Park



- GLSLCI Conference
- Emergency Management Profile – DHS with Conference Board of Canada
- Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement
- Obama/Harper Meeting: Border Vision, Perimeter Security
- Transportation: High Speed Rail/GO/Gateway

Discussion



Discussion

- ❑ **How does the Niagara 10 Agenda fit with the mission of the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Cities Initiative?**
- ❑ **What are the opportunities & challenges to the Niagara 10 of organizing as you have?**
- ❑ **How do you see the future unfolding?**