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...
“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
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- 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?