



Making Waves

Membership Edition

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Welcome, Manitowoc, Wisconsin!

The Cities Initiative is excited to welcome the City of Manitowoc, Wisconsin and Mayor Justin Nickels to the organization. GLSLCI now serves 121 member municipalities in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Region.

Reminders: Waukesha Comments, Compact of Mayors, and Resolutions

In the month of January, Cities Initiative member municipalities received information on the Waukesha Diversion Application, the Compact of Mayors, and the Call for Resolutions. If your municipality is able to provide comments on the Waukesha diversion application, is interested in greenhouse gas reduction efforts through the Compact of Mayors, or would like to submit a resolution for consideration at the 2016 Annual Meeting, please see below for

information on each program.

<p>Waukesha Diversion Application Comments</p>	<p>Respond to Cities Initiative's comments. Send replies to simon.belisle@glslcities.org.</p>	<p>January 31: Respond to GLSLCI's comments</p> <p>February 18: Public hearing in Waukesha</p>
<p>Compact of Mayors: Reducing greenhouse gas emissions</p>	<p>Respond to Chair Twolan's letter concerning partnership with the Compact of Mayors, an organization working to catalyze and standardize greenhouse gas emission reduction programs around the globe. Please send responses and any questions to david.ullrich@glslcities.org.</p>	<p>January 31</p>
<p>Call for Resolutions</p>	<p>Submit resolutions or topics for resolutions to be considered at the 2016 Annual Meeting. Read past resolutions here. Submit to simon.belisle@glslcities.org.</p>	<p>March 16</p>

Program Updates: Nutrients, Climate Change, Waukesha Diversion, Microplastics

As we head into winter in the Great Lakes - St. Lawrence Region, the Cities Initiative finds itself in the midst of working on many of its programs. Below are brief updates on several of our key program areas.

- Nutrient work continues to move forward as we work to build partnerships, particularly in Ontario and the U.S., with a focus on the western basin of Lake Erie.
- Our climate change work now encompasses both adaptation and mitigation strategies for municipalities in the Great Lakes region, and we are working with municipalities as well as with the Compact of Mayors to

give municipalities the resources to both adapt to and mitigate the effects of global climate change. Cities are often the first to feel the effects of climate change and are at the forefront global climate action.

- Waukesha Diversion Application: The Cities Initiative continues to monitor the application and will provide comments at all stages of the process
- Microplastics and Marine Debris: Although the U.S. has banned plastic microbeads, the Cities Initiative continues to work on this issue in Canada and is working to increase its overall programming on reducing the amount of plastic pollution and other debris found in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence.

Milwaukee recognizes "Green Luminaries"

The Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District's "Green Luminaries" program highlights a different innovator in green infrastructure each month. The program has recognized private companies, schools, neighborhoods, and more, and draws attention to the value of collaborative efforts to sustain our water resources and communities.

[Click here to read more about the Green Luminaries program.](#)

IJC Releases Report on Great Lakes - St. Lawrence Progress

The International Joint Commission has released its review of recommendations from its February 2000 report on the Great Lakes - St. Lawrence Region. The review is largely positive and recognizes the region as a model for watersheds around the world. The report calls on the federal governments of both Canada and the United States to improve the accuracy of Great Lakes - St. Lawrence water level monitoring, to include climate resilience in future planning, to assess the impact of groundwater withdrawals, and to increase collaboration on infrastructure improvements in order to ensure adequate water resources for all people and ecosystems in the Great Lakes - St. Lawrence Region.

[Read the full report here.](#)

Feature your municipality in Making Waves!

Does your municipality have news you would like to share with the Cities Initiative membership? Perhaps it's a new stormwater program, a webpage with info on what to do about frozen pipes, or other sustainability and water-

related programs? Send an email to laura.bretheim@glslcities.org with a link, attachment or brief paragraph, and we'll follow up and put your story in "Making Waves."

Resource Highlight: Sustainability and Climate Change Plans

Is your city thinking about improving or implementing a municipal sustainability or climate change plan? [Visit GLSLCI's Best Practices Library](#) and click "Climate Change: Adaptation Plans" or "Sustainability Plans" to view plans from Cities Initiative member municipalities of all sizes and in both Canada and the U.S.

Funding Opportunities: U.S. and Canada

Great Lakes Habitat Partnerships (U.S.): Funding for habitat restoration in Great Lakes AOCs, specifically regarding Great Lakes Regional Habitat Restoration Partnerships.	Due February 2nd, 2016 Visit www.grants.gov , funding number NOAA-NMFS-HCPO-2016-2004742 for details. Contact Julie Sims (julie.sims@noaa.gov) or Jessica Berrio (jessica.berrio@noaa.gov) with any questions.
Five Star Urban Water Restoration Program (U.S.): Funding to improve water quality, watersheds, and associated species and habitats through diverse community partnerships.	Proposals due February 3rd, 2016. Visit www.nfwf.org/fivestar/Pages/2016RFP.aspx for more information.
Sustain Our Great Lakes(U.S. and Canada): Funding for projects that restore and protect stream and riparian habitat and coastal wetlands.	Pre-proposals due February 17th, 2016. Visit www.sustainourgreatlakes.org for more information.

Membership

Please join the 121 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.

If your municipality would like to share news with the Cities Initiative, please email information to Laura Bretheim at laura.bretheim@glslcities.org

