



Making Waves

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Integrated Water Management Webinar Series Resumes Tomorrow!

The Cities Initiative webinar series on Integrated Water Management will resume on September 16th for the final two webinars in the series. Click on the links below to register. These webinars are part of the "Greater Lakes: Reconnecting the Great Lakes Water Cycle" project in collaboration with the Great Lakes Commission. All webinars take place at 10am Central / 11am Eastern.

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| September 16th | Achieving Habitat Benefits and Community Resilience from Buyout Properties (Register Here) |
| October 14th | Advancing Integrated Water Management (Register Here) |

Cities Initiative expresses views on Shipwrecks to Transport Canada

Following an invitation to comment on the proposed Canadian Legislative Regime for the Remediation of Hazards Related to Shipwrecks, the Cities Initiative expressed to Transport Canada that, "we are clearly in favor of the proposed legislation to ensure that commercial vessels and pleasure craft that may become wrecks in the future can be removed or remediated by their owners or by Canadian authorities at the owners' expense. We also commend the requirement that owners have the financial resources to meet that obligation." wrote Executive Director David Ullrich. In addition, the Cities Initiative recommends that the Canadian government ensures meaningful consultation with municipalities when further developing, implementing and enforcing the proposed legislative regime on shipwrecks. [Read the full comments on the Cities Initiative website.](#)

Poetry, Photography, and Performance from artist circumnavigating the Great Lakes

Artist Moheb Soliman has traveled to nearly every nook, cranny, and inlet of the Great Lakes. His project explores the ideas of identity and place in the Great Lakes region through maps, words, photographs, and performance art. [Click here to see his photos](#) and learn more about the project, which will conclude on October 2nd in Superior, Wisconsin.

Adopt-a-Beach Cleanups on US Great Lakes Beaches

This Saturday, the Alliance for the Great Lakes hosts their biggest beach cleanup of the year. Visit <http://greatlakesadopt.org/> to find a beach cleanup near you!

Climate-Smart Cities improve quality of life, economic growth while cutting carbon pollution

The Global Commission on the Economy and Climate released a study last week on the connection between low-carbon strategies in cities and economic growth and other quality of life improvement. "There is now increasing evidence that emissions can decrease while economies continue to grow," said Seth Schulz, researcher for the C40 Cities Climate Leadership

Group. [Read more about the report here](#), and [access the full text of the report](#).

Great Lakes Grants available to municipal-community group partnerships in Ontario

The government of Ontario recently announced its Great Lakes Guardian Community Fund grants, which are available to not-for-profit organizations, schools, First Nation and Métis communities, and other local groups in the amount of up to \$25,000 for projects that directly benefit the Great Lakes environment. Municipalities are welcome to apply if partnering with a community organization. [Read more about the grants here](#). Applications are due October 23rd, 2015.

Great Lakes Restoration Conference: September 29th - October 1st

There's still time to [register](#) for the Great Lakes Restoration Conference! During the last week in September, stakeholders from all parts of the Great Lakes region will gather in Chicago for the Great Lakes Restoration Conference, which is hosted by the Healing Our Waters-Great Lakes Coalition. This basin-wide gathering will feature panels on invasive species, wetlands, green infrastructure, and more from a comprehensive collaboration among most of the region's Great Lakes-focused organizations. [Click here for the conference agenda and more information](#). If you would like to follow the proceedings, search the hashtag #HOW15 on Twitter during the conference dates.

Resource: Wisconsin Sea Grant develops Beach Monitoring Tool

The new "Virtual Beach" software is a decision-making tool that allows coastal managers to make efficient and informed decisions on beach health and safety. The tool also recommends lab tests and gives suggestions for prioritizing long-term strategies. [Read more about the tool here](#).

Membership

Please join the 117 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

