



Making Waves

Membership Edition

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This month, we bring you a special edition of Making Waves that includes information specific to members of the Cities Initiative. In this edition:

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Calling all Mayors, Chairs, Wardens, Village Presidents, Councillors, and municipal staff!

To find ways to continue to improve our organization, we are seeking your input on what you feel is the value of your membership in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative and how we can improve membership value in the future. We would appreciate your response to this brief, seven-question survey by **Tuesday, November 24, 2015**. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Bretheim at laura.bretheim@glslcities.org. Thank you to those of you who have already responded! [Click here to access the survey.](#)

GLSLCI partners with Compact of Mayors - cities lead on global climate action

The Cities Initiative is excited to partner with the Compact of Mayors, an organization created by Former Mayor Michael Bloomberg of New York

City, who serves as a Special Envoy for Cities and Climate Change for the Secretary-General of the United Nations. The Compact demonstrates local government leadership in addressing greenhouse gas emissions in the Great Lakes - St. Lawrence region and around the world. Ten Cities Initiative members are already members of the Compact of Mayors. All Cities Initiative members received an email last Friday from Chair Twolan about the Compact of Mayors partnership - if you have questions at any time, feel free to contact David Ullrich, Executive Director, at 312-201-4516 or david.ullrich@gslcities.org. We look forward to working with all of you on this pressing and timely issue. [Click here to learn more about the Compact of Mayors.](#)

Canadian federal ministers announced

In early November, Prime Minister Trudeau announced the members of his newly-formed cabinet. The highly-qualified group has also received attention for its diversity and equal numbers of men and women - [click here to read brief bios for each new minister.](#)

Ontario passes Invasive Species Act

The Ontario Legislative Assembly passed the Ontario Invasive Species Act in early November. The Act, among other things, prohibits the sale and distribution of invasive species, gives the Minister of Natural Resources jurisdiction to create management plans for various invasive species, and provides guidelines for inspecting areas that may include invasive species. [Click here to read more about the Ontario Invasive Species Act.](#) Ontario is the only Canadian province with stand-alone legislation on invasive species.

40th Anniversary of Edmund Fitzgerald

On Tuesday, November 10th, many Great Lakes communities held events remembering the lives of those lost in the wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald. The ship sank in 1975 in an unusual Lake Superior storm and has been remembered for many years through the iconic Gordon Lightfoot song, "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald." [Read more here.](#)

Events and Webinars

<p>Watercraft Inspection Webinar Series: New York Sea Grant is hosting a series of webinars on watercraft inspection.</p>	<p>November 12th, and 20th. All webinars will occur from 9:00-10:30 EST. Click here to read descriptions of each webinar and to register.</p>
<p>Innovations in Stormwater Management: The North Central Region Water Network will host a webinar on innovative stormwater management techniques featuring presentations from Eleanor Burkett and Shahram Missaghi, both Extension Educators with the University of Minnesota.</p>	<p>November 18th, 3-4pm EST. Click here to register.</p>
<p>Remote Sensing Series - Applying Adaptive Management Strategies to the control of non-native <i>Phragmites australis</i> in the Midwest: Colin Brooks of the Michigan Tech Research Institute will present current research, adaptive management strategies, and methods for implementing such strategies to manage <i>Phragmites</i>.</p>	<p>December 10th, 2-3pm EST. Click here to register.</p>

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



