



MAKING WAVES **August 18th, 2015**

Welcome New Members!

The Cities Initiative welcomes three new members in the month of August: Neebing, Ontario; Frontenac County, Ontario; and Port Washington, Wisconsin. Welcome to the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative! The three cities are represented by Mayor Ziggy Polkowski, Warden Denis Doyle and Mayor Tom Mlada, respectively.

Annual Meeting Summary, Photos, and Recordings now available

For those who were not able to join us for the Annual Meeting (as well as for those who attended), a document is now available with brief summaries of the Annual Meeting proceedings. Audio recordings are also available of panels and presentations, and finally, photos are now available on the Cities Initiative's new Facebook page.

Cities Initiative on Twitter, Facebook

The Cities Initiative recently launched a Facebook page, where you may find photos from the Annual Meeting as well as other news updates. You may also follow us on Twitter (@GLSLcities) for Great Lakes - St. Lawrence news and for updates about Cities Initiative projects.

Cities Initiative Board supports NOAA Marine Sanctuary near Sheboygan, Wisconsin

At this month's board meeting, the Cities Initiative Board of Directors voiced its support for a NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association) Marine Sanctuary off the coast of Sheboygan, Wisconsin. This area of Lake Michigan contains several historic shipwrecks, which have been preserved by the lake water. As a marine sanctuary, the area would be protected against boating and allow more public access and education about these century-old ships.

Integrated Water Management Webinar Series Resumes Sept. 16th

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.

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

Lake-Specific Webinars from the Great Lakes Executive Committee

The Great Lakes Executive Committee, via the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Environment Canada, will hold webinars in the coming weeks to address lake-specific management in the Great Lakes



Region. Specific registration information is to come; save the dates below for the lake(s) of interest in your region. All webinars will take place from 1-3pm Central / 2-4pm Eastern.

September 1st	Lake Huron
September 2nd	Lake Superior
September 4th	Lake Erie
September 11th	Lake Ontario

Issue Highlight: Phragmites

Phragmites eradication season is upon us, and the Town of Collingwood is working with other Georgian Bay-area organizations to establish community-based eradication strategies. [Read more about the program here](#), and read the new Cities Initiative fact sheet on Phragmites control practices [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 Brethem at laura.brethem@glslcities.org