MAKING WAVES
The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative

RESILIENT MUNICIPALITIES

CITIES INITIATIVE NEWS AND UPDATES

Increasing Green Infrastructure in Communities
President/CEO John Dickert recently participated in a Congressional briefing in Washington DC on the topic of green infrastructure. The briefing was related to the re-lease of the Great Lakes Commission report Great Lakes Green Infrastructure Policy Analysis, which makes several policy recommendations to encourage the development of green infrastructure in Great Lakes communities. The Cities Initiative participates on the Advisory Team for the Great Lakes Green Infrastructure Champions Pilot program, through which the report was undertaken.

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Upcoming Webinars & Events


Sept. 26, Primed Places = Prime Places — the first webinar in the 2018-2019 Webinar Series: Resilient Municipalities. Presented by experts at GEI Consultants Ltd, to provide municipal leaders with a method for tackling stresses caused by changing climate patterns and events (like severe flooding) by building community resilience through green infrastructure and similar approaches.

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Adding Wavy Waves
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MORE IN GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE NEWS

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Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Conference Westin Cadillac Hotel Detroit, Michigan OCT. 14-17

The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Conference will take place in Detroit, Michigan, offering a platform for stakeholders to discuss the latest achievements and challenges in Great Lakes restoration efforts.

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