



RESILIENT MUNICIPALITIES

Sept. 26, Primed Places = Prime Places — the first webinar in the 2018/2019 Webinar Series: Resilient Municipalities. See more details below.

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 release 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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Primed Places = Prime Places Resilience Municipalities Webinar Series Member Access Only September 26 @ 11:00 am eastern

The first webinar in the Cities Initiative's 2018-2019 series will be Primed Places = Prime Places, 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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Québec City Achieves Platinum Certification

Québec City recently received platinum certification from the World Council City Data for ISO 37120, the only international certification on sustainability and quality of life for municipalities. Out of 100 possible performance indicators, Québec City reported on 98! Congratulations Mayor Régis Labeaume and Québec City!

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GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE NEWS

Waukesha Water Diversion

Waukesha, WI plans to distribute Lake Michigan water, supplied by Milwaukee, WI, to residents beginning in 2023. In advance, the city is taking measures to understand how treated lake water might affect the existing distribution system and pipes. The main issue of concern is pipe scale, the buildup of minerals in pipes from the city's use of groundwater and a corrosion control chemical, as well as low levels of radium from contaminated wells.

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Lessons Learned from AOC Successes

The International Association for Great Lakes Research has released case studies on five Areas of Concern (AOC) cleanups: River Raisin AOC, Detroit River AOC, Severn Sound AOC, Collingwood Harbour AOC, and Hamilton Harbour AOC. The case studies are part of an evaluation project, funded by the Fred A. and Barbara M. Erb Family Foundation, to evaluate and understand lessons learned and achievements from more than 30 years of AOC cleanups.

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More Potential in Great Lakes-Seaway System

The United States Government Accountability Office has issued a report on ways to modernize the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway navigation system. The report, Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway: Assessing Risks and Measuring Performance Could Improve Maritime Transportation, maintains that both the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence seaway traffic have diminished since 1980 by 32% and 48%, respectively.

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UPCOMING WEBINARS & EVENTS

SEPT. 18

The National Council
for Public-Private
Partnerships presents
P3 Boot Camp

K&L Gates
Chicago, IL

OCT. 2 - 3

Great Lakes Commission
Annual Meeting

Indianapolis, IN
The Conrad Hotel

OCT. 17-18

14th Annual
Healing Our Waters
Great Lakes Restoration
Initiative Conference

Westin Cadillac Hotel
Detroit, Michigan

OCT. 24-25

2018 Great Lakes Beach
Association and Great Lakes
Water Safety Consortium
Joint Conference

DoubleTree Hilton
Independence, OH



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