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October 24, participate in our webinar
Addressing Green Infrastructure Policy Barriers in CA and the US. More details below.

CITIES INITIATIVE NEWS AND UPDATES


John Dickert goes on “World Tour” of Eastern Michigan

Last week after speaking at the US Conference of Mayors Water Council Meeting in Flint President and CEO John Dickert traveled to Michigan to meet with mayors, city officials and municipal staff to discuss water issues and challenges facing eastern Michigan. This was in an effort to expand our presence in these areas and to educate mayors and municipal staff of our work. He’s off to visit Quebec next, be on the look-out!



Cities Initiative participates in Great Lakes Plastic Forum, Toronto

Deputy Director, Sarah Rang, joined others from the government and environmental groups to discuss further action against plastics. The Cities Initiative is currently conducting our own research on plastics to develop projects that will be presented to members for further consideration.



Addressing Green Infrastructure Policy Barriers in CA and the US

Wednesday, October 24 @ 11:00 am EST

Local communities are generally at the forefront of stormwater management, challenges, and innovation, but municipalities’ capacity to develop green infrastructure (GI) is heavily influenced by federal, state, and provincial policy. This webinar will summarize federal, state, and provincial policies in the Great Lakes basin that promote or hinder GI and provide recommendations to create enabling conditions for communities to implement GI. Hailey from the Credit Valley Conservation and Margo from the Great Lakes Commission will be presenting.


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GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE NEWS

Transformative Action Program (TAP) seeking project proposals

As of September 13, 2018, the TAP is actively seeking transformative climate projects to become part of the TAP project pipeline. Local and regional governments can submit their applications until 10 November 2018.

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Congress Approves Critical Water Resources Legislation - including Soo Locks Upgrade

The Soo locks have not been updated in 50 years, and in 2015 the Department of Homeland Security estimated that if the locks were closed unexpectedly, it could result in a shutdown of national steel production. The America’s Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 includes provisions that dedicate help to repairing, maintaining and upgrading infrastructure, including the Soo Locks. Read the GLC Press Release for more.

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The Straights of Mackinac become a “No Anchor Zone”

The Coast Guard is implementing a new rule for the Straights of Mackinac in Michigan. Boats are no longer allowed to anchor down in the area. This is being done to prevent oil spills and keep the water healthy and clear.

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NWF: Ethanol Gambit ‘Simply Not Legal’

The Trump Administration announces it’s intentions to increase the sale of E15 gasoline, a gasoline with higher percentages of ethanol. This decision is illegal according to the Clean Air Act and will further exasperate the natural resources impacts. “It’s simply not legal under the Clean Air Act to increase the year-round sale of E15 gasoline. If enacted, the change will accelerate the vast damage to our wildlife habitat, drinking water, and air quality caused by current federal biofuels policy” says Collin O’Mara, president and CEO of the National Wildlife Federation.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

OCT. 24-25

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

DoubleTree Hilton Independence, OH

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18th Annual Great Lakes Water Conference

University of Toledo Toledo, OH

