

LIVING BLUE: TRANSFORMING WATERFRONTS

Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative

2019 Annual Conference

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Social, economic and sustainable advantages to living blue!

More information and registration instructions to come. For questions, email [jane.eagleton@glslcities.org](mailto:jane.eagleton@glslcities.org)

CITIES INITIATIVE NEWS AND UPDATES

A City for All - Repentigny, QC

Member city Repentigny, Quebec is selected as one of the 15 finalist for the Guangzhou International Prize for Urban Innovation. Repentigny became a finalist for it's "A City for All" initiative. Five grand prize winners will be picked by an international jury on December 8. Show your support for Repentigny by voting for them.

VOTE!

Resilient Municipalities  
GLSLCI Webinar Series Continues

Experts at the Delta Institute, a nonprofit aimed at collaborating with communities to address environmental issues, will speak on green infrastructure related resources and tools that can be used in resource-strapped communities interested in taking steps on adaptation. Delta Institute will provide examples from their work in Gary, Hobart and Michigan City.

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Ontario's Water Innovation Week

GLSLCI, represented by Sarah Rang, attended Ontario's Water Innovation week where GLSLCI partner the Thames River Phosphorous Reduction Collaborative (PRC) presented on project updates. Sarah is the GLSLCI liaison for the PRC. In addition, Aquahacking, another GLSLCI partner held their Finals where the 5 young team finalists presented their clean-tech solutions for Lake Ontario. Team *E-nundation* took home first place for their solution to "better predict and adapt to flooding by producing maps of potential flooded areas and floodwater depth based on discharge forecasts from Environment Canada". It should be noted that GLSLCI staff Scott McKay is an active member of the Aquacking advisory committee.



The Cities Initiative goes to Israel to negotiate the clean up of the Jordan River

President John Dickert travels to Israel with Mayor Bonnie Crombie (Mississauga) and Mayor Mitch Twolan (Huron-Kinloss) for the EcoPeace Middle East Conference. There they will be helping negotiate the clean-up of the Jordan River, exchanging technologies and also best practices. This trip to Israel will not only introduce GLSLCI mayors to new areas of trade between the US, Canada, Israel, Jordan and Palestine but also foster new international relationships with others dedicated to the health and safety of the world's freshwater resources. We thank the Sister Cities Initiative and Cities International for helping plan the trip and for funding the trip as well.

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GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE NEWS



Media Coverage and Policy Changes on Lead in Drinking Water since Flint Crisis

The Northeast-Midwest Institute released a report that suggests that lead contamination in drinking water reaches farther than flint to "a broad geographic reach throughout the Northeast and Midwest region". The report also finds that the federal and state response to the lead crisis has been slow and incomplete

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New Resources on Trees and Stormwater

Explore these two new guidance documents from the Center for Watershed Protection that aid communities nationwide to effectively boost the benefits of trees and planting trees in neighborhoods. The recommendations focus on stormwater management resulting from the Center's research on stormwater engineering, urban forestry and other relevant disciplines.

Document 1 - Accounting for Trees in Stormwater Models

Document 2 - Making Your Community Forest-Friendly: A Worksheet for Review of Municipal Codes and Ordinances

DOCUMENT 1

DOCUMENT 2

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