



2018 was a great year... on to 2019!

## CITIES INITIATIVE NEWS AND UPDATES

### Ecological Parking: It's Possible!

The Ouimet Parking Lot in the Vieux-Saint-Laurent sector of Montréal is recognized by the Conseil régional de l'environnement de Montréal (CRÉ-Montréal) for being a sophisticated green innovation. Since its construction in 2014, the parking lot has undergone many "green" transformations that include the planting of trees and plants, implementing a bioretention basin alongside the parking lot and the installation of electric car charging stations!

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### Aquahacking is calling all Water Leaders: What is your most pressing water issue?

As the 2019 AquaHacking Challenge gears up to start, the organization is looking for new water issues to tackle. The 2019 theme and scope is the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Watershed. Submit your water issue today so that the young leaders of tomorrow can get to work finding solutions. Deadline for submission is Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>.

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### Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year

Thank you all for an amazing year. It's with your support that we continue to grow and tackle water issues facing your communities and the greatest fresh water resources in the world. We look forward to 2019 as a year of more potential, more growth and more action. We wish you all happy holiday and a happy new year!

## GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE NEWS



### Great Lakes Advisory Board Re-established

The US EPA announced the re-establishment of the Great Lakes Advisory Board (GLAB). Comprised of 15 non-federal members, GLAB provides advice and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and more.

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### Brandon Road Comment Period Extended

The US Army Corps of Engineers has extended the public comment period on the draft final GLRMIS-BR report until January 7th.

For further information, contact:  
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<https://www.mvr.usace.army.mil/GLMRIS-BR>

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Mar. 6-7, 2019**

### Great Lakes Day

Embassy Row Hotel  
Washington, D.C.

**May 6-8, 2019**

### Great Lakes Economic Forum

Cleveland, Ohio

**Jun. 5-7, 2019**

### Cities Initiative's Annual Conference

Blue Harbor Hotel  
Sheboygan, WI



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