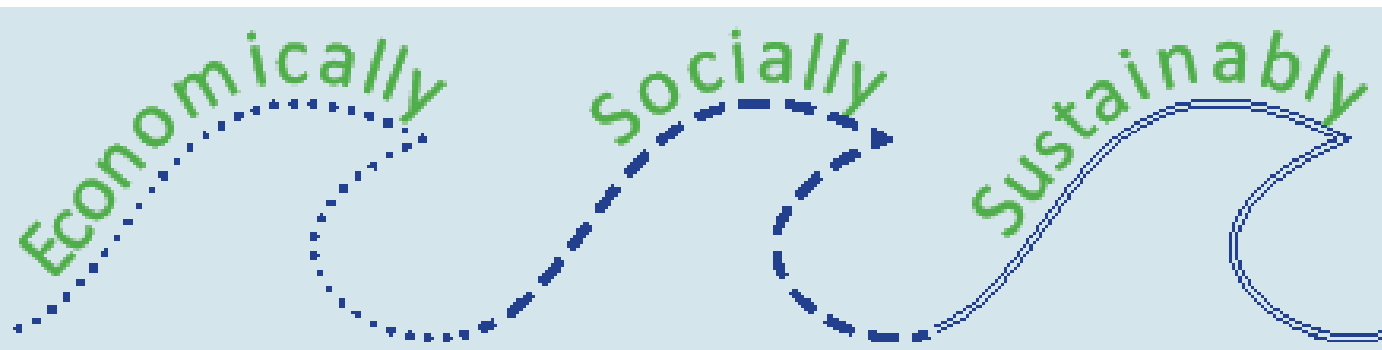


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TRANSFORMING WATERFRONTS

Speaker announced ! Lt. Governor Barnes of Wisconsin.

CITIES INITIATIVE NEWS AND UPDATES

Speaker added to Annual Conference June 5-7 | Sheboygan, WI

Lt. Governor Barnes will be in conversation at this year's Annual Conference with Mayor Tom Barrett of Milwaukee. Check out the rest of our speakers and presenters on our website.

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Book your hotel at Blue Harbor Discounted rates end tomorrow, May 17, 2019!

We encourage you to stay at the Blue Harbor Resort where there is a room block reserved for Conference attendees. Rooms in the reserved block are offered at a discounted rate of \$157/night, tax included. To book your room, contact Martina Hassel at the Blue Harbor Hotel and use the code 7AY0ZG.

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Sign up for Friday activities in Sheboygan June 7 | Sheboygan, WI

Just because the conference is over doesn't mean the fun ends! Stay in Sheboygan after the conference and enjoy some exciting, fun activities for you or the whole family.

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GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE NEWS

Grant will help marinas access green infrastructure and improve water quality

In 2019, a team from the Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin Sea Grant programs are embarking on a three-year venture to help marinas make their facilities more environmentally sustainable by harnessing the power of green infrastructure. With support from the grant, staff from the three states will spend six months developing a decision-support tool to help owners and operators choose the best infrastructure projects for their marinas. Increasingly, marinas are turning to green infrastructure systems to slow, capture, and filter rainwater and snowmelt before it enters nearby water bodies, like the coastal waters of the Great Lakes.

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Water Levels in the Lake Ontario St. Lawrence Will Continue to Rise

A major flood event is underway in the lower St. Lawrence River with levels in some areas above 2017 peaks, while levels throughout the Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River system are expected to keep rising significantly this coming week due to rainfall across the basin. The Lake Ontario outflows are being adjusted as Ottawa river flows into the St. Lawrence River near Montreal continue to increase, in order to balance high levels upstream on Lake Ontario and the upper St. Lawrence, with those downstream on Lake St. Louis and the lower St. Lawrence. It is still expected that water levels on Lake Ontario will rise more than is typical this time of year.

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Sustainable Development Forum in Victoriaville PQ

Registration is officially open for the 5th edition of the Sustainable Development Forum, organized by the City of Victoriaville, which will take place on September 26 and 27, 2019. The Cities Alliance invites elected officials and municipal managers to join me in bringing together entrepreneurs, researchers, scientists and students to develop concrete projects on sustainable land use planning issues. The most promising municipal projects will share \$15,000 in scholarships. Will you be there?



Safer Lake Michigan Surf Thanks to Kiosk With World's First "Traffic Lights" to Warn Beachgoers About Rip Currents

Recreational enthusiasts flocking to North Beach on Lake Michigan in Port Washington this summer will be much safer thanks to new real-time "traffic lights" mounted atop an informational kiosk that will brightly indicate the presence, or absence, of dangerous waves and rip currents. The traffic lights, dubbed beach lights and notifying kiosk (BLINK) can serve as an alternative to the existing rip current flag warning system. BLINK, with its red for dangerous conditions, yellow for conditions are favorable to form rip currents and green for safe conditions, can reduce lifeguard labor and improve the timeliness of condition updates. If beachgoers want more details, they can check the kiosk, which is connected to a website known as integrated nowcast-forecast operational system (INFOS).

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You're invited: Step In and Speak Out for the Great Lakes at IJC Public Meetings in 2019

The International Joint Commission will hold roundtables and public meetings this summer and fall to hear from everyone how the Great Lakes are faring, actions underway to restore and protect your part of the lakes, and discover what's most important to each person when it comes to the health and vitality of the Great Lakes ecosystem.

IJC Public Roundtable:

Wednesday, June 19, 2019, 1:30 - 4 p.m.

Progress to Restore and Protect the Great Lakes
Milwaukee City Center Hotel, Crystal Ballroom, 509 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI

Creating a Watercentric, Sustainable Milwaukee:

Tuesday, June 18, 7 - 9 pm.

Milwaukee City Center Hotel, Walker Room, Fourth floor, 509 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 28, 2019

SOPH 30th Anniversary

Delta Hotel
Ottawa, ON

Jun. 5-7, 2019

Cities Initiative's
Annual Conference

Blue Harbor Hotel
Sheboygan, WI

Dates vary

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