



LIVING BLUE

Transforming Waterfronts
SHEBOYGAN, WI | June 5-7

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Economically

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TRANSFORMING WATERFRONTS

Panelists are now announced for the upcoming Annual Conference. Check them out!

CITIES INITIATIVE NEWS AND UPDATES

Register for Early Bird pricing to the 2019 Annual Conference.

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The three pillars of this year's conference are social and community engagement, economic growth and sustainable strength in waterfront communities. The Cities Initiative is bringing you experts from around the US and Canada that will provide you, as a municipal leader, with the skills to envision, complete and fund projects and initiatives that will elevate your community and your citizen's quality of life.

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The Cities Initiative meets with Ontario Minister Rod Phillips

Mayor Mitch Twolan, John Dickert and GLSL Collaborative Secretariat Nicola Crawhall met with Minister Phillips to discuss Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan, protecting & restoring the Great Lakes, waterways and groundwater.

Canadian and US Mayors Call for Immediate Action on Asian Carp

The Cities Initiative member mayors call for immediate action on the USACE recommended plan at to stop Asian Carp at Brandon Road.

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PRESS RELEASE

Watch recording of the Financing Climate Resilient Water Infrastructure webinar

In case you missed it! Watch the recording of our recent webinar hosted with the Mayors Innovation Project. The webinar provided an overview of financing needs and existing/emerging options for water and stormwater infrastructure for municipalities.

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New financial support program to Québec municipalities for wetlands protection planning

The Government of Quebec is providing \$8.5 million to regional county municipalities (MRCs) to develop their first regional wetland and waterways plan. This financial support was announced by the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, Benoit Charette, at the Forum on Regional Wetlands and Waterways held in Quebec City. The Assistance Program for the development of a Regional Wetland and Waterways Plan provides \$83,300 to each of the 87 MRCs and 14 cities and towns that assume the responsibilities of a MRC. Documents are in French.

ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

MORE ABOUT THE PLAN

GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE NEWS

New Support for Municipal Natural Asset Management Planning in Ontario

The Municipal Natural Assets Initiative (MNAI) is offering an exciting green infrastructure and natural asset opportunity for Ontario municipalities. They are offering a new program to help support smaller and rural municipalities in Ontario's Greenbelt.

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Fretting about Phragmites?

Many of our Mayors and municipalities have expressed concerns over the spread of the fast growing, invasive plant called Common Reed or Phragmites. It can grow in dense stands up to 12 feet tall, along shorelines and in ditches, and crowds out all other plants. Many communities are using a variety of methods to try to control this reed. If you need more information, best management practices and practical solutions, please contact the Great Lakes Phragmites Collaborative or if you're in Ontario, please contact the Ontario Phragmites Working Group.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar. 6-7, 2019	May 6-8, 2019	Jun. 5-7, 2019
Great Lakes Day	Great Lakes Economic Forum	Cities Initiative's Annual Conference
Embassy Row Hotel Washington, D.C.	Cleveland, Ohio	Blue Harbor Hotel Sheboygan, WI

