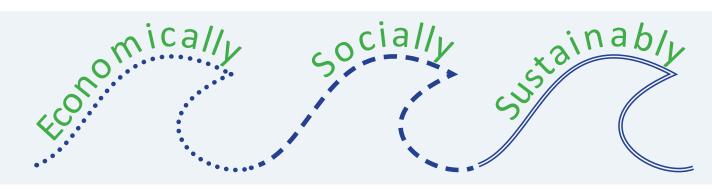






# LIVING BLUE



# 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.
Living Blue: transforming waterfronts

June 5-7 | Sheboygan, WI

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.

### REGISTER



# Ontario Minister Rod Phillips

The Cities Initiative meets with

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

# Resilient Water Infrastructure webinar In case you missed it! Watch the recording of our recent

**Watch recording of the Financing Climate** 

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 re-

gional 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

# New Support for Municipal Natural Asset

GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE NEWS

# 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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### 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

**Fretting about Phragmites?** 

Many of our Mayors and municipalities have expressed concerns over the spread of the fast growing, invasive plant

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

# May 6-8, 2019

### **Great Lakes Day**

Mar. 6-7, 2019

Washington, D.C.

**Embassy Row Hotel** 

### Great Lakes Economic Forum

Cleveland, Ohio

# Cities Initiative's Annual Conference

Jun. 5-7, 2019

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