



Renowned climate scientist, Dr. Don Wuebbles to be keynote speaker at Annual Conference.

CITIES INITIATIVE NEWS AND UPDATES

Early Bird Registration ends April 9!

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.

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Scott McKay speaking at Americana Conference

Our program and policy manager in Québec, Scott McKay, presented at the Americana Conference, March 26 in Montreal. During the session on Water Infrastructure Facing Climate Change, Scott presented the the Americana Conference, March 27 in Montreal. During the session on Water Infrastructure Facing Climate Change, Scott will present the CLIMATE READY INFRASTRUCTURE AND STRATEGIC SITES PROTOCOL (CRISSP), a rapid climate vulnerability assessment tool developed by the Cities Alliance. The CRISSP protocol provides cities with a fast and inexpensive methodology for

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GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE NEWS



2019 Canadian Federal Budget - 2019 infrastructure catch-up announced

The investments announced in the Government of Canada’s 2019 Budget will provide new ways to maintain and enhance their infrastructure. The announced investment represents a one-time \$2.2 billion investment in municipal infrastructure.

The Environmental Law & Policy Center releases it’s Great Lakes Assessment

Read the new report written by 18 leading experts, scientists and thought leaders, including Dr. Don Wuebbles (keynote speaker for the 2019 Cities Initiative Annual Conference). Their research assesses “how the shifting global climate impacts the unique Great Lakes Region.”

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Protecting the Midwest’s Environment and Natural Heritage

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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Saving the St. Lawrence Belugas !

A researcher at the University of Quebec in Montreal receives close to 1 million dollars to study the impacts of chemical contaminants on the beluga whales living in the St. Lawrence River.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 4, 2019

Coping w/ Diversions, Invasives & Politics in the Great Lakes

University Club
Milwaukee, WI

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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