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The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative

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Welcome to the Cities Initiative!
This month, we welcome two new members 1) Waukegan, IL and 2) Thessalon, ON! Welcome aboard Mayor Sam Cunningham of Waukegan (right) and Mayor Bill Rosenberg of Thessalon (left). Thank you for your dedication to the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River -- let’s get to work!

$2.5 million coastal resiliency grant awarded for Marquette Lake Superior Project
Marquette, MI in cooperation with the Superior Watershed Partnership receives a $2.5 million National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant, for which the Cities Initiative wrote a letter of support last year. This project is one of only two projects chosen in the Great Lakes Basin. The project will result in approximately 28 acres of public green space and control almost a mile of coastal erosion on Lake Superior. The project will also restore natural features like coastal floodplains, sand beach, dunes, wetlands and coastal wetlands. We look forward to seeing the final project!

The 5th annual Aquahacking Challenge
This year, the 5th annual Aquahacking Challenge is focused on finding solutions for 5 critical issues in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Basin. They are looking for candidates with diverse profiles, like engineering, computer science, and marketing students; interaction and systems designers; ecologists and environmentalists; water quality educators and professionals; and PhD candidates researching water. For more information about the 5 issues and how to register, click below.

P3 Great Lakes new Request for Statement of Interest available
Do you plan to design/install green stormwater infrastructure but don’t have the money for it? P3 Great Lakes might be the answer. Click below for a new, short and simple Request for Statement of Interest (RSI) that is designed to select two municipalities from the Great Lakes basin states (Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York) and provide free assistance.

Ontario government releases first budget
On April 11, the new Ontario government released its first budget. Most of the budget emphasized cost cutting and job creation measures, and there were three items relating to the Great Lakes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 6-8, 2019
Great Lakes Economic Forum
Cleveland, Ohio

May 28, 2019
SOPH 30th Anniversary
Delta Hotel
Ottawa, ON

Jun. 5-7, 2019
Cities Initiative’s Annual Conference
Blue Harbor Hotel
Sheboygan, WI

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