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## CITIES INITIATIVE NEWS AND UPDATES

### Full agenda now available for GLSLCI Annual Conference

June 5-7 | Sheboygan, WI

Joining the larger conversation about conservation, water quality and availability is as easy as registering for the GLSLCI Annual Conference. Click below to find the full agenda with speakers, panelists and events. Register today and secure your spot and hotel room. We will see you in Sheboygan!

AGENDA

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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 !



## GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE NEWS



### The 5<sup>th</sup> annual AquaHacking Challenge

This year, the 5th annual AquaHacking Challenge is focussed 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 graduate and PhD candidates researching water. For more information about the 5 issues and how to register, click below.

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### \$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, swales and coastal wetlands. We look forward to seeing the final project !

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### 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? If so, P3great-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.

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### 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

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### New partners join U-M-based CIGLR to keep the Great Lakes great

Four new partners have successfully competed to join the Cooperative Institute for Great Lakes Research's regional consortium, further expanding the University of Michigan-based institute's capacity and expertise to understand, predict and ultimately solve the critical issues facing the Great Lakes and surrounding communities.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

May 6-8, 2019

Great Lakes Economic Forum

Cleveland, Ohio

May 28, 2019

SOPH 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Delta Hotel  
Ottawa, ON

Jun. 5-7, 2019

Cities Initiative's Annual Conference

Blue Harbor Hotel  
Sheboygan, WI



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