



Monthly List Serve

Upcoming Conferences and Events

Lake Michigan Forum Meeting

Monday, February 11th – Tuesday, February 12th
Chicago, Illinois
Topic: LaMP Review
Agenda to Follow!

Michigan Port Cities Collaborative

Monday, March 10th – Tuesday, March 11th
Traverse City, Michigan
For more information, contact Cathie Cunningham
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Global Climate Change & Sustainable Development

April 24 & 25
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Cost \$95 – Hosted by Univ of Wisconsin- Milwaukee
Session examples: Effects of climate change on ecological systems; Global climate change and health; The promises of renewable energy; and, Great Lakes responses to climate change.
For more information, visit
<http://www.gccsdi.uwm.edu>

Spotlight on the Lake Michigan Forum

Update on 2008 LaMP Revisions

There is still time to submit your comments for the 2008 LaMP. In particular, the EPA would like know if there is information that should be repeated in multiple chapters? Are there chapters that should be expanded? Contracted? What sections of the plan should have great emphasis? Also, the EPA would like additional input on sustainability and beach chapters.

The LaMP will be released on Earth Day 2008. So, don't delay – comment today!

News from U.S. EPA

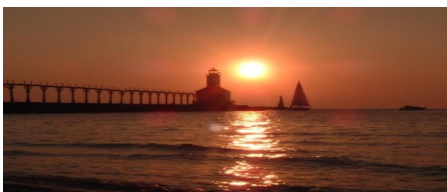
U.S. EPA Region 5 has released a Framework for Addressing Climate Change and Clean Energy. Region 5 will use its leadership role to add value to these efforts by focusing on:

- Changing how our energy is produced
- Changing how our energy is used
- Changing how materials, products and waste are managed
- Integrating climate change considerations into Agency operations and core programs

Introducing the Great Lakes Urban Exchange (GLUE)

Much has been said about the future of the Great Lakes region by academics and traditional stakeholders in public policy. Yet rarely have 18-40 year olds, the target of scores of 'brain drain' research and attraction and retention efforts, been asked as a demographic what they envision, or how their day-to-day experiences in "declining" post-industrial cities inform that vision.

GLUE, founded by two newly returned, twenty-something Great Lakes residents, is a multi-media documentary, networking, and creative research effort to do just that. The project's online home, www.GLUESpace.org, will serve as an organically developed answer to the question: what's right and what's wrong about my post-industrial city?



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News Clips from Around the Basin

[Botulism takes fatal toll on thousands of Great Lakes birds](#)

The mounting toll on migrating birds has stoked fears among researchers and ecologists that blame for the deaths lies with invasive populations of zebra mussels and round gobies -- which arrived in ballast tanks in the 1980s and 1990s -- spreading over the Great Lakes and effectively creating a new food chain. Source: Chicago Tribune (1/15)

[Foreign species hitching rides on ship hulls](#)

Disinfecting ballast water in ocean freighters may not keep the ships from importing more foreign species into the Great Lakes, according to a new study by University of Notre Dame biologists. Source: The Muskegon Chronicle (1/11)

[Group considers future of harbor cleanup](#)

Even if money could be raised to clean up the Kalamazoo River harbor, it likely won't come in time to help the local tourism-based communities that depend on a navigable harbor. Source: The Holland Sentinel (1/10)

[Alewives rebound in latest Lake Michigan forage fish survey](#)

If there's anything positive that can come out of a survey that found the fewest Lake Michigan forage fish in more than 30 years, it's that alewives are holding their own. Source: Green Bay Press-Gazette (1/10)

[Another freighter hits bottom in Muskegon](#)

Shoaling that has apparently been worsening in Muskegon's outer harbor denied passage to yet another lake freighter Tuesday night. Source: Kalamazoo Gazette (1/10)

[Grand Cal may drop off IDEM list](#)

Indiana has proposed taking the Grand Calumet River off its list of impaired waters with respect to fish life and insects, which could mean less funding to restore those aspects of the river. Source: Merrillville Post-Tribune (1/4)

[Big lake's fish population plummeting](#)

The quantity of fish food in Lake Michigan hit a record low for the second straight year in 2007, a trend that could be disastrous for the salmon fishery if it continues. Source: The Muskegon Chronicle (1/6)

[Pondering wind energy possibilities in Michigan](#)

Local leaders want Muskegon to become the center of a Great Lakes industry that would produce wind energy and the turbines and parts necessary to make it happen. Source: The Muskegon Chronicle (1/6)

[BP permit blowup leads to IDEM changes](#)

A wastewater permit for U.S. Steel's Gary Works is on hold until Indiana environmental regulators can come up with a new anti-degradation regulation to protect Lake Michigan. Source: Northwest Indiana Times (1/4)

[Lake levels may fall to uncharted territory](#)

Lake Michigan is now about 2 1/2 feet below its long-term average, and water experts said it might be only a matter of weeks before levels dip into uncharted territory. Source: Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (1/2)

[EDITORIAL: EPA should do more to track lake pollution](#)

EPA officials have been telling media and U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin they can't keep track of total numbers of waste going into Lake Michigan. The problem is not that they can't but they won't. Source: Merrillville Post-Tribune (12/28)

[Great Lakes in better shape than 15 years ago](#)

Persistent toxins such as mercury, PCBs and phosphorus continue to pose problems. So do the nearly 200 non-native species of plants and animals that have found their way into the lakes. Overall, however, the lakes appear to be doing OK. Source: Madison Capital Times (12/28)