



MAKING WAVES

May 4, 2010

Joyce Foundation Continues to Support Cities Initiative

The Joyce Foundation of Chicago cast a strong vote of confidence for the Cities Initiative with the announcement of a \$250,000 grant over the next two years to support our work on protecting and restoring the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence. The focus of the grant is on water programs relating to the Water Quality Agreement, water conservation, pharmaceuticals, Asian carp, and other efforts. Joyce was our original funder in 2003 when we started, and has consistently funded our efforts, with this being our fourth grant. The Cities Initiative greatly appreciates the support of the Joyce Foundation. www.joycefdn.org

Ontario Prepares Water Opportunities Act with New Water Savings Proposal

On Earth Day April 22, the Ontario Ministry of the Environment proposed the ban on the sale of toilets using more than 6 litres per flush. Total flushing accounts for 30% of in home water use. Replacing a 13 litres toilet to a more efficient 6 litre toilet or less is expected to save an average household 35,000 litres per year. Pumping and distributing water and treating water and waste water takes a lot of energy- about one third to one half of a city's total energy use- more than double street lighting. This announcement is part of a new Water Opportunities Act in Ontario expected to be introduced this spring. For more information see <http://www.news.ontario.ca/ene/en/2010/04/helping-ontario-families-consume-water.html>

Pharmaceuticals and Personal Products Framework

The Cities Initiative launched its Pharmaceuticals and Personal Products Framework and is asking our member communities to join this program. The Framework endorses extended producer responsibility for PPCP collection and disposal, and provides an arena to share best practices on PPCP collection events. Please join the communities of **Cobourg, Grand Rapids, Port Colborne, Rochester and Superior** in this important effort. For more information on the program and details on participation, please visit our website at <http://www.glslicities.org/initiatives/pharmaceuticals.cfm>

Free CFL Bulbs Distributed to Lake Superior Residents

The Superior Watershed Partnership celebrated Earth Day 2010 by offering over 100,000 free compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL) to local government and churches around the City of Marquette and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. The effort encourages the use of the CFL's to reduce electricity usage and curb greenhouse gas emissions. The program will continue through July with hopes of more residents coming to local government establishments to pick-up these light

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bulbs. For more information on the Superior Watershed Partnership please visit, www.superiorwatershedpartnership.org

Chatham-Kent Developing Sustainable Shoreline Plan

A year-long study will begin next year to assess the ecological, recreational and tourism attributes of Chatham-Kent's shorelines, states *The Chatham Daily News*. With funding from the municipalities' community investment reserve fund, the study will develop the "Chatham-Kent Shoreline Area Sustainable Community Plan". The plan will be integral in developing policies to balance environmental responsibility with social and economic growth within the area. The study will look at 130 km of precious Lake Erie and Lake St. Clair shorelines, and 170 km of shoreline along the Thames and Sydenham rivers.

Projet de règlement sur la redevance exigible pour l'utilisation de l'eau du Québec

La Ministre du Développement durable, de l'environnement et des parcs du Québec, Line Beauchamp, a annoncé le 27 avril dernier que la version administrative du *Projet de règlement sur la redevance exigible pour l'utilisation de l'eau*, adopté en vertu de la *Loi sur la qualité de l'environnement*, est maintenant disponible sur le site Internet du ministère. Ce projet de règlement vise les industries prélevant ou utilisant 75 mètres cube (75 000 litres) d'eau par jour ou plus. Deux taux de redevance seront exigibles en fonction de l'utilisation faite de l'eau : un taux de 70\$ pour chaque million de litres d'eau prélevé si l'eau est une composante du produit ou un taux de 2,50\$ pour chaque million de litres d'eau si elle est utilisée dans le processus de production et ensuite retournée, en majeure partie, dans l'écosystème. Pour des informations supplémentaires, veuillez consulter le site Internet suivant : <http://www.mddep.gouv.qc.ca/eau/redevance/reglement.htm>.

(The article above is written in French as it only pertains to municipalities in Québec. If you would like an English version of this article, please contact Pam at pam.kaput@glslcities.org)

Climate Change in Great Lakes Webinar

The Ohio Sea Grant will be holding a climate change webinar on Thursday May 6th from 12:00-1:15pm (Eastern). The webinar will focus on water resource impacts around the Great Lakes and strategies communities are taking to protect these resources. Dave Ullrich will be giving an introduction on the impact of water in the Great Lakes region. To register for this webinar, please visit <http://ohiowatersheds.osu.edu/climate/>

Register Now – Cities Initiative Annual Member Meeting & Conference!

Register for the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative 2010 Annual Member Meeting and Conference to be held June 16-18, 2010 in Milwaukee, WI! Reduced hotel rate for conference attendees ends **May 8th**, so book your accommodations at the [Pfister](#) now! For more details on the conference program and featured speakers, please visit www.glslici2010milwaukee.org.

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Membership

Join the 72 Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative members in protecting and restoring the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River by clicking [here](#) for a membership application. If you are already a member, please encourage your neighboring communities to join, and be sure to renew your membership when you receive your notice.

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