



Administration

Goal: To enhance the Commission's leadership role in regional coordination, policy development and advocacy through efficient, cost-effective and responsive service to its members and the larger Great Lakes-St. Lawrence community

What we did in 2002 to *restore the greatness:*

- Elected Ohio DNR Director Sam Speck as our new chair and Minn. state Rep. Tom Huntley as vice chair
- Secured associate membership for Ontario and Québec on the board of directors
- Successfully launched Great Lakes Endowment initiative
- Provided a positive “return on investment” for all member states, with grants and pass-through funds far exceeding annual dues
- Approved the largest budget (FY2003) in the Commission's 47-year history
- Established two new program areas to accommodate evolving regional needs and technology
- Moved into new, larger offices to accommodate expanded staff, programs and services
- Advanced feasibility study of a proposed co-location facility with other Great Lakes agencies

Featured Projects

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What we do

The Administration Program coordinates all aspects of revenue generation, financial management and reporting, program and organizational development, meeting planning and conduct, organizational publicity and member support services. Contact: Mike Donahue, President/CEO at mdonahue@glc.org

A new dimension

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Ontario and Québec gained seats on the Commission's board of directors in 2002, a historically significant development with tremendous implications for the future.

Enthusiastically endorsed by member states, this associate member designation complemented the 1999 Declaration of Partnership that established provincial delegations and associate membership on the full Commission. Both initiatives are consistent with the intent of the Great Lakes Basin Compact and are major steps toward the Commission's goal of full voting membership for the two provinces.

This means the Great Lakes Commission is now truly a binational agency. Ontario and Québec partners participate in all projects, forums and policy deliberations. As such, research, monitoring and analysis activities are increasingly organized around hydrologic (as opposed to geopolitical) boundaries, helping to move the notion of ecosystem-based governance from concept to reality.

Introducing the Great Lakes Endowment

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By any measure, member state investments in the Great Lakes Commission, via annual dues, realize an outstanding return in environmental and economic benefits to the region. The same is true from an organizational standpoint. These dues, which individually would support less than one half-time employee, leverage enough funds to support a professional staff of 40.

This return on investment is about to be magnified again, with the establishment of the Great Lakes Endowment. This dedicated fund was created to augment existing revenue resources and expand programs and services to meet growing demands. Capitalized through grants, donations and other contributions (matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis), interest earned will be directed to a number of priorities consistent with our Strategic Plan.

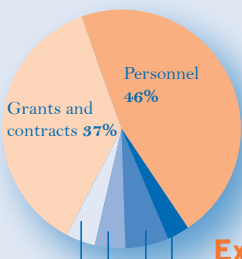
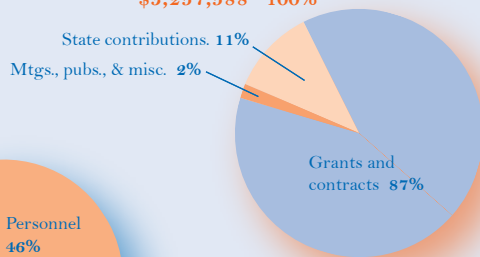
The Great Lakes Endowment is off to a great start, with almost \$600,000 contributed in the closing months of 2002. Become a "Friend of the Great Lakes" with your own tax-deductible charitable contribution by visiting www.friendsofthegreatlakes.org

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Revenues and expenses: FY 2002

Revenues

Grants and contracts	\$2,846,947	87%
State contributions	\$360,000	11%
Meetings, publications, & misc.	\$50,641	2%
Total	\$3,257,588	100%



Expenses

Personnel	\$1,506,480	46%
Grants and contracts	\$1,186,812	37%
Office operations	\$185,476	6%
Travel	\$146,979	4%
Communications	\$134,909	4%
Program activities	\$86,163	3%
Total:	\$3,246,819	100%

Revenues over expenses (\$10,769) were placed in a reserve fund for contingencies and future use.