



2005 INITIATIVES

Administration

- Secure adoption of new five-year Strategic Plan
- Initiate campaign to publicize and apply products to regional priorities
- Raise the profile and impact of the Commission among regional leadership, elected officials and broader constituency
- Advance efforts for a co-location facility to house the Commission and partner agencies
- Develop Operations Manual to guide day-to-day activities
- Secure large-scale, multiyear funding commitments for member priorities
- Sponsor 50th anniversary celebration to celebrate the past and prepare for the future

Resource Management

- Support Annex 2001 implementation by compiling and distributing water withdrawal information from the Great Lakes Regional Water Use Database
- Launch an aggressive campaign to inform elected officials and the general public about the importance of soil erosion control and sediment reduction
- Promote an ambitious research and policy agenda based upon recommendations from 2004 workshops addressing sediment reduction and pollution sources from a variety of land uses
- Develop new decision support tools for use in watershed planning, coastal zone management and other water resource issues
- Develop a briefing paper and economic review of the off-site costs of erosion on a basinwide level and benefits of control measures

Environmental Quality

- Facilitate a multilevel effort to use the Great Lakes Monitoring Inventory and Gap Analysis recommendations to better coordinate monitoring in the Great Lakes basin
- Assist in developing a habitat classification map for the Lake Erie basin
- Collaborate with the U.S. EPA, Great Lakes National Program Office in updating Area of Concern (AOC) web pages and producing a status report on restoration efforts in the U.S. AOCs
- Assist in the expansion and coordination of biological monitoring in Great Lakes AOCs
- Complete an implementation plan to launch a comprehensive monitoring program for Great Lakes Coastal Wetlands

Regional Coordination

- Advocate for legislative and appropriations priorities in the *Great Lakes Program to Ensure Environmental and Economic Prosperity*, including reauthorization of the Water Resources Development Act and passage of the National Aquatic Invasive Species Act
- Conduct the third Great Lakes Congressional Tour, Odyssey III, providing key congressional and Canadian parliamentary staff with a hands-on education on Great Lakes issues

- Work with the Council of Great Lakes Governors and member states to harmonize regional messages presented to Congress and the administration
- Work with member states' Washington offices to strengthen the Commission presence on Capitol Hill
- Co-host the annual Great Lakes Day in Washington event, bringing together members of Congress, key aides, senior officials and regional leaders to address Great Lakes issues

Transportation and Sustainable Development

- Explore Great Lakes opportunities for Portfields, a NOAA-led federal initiative to redevelop coastal brownfields and revitalize waterfronts
- Host and provide coordination services for the newly established NOAA Great Lakes Service Center, including new staff to address maritime, coastal and watershed management issues
- Release second phase of recreational boating study, including new tools for calculating and illustrating economic impacts
- Document the advantages of marine transportation through studies of fuel efficiency, pollutant emissions and safety
- Support the efforts of the states and Great Lakes marine transportation industry toward a much-needed expansion of the Soo Locks

Communications and Internet Technology

- Develop a comprehensive Communications Strategy to guide internal and external public relations and advocacy functions
- Establish a Regional Information Exchange Task Force to promote collaboration and standards
- Design an interoperable, integrated data demonstration portal for the Great Lakes Observing System
- Establish a web conferencing support facility for the Commission
- Formalize the Great Lakes Information Network (GLIN) governance structure
- Coordinate web mapping applications into a common GLIN interface

Data and Information Management

- Expand the Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River Study (LOSLRS) web mapping tool to the other Great Lakes and interconnecting waterways
- Formalize the Great Lakes Observing System governance structure
- Coordinate data exchange agreements between the Commission and the Ontario Geospatial Data Exchange, New York State GIS Clearinghouse and others
- Enhance the Centralized Air Repository OnLine (CAROL) web portal to link environmental and societal data sets
- Coordinate activities of the Great Lakes states and provinces to initiate a new inventory of regional air emissions data

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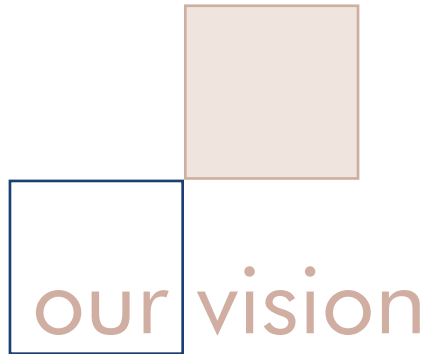
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