

# Healing Our Waters® – Great Lakes Coalition Recommendations for Great Lakes Restoration 2007



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# Healing Our Waters-Great Lakes Coalition



The Healing Our Waters–Great Lakes Coalition consists of more than 85 state, regional and national zoos, museums, aquariums, hunter, angler, and conservation organizations. Headed by the National Wildlife Federation and the National Parks Conservation Association, the coalition is seeking state and federal support to restore the Great Lakes.

# The Great Lakes Plan

## Great Lakes Regional Collaboration Strategy



To Restore and Protect the Great Lakes



December 2005



GLRC 

GLRC Plan released  
December 12, 2005

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Healing Our Waters-Great Lakes Coalition Restoration Conference

- Cleveland Ohio- September, 2006
- Issue areas discussed in developing recommendations for 2007 GL restoration priorities:
  - Habitat
  - Non-Point
  - Toxic Pollution
  - Areas of Concern
  - Aquatic Invasive Species
  - Coastal Health

# Habitat

- Open/ Near-Shore
- Wetlands
- Riverine
- Uplands
- Farm Bill



- The HOW Coalition has developed funding, program, and policy recommendations for each area.

# Non-Point

## ■ Wetlands

- Support USEPA 319 Program to restore wetlands for water quality benefits.

## ■ Buffers

- Support increased funding for the Great Lakes Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Program.

## ■ Soil Loss

- Support for EPA 319, Farm Bill Conservation Programs, Great Lakes Basin Soil Loss and Sediment Control programs listed earlier.
- Support for the COE Tributary Modeling Program.

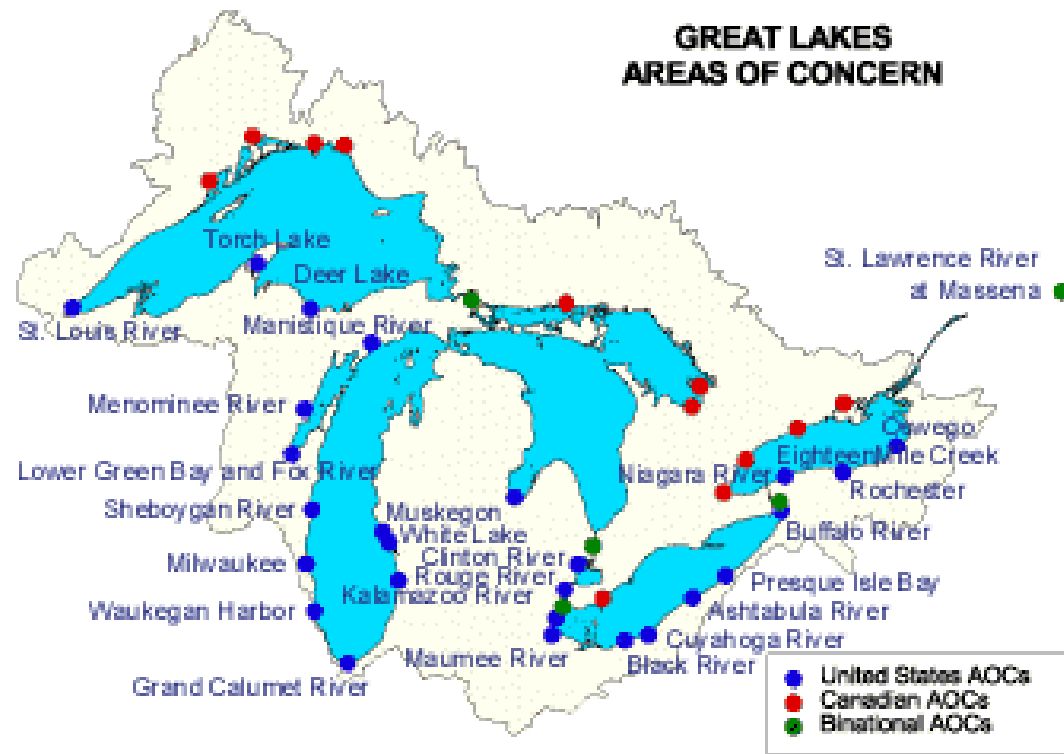
## ■ Manure

- Support for new CAFO (and non-CAFO) regulations, incentives, & technical assistance.
- Support for the Farm Bill EQIP and CSP programs.



# Areas of Concern

- Increase GLLA authorization to \$150M per year.
- Appropriate full funding, including for treatment technologies and public involvement
- Establish GLLA task force
- Appropriate \$10 million to improve capacity of state and local efforts
- Fully fund ACOE Great Lakes RAP program (Sec 401)



# Aquatic Invasive Species

- Pass legislation to make the carp barrier permanent
- Pass comprehensive legislation to address prevention and control of aquatic invasive species



- Make NOBOB flushing mandatory
- Integrated Pest Management

# Coastal Health



- Fully fund SRF
- Fully fund the Beach Act
- Date certain to meet CWA discharge requirements

# Scientific Research

- Increase Coordination
- Increase funding
- Develop new policy recommendations
- Improvements to data management



# Healing Our Waters Coalition GL Restoration Project Inventory

## ■ Goal #1

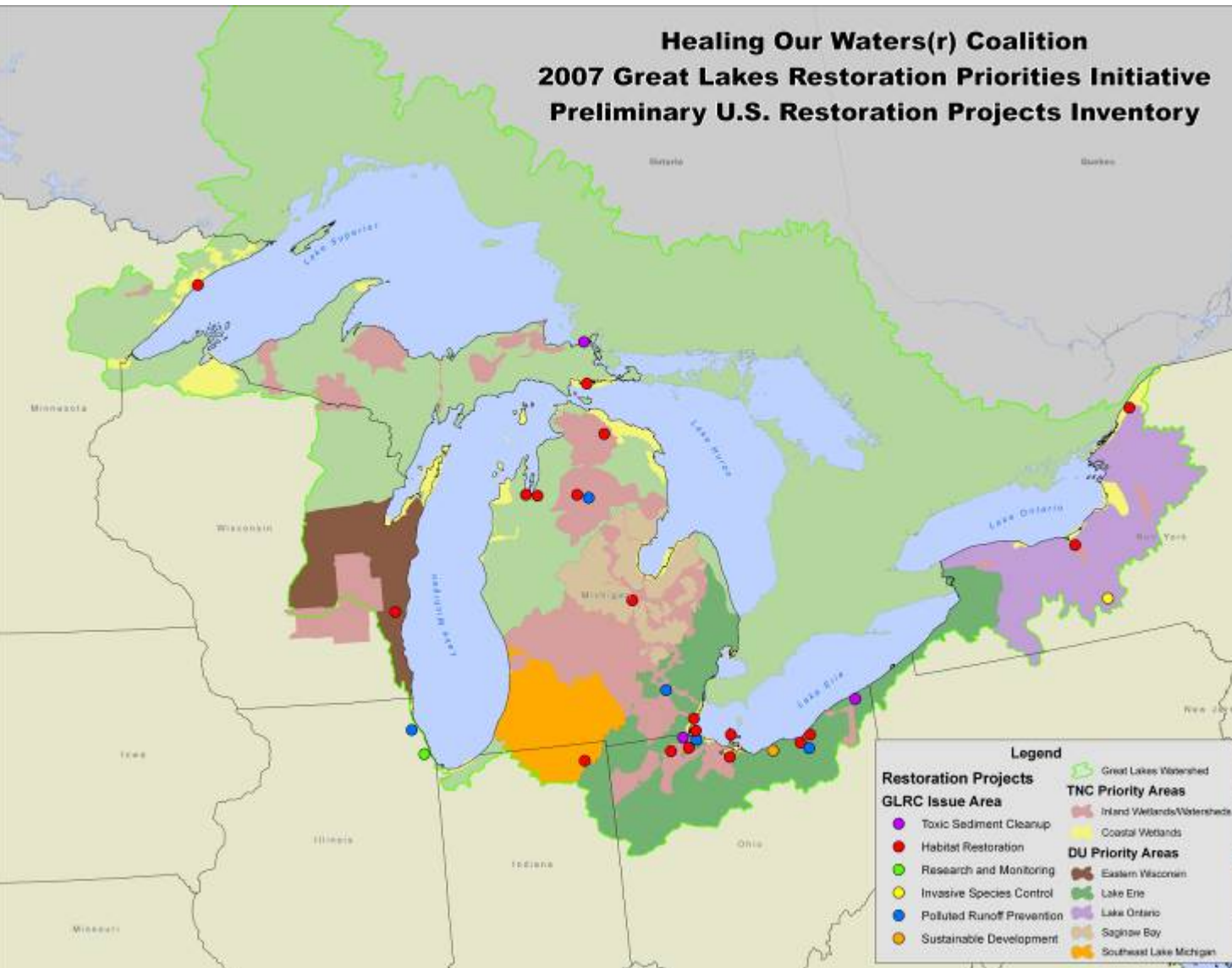
- Put a face on Great Lakes restoration by showing examples of on-the-ground restoration projects



## ■ Goal #2

- Illustrate the urgent need for the HOW Coalition's priority programs and policies

# Restoration Project Inventory



# Next Steps

- Legislation:
  - Great Lakes Collaboration Implementation Act
  
- HOW Coalition:
  - Nov. 15, 2006
    - Comments on HOW priorities
    - Build Project Inventory
  - December 2006
    - Finalize HOW Coalition priorities