

Report of the Executive Director

2009 Annual Meeting
Erie, PA
September 29, 2009



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Presentation Objectives

- Welcome!
- Recognition of Staff
- Update on Current Initiatives and Recent Accomplishments
- Concluding Remarks



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Staff Attending 2009 Semiannual Meeting

Tom Crane

Matt Doss

Stuart Eddy

Dave Knight

Christine Manninen

Gary Overmier

Becky Pearson

Victoria Pebbles

Rita Straith

Sarah-Émilie Hébert-Marcoux (Govt. of Québec Intern)

Anjali Patel (Great Lakes Commission Sea Grant Fellow)



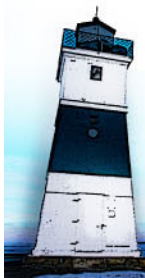
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Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI)

Activities

- Support for President Obama's proposed GLRI – funding and regional priorities
- Letters and meetings with agency officials and members of Congress
- Development of fact sheets and other outreach materials
- Coordination with regional stakeholders
- Convening press calls and conference calls with stakeholder groups



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Table 1: Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Meetings

Meeting with	Date	Location	Approximate Number of Attendees*
Illinois Agency	<u>July 22, 2009</u>	Chicago, IL	21
Illinois Public	<u>July 22, 2009</u>	Chicago, IL	69
Indiana Agency	<u>July 23, 2009</u>	Merrillville, IN	14
Indiana Public	<u>July 23, 2009</u>	Merrillville, IN	57
Michigan Agency	<u>August 3, 2009</u>	Lansing, MI	20
Michigan Public	<u>August 3, 2009</u>	East Lansing, MI	200
Minnesota Agency	<u>August 5, 2009</u>	St. Paul, MN	21
Minnesota Public	<u>August 4, 2009</u>	Duluth, MN	118
New York Agency	<u>July 30, 2009</u>	Albany, NY	48
New York Public	<u>July 29, 2009</u>	Rochester, NY	86
Ohio Agency	<u>July 27, 2009</u>	Columbus, OH	26
Ohio Public	<u>July 27, 2009</u>	Independence, OH	133
Pennsylvania Agency	<u>July 28, 2009</u>	Erie, PA	20
Pennsylvania Public	<u>July 28, 2009</u>	Erie, PA	55
Wisconsin Agency	<u>July 21, 2009</u>	Madison, WI	32
Wisconsin Public	<u>July 21, 2009</u>	Milwaukee, WI	98
Great Lakes Cities	<u>July 31, 2009</u>	Chicago, IL (Conference Call)	15
Great Lakes Tribes	<u>July 31, 2009</u>	Chicago, IL (Conference Call)	30

*Numbers represent only those participants who signed in and may underestimate the actual number of participants.



Muskegon Lake Habitat Restoration Project

- \$10 million grant from NOAA under ARRA
- Implementation partner is West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Comm.
- 18 month duration – July '09-Dec. 2010
- Builds on existing, three-year partnership with NOAA to restore habitat in AOCs
- Habitat restoration project manager hired

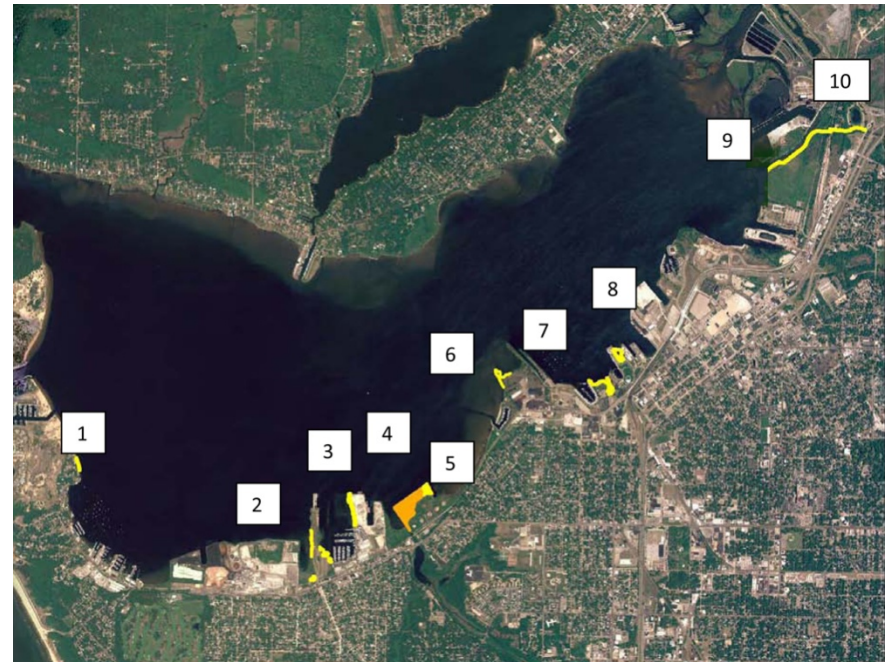


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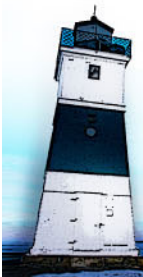
Project Strengths

- Shovel ready by fall '09
- Creates/retains 125 jobs with 36,000 labor hours
- Strong long-term monitoring
- Measureable outcomes
- Part of long-term restoration plan
- Achieves 40% of restoration criteria for fish & wildlife
- Strong landowner and partner support
- \$20 million in local cost share (mostly value of conservation easements)



Project Outcomes

- 10 sites to be restored
- 10,000 ft of softened shoreline
- 27 acres of wetlands restored
- 24 acres of unnatural fill removed



ARRA Clean Diesel Grant

The 1000-foot M/V *Indiana Harbor*

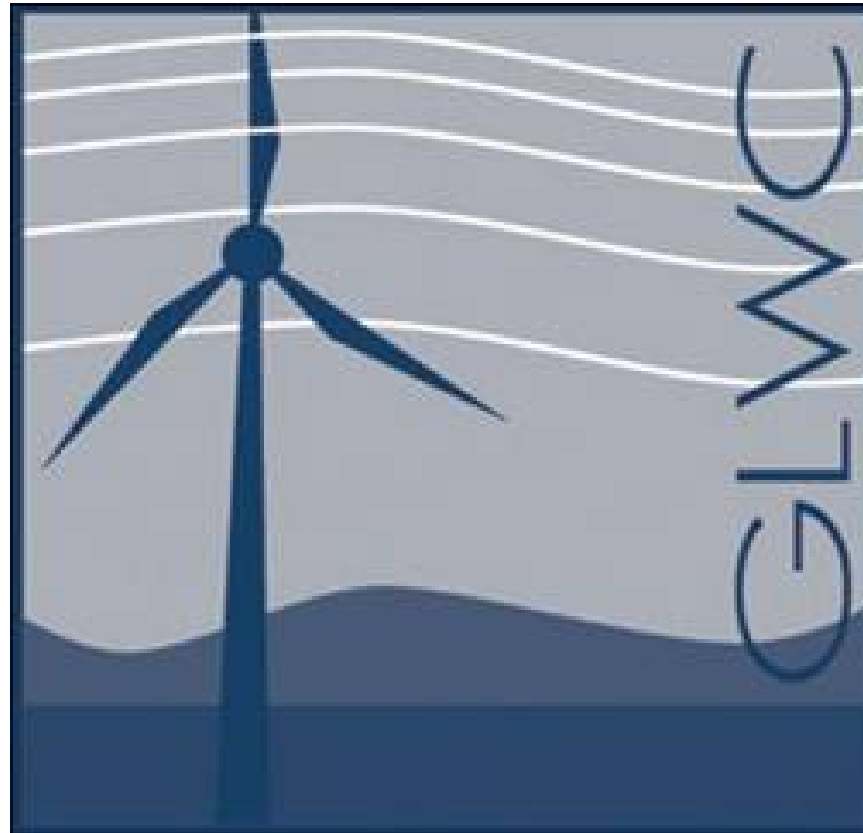
The 770-foot M/V *St. Clair*



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Wind and Water



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Great Lakes Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species Meeting

June 25-26, 2009

Grand Island, NY

- Featured a session on ballast water programs to address the lack of jurisdictional coordination in the region
- Two-part goal:
 - Better understand the challenges in developing a regional standard
 - Look for opportunities to advance consensus on such a standard
- Updates and related perspectives provided by states, provinces, federal governments and industry



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Launching GLIN Labs

Funder: Great Lakes Protection Fund



Products:

- A series of pilot data sharing applications that have been conceived with partners, evaluated and tested, identifying those ready for enhanced development
- Custom-authored computing platform for GLIN v2.0 to support a network of partners engaged in collaborative computing
- Build-out plan for GLINv2.0, informed by an advisory team
- Network of partners who are re-energized to work with GLIN to develop products/applications in Phase II of the project



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What's Next?



- **We want your feedback!** Try out the “Tools for testing” on labs.glin.net and send us your comments
- Sign up for Text Alerts to be informed of GLIN Labs opportunities and upcoming webinars
- Spread the word at your agency/organization and encourage your web and technology managers to get engaged in the GLIN Labs community



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Coordinating a Single Voice from the Great Lakes

- Joint Congressional letters
- Ongoing communication to share ideas, maintain consistent messages, target key members, etc.





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