

FINAL NOTICE: REGISTER NOW!



Illinois/Indiana Public Meeting Concerning Great Lakes Restoration Priorities

May 24, 2004

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Central Time)

Gyte Building, Room 103

Purdue University - Calumet

2200 169th St.

Hammond, Indiana

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Introduction: What is your vision for the Great Lakes? What are your action items for restoration, protection and use in Illinois and Indiana? These and related questions will be addressed at a **May 24** public meeting for Great Lakes stakeholders from Illinois and Indiana. Come join us and help the region's policy leadership shape a restoration and protection agenda for the greatest system of freshwater on the face of the earth! **A preliminary program is attached, accompanied by a site map.**

Sponsors: Illinois/Indiana Sea Grant is hosting this event in partnership with the Great Lakes Commission and Council of Great Lakes Governors.

Background: The restoration and protection of the Great Lakes ecosystem is a widely recognized need, and the eight Great Lakes governors, acting through the Council of Great Lakes Governors, have responded by identifying nine broad priorities to guide such efforts. The Council, in partnership with Illinois/Indiana Sea Grant and the Great Lakes Commission, is seeking public input on these priorities, and ideas on how they can be best implemented for the region's benefit. The workshop for Illinois/Indiana stakeholders is one of a series of such workshops being conducted around the region. Your thoughts and ideas will be solicited, recorded and shared with the governors and other regional leaders as a collective restoration and protection initiative takes shape.

A listing of the Governors' nine priorities is available online at the Council of Great Lakes Governors' website: www.cglg.org. Details on the workshop series, supported by the National Sea Grant Program, can be found on the Great Lakes Commission's web site: www.glc.org. We can add links to any additional relevant plans and strategies you may be aware of. Please contact the Great Lakes Commission at 734-971-9135 or pegable@glc.org.

Format: The public workshop will feature brief presentations on the restoration priorities initiative, and on the state of the Great Lakes (with a focus on Illinois and Indiana). This will be followed by a facilitated, open forum for public comment and discussion. Again, all comments will be used by the Governors to inform their restoration and protection strategies.

Who Should Attend: All with an interest in the current status and future prospects of the Great Lakes are encouraged to participate. This includes local officials, citizen organizations, educators, students, business/ industry interests, elected officials, and any other individuals with an interest.

To Register: There is no fee for the workshop, but we encourage you to register by contacting Patricia Gable at 734-971-9135 or pegable@glc.org by **May 21**. This is an open meeting, and we encourage you to share this information with all who may have an interest.

For Further Information: **A preliminary program is attached.** Additional details on the workshop can be found online at www.glc.org.