

Actions Toward A Sustainable Great Lakes

CONFERENCE

May 4–6, 2004

Sheraton Cleveland City Centre Hotel • 777 St. Clair Avenue • Cleveland, Ohio

Preliminary Program



Tuesday, May 4

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Opening Reception (Fuldheim Room)
Sponsored by SAIC

Wednesday, May 5

7:00 am – 5:00 pm

Registration (East Ballroom)

7:30 am – 10:00 am

Continental Breakfast
Sponsored by Weston Solutions, Inc.

8:00 am – 8:05 am

Binational Color Guard

8:05 am – 8:15 am

Conference Welcome

Brigadier General (P) Steven R. Hawkins, Commander, Great Lakes and Ohio River Division; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)

Lieutenant Colonel Jeffrey M. Hall, Commander, Buffalo District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Dr. Michael J. Donahue, President/CEO, Great Lakes Commission

8:15 am – 8:30 am

Canadian Welcome

Rocco Delvecchio, Consul General, Canadian Consulate General, Detroit

8:30 am – 9:00 am

Opening Keynote

The Honorable Bob Taft, Governor of Ohio and Chair, Council of Great Lakes Governors

9:00 am – 10:00 am

Toward A Shared Vision for a Sustainable Great Lakes

Moderator: Craig Czarnecki, Michigan Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

- *Senator George Voinovich (OH)-via video*
- *Thomas Skinner, Administrator, Region V, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*
- *Representative, Canadian federal government (invited)*
- *Robyn Thorson, Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*

10:00 am – 10:15 am

Break

10:15 am – Noon

Toward A Shared Vision for a Sustainable Great Lakes (cont'd)

Moderator: Paul Freedman, President, Limno-Tech, Inc.

- *Chris Jones, Chair, Restoration Priorities Task Force, Council of Great Lakes Governors*
- *Dennis Schornack, Chair, United States Section, International Joint Commission*

- *George Kuper, President/CEO, Council of Great Lakes Industries*
- *John A. Andersen, Jr., Great Lakes Director, The Nature Conservancy*

Noon – 1:15 pm

Lunch (Fuldheim Room)

Keynote Presentation: *Binational Efforts to Achieve Sustainability: The Canada-U.S. Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement*

The Right Honorable Herb Gray, Chair, Canadian Section, International Joint Commission

1:15 pm –1:30 pm

Charge to Breakout Groups: *Dr. Michael J. Donahue, Great Lakes Commission*

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Concurrent Sessions (Rooms to be announced)

Session A: Water Use and Management

- *Session Sponsors: Great Lakes Commission; Ohio Department of Natural Resources; U.S. Geological Survey*
- *Facilitator: Tom Crane, Great Lakes Commission*
- *Speakers: Sam Speck, Ohio Department of Natural Resources; Jim Nicholas, U.S. Geological Survey*
- *Resource Person: Michele Hoffer, Ohio Department of Natural Resources*

Session B: Water Quality

- *Session Sponsors: Natural Resources Conservation Service; Ohio Sea Grant/OSU – Stone Laboratory*
- *Facilitator: Paul DeArman, Natural Resources Conservation Service*
- *Speakers: Jeff Reutter, Ohio Sea Grant; Steve Davis, Natural Resources Conservation Service*
- *Resource People: Joe DePinto, Limno-Tech, Inc.; Roger Thomas, Ohio EPA; David Baker, Heidelberg College*

Session C: Toxic Hotspots

- *Session Sponsors: International Joint Commission, Cuyahoga River (RAP), SAIC*
- *Facilitator: Sam Insalaco, SAIC*
- *Speakers: Bruce Kirschner, International Joint Commission; Jim White, Cuyahoga River Remedial Action Plan*
- *Resource People: Paul Alsenas, Cuyahoga County Planning Commission; Richard Menozzi, U.S. Steel Corporation; David Nash, Sustainable Cleveland; Mark Madras, Gowling LLP, Toronto; Mark Elster, USEPA-Great Lakes National Program Office*

Session D: Aquatic Invasive Species

- *Session Sponsors: Great Lakes Fishery Commission; Lake Carriers' Association; Ohio Sea Grant/OSU – Stone Laboratory; USACE, Chicago*
- *Facilitator: Marc Gaden, Great Lakes Fishery Commission*
- *Speakers: Jim Weakley, Lake Carriers' Association; Dr. Hugh MacIsaac, University of Windsor*
- *Resource Person: Chuck Shea, USACE, Chicago, Captain Randy Helland, U.S. Coast Guard*

3:00 pm – 3:15 pm

Break

3:15 pm – 5:00 pm

Repeat Concurrent Sessions

5:00 pm

Adjourn for Evening Activities at Great Lakes Science Center

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Reception

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Dinner

Sponsored by SAIC

Emceed by Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Magness, USACE, Detroit. Remarks by Robert Shokes, Corporate Vice President, SAIC and, representative, Great Lakes Science Center.

Thursday, May 6

7:30 am – 10:00 am

Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:00 am – 8:15 am

Day One Review and Day Two Activities

Lieutenant Colonel Jeffrey M. Hall, USACE, Buffalo

8:15 am – 10:00 am

Concurrent Sessions (Rooms to be announced)

Session E: Human Health

- *Session Sponsors: Limno-Tech, Inc.; USACE, Buffalo*
- *Facilitator: Paul Freedman, Limno-Tech;*
- *Speakers: James Pendergast, Chief, Health Protection and Modeling Branch U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Dr. Chris DeRosa, Agency for Toxic Substances Disease Registry*
- *Resource People: Lester Stumpe, Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District; Karen Kiel, USACE, Buffalo*

Session F: Habitat/Wetlands

- *Session Sponsors: Ducks Unlimited; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*
- *Facilitator: Mary Knapp, Supervisor, USFWS, Ohio; David Stilwell, Supervisor, USFWS, New York (next concurrent session)*
- *Speakers: Steven A. Gray, Chief Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Wildlife; Mike Donofrio, Director of Natural Resources, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community*
- *Resource People: Gildo Tori, Ducks Unlimited; Doug Wilcox, U.S. Geological Survey, Great Lakes Science Center; Jerry McClain, USFWS; Sandie Doran, USACE, Buffalo; Dennis McKee, Consumers Energy*

Session G: Sustainable Waterways (Commercial and Recreational)

- *Session Sponsors: Lake Carriers' Association, Weston Solutions, Inc.*
- *Facilitator: Pat Kelly, Weston Solutions, Inc*
- *Speakers: Norm Schultz, Lake Erie Marine Trades Association; Glen G. Nekvasil, Lake Carriers' Association*
- *Resource People: Gary Failor, Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority; Bill McGarry, Ohio Department of Natural Resources; Stephen Burnett, Great Lakes Cruising Coalition; Melinda Huntley, Lake Erie Coastal Ohio, Inc.*

Session H: Research and Decision Support

- *Session Sponsors: Great Lakes Commission; US Geological Survey*
- *Facilitator: Roger Gauthier, Great Lakes Commission*
- *Speakers: Norm Grannemann, US Geological Survey; Thomas Rayburn, Great Lakes Commission*
- *Resource Person: Pete Zuzek, Baird and Associates*

10:00 - 10:15 **Break**

10:15 – Noon **Repeat Concurrent Sessions**

Noon – 1:15 pm **Lunch (Box Lunch - East Ballroom)**

Keynote Presentation: "Value of a Sustainable Great Lakes"

David Ullrich, Director, Great Lakes Cities Initiative

1:15 pm – 2:30 pm **Reporting Out and Discussion**

Facilitators: Lieutenant Colonel Jeffrey M. Hall and Tony Friona, USACE, Buffalo

2:30 pm – 3:15 pm **Putting Ideas into Action**

Facilitator: Lieutenant Colonel Jeffrey M. Hall, USACE, Buffalo

Speakers: Bonnie Kranzer, South Florida Water Management District; Joe Miller, Weston Solutions, Inc.

3:15 – 3:30 pm **Closing Remarks: Next Steps**

Dr. Michael J. Donahue, Great Lakes Commission

Lieutenant Colonel Jeffrey M. Hall, USACE, Buffalo

Colonel Gary E. Johnston, USACE, Chicago

3:30 pm **Adjourn**

Actions Toward A Sustainable Great Lakes—Conference Partners (to date)

American Great Lakes Ports Association	Limno-Tech, Inc.	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Baird and Associates	Michigan Department of	U.S. Coast Guard
Canadian Consulate, Detroit	Environmental Quality	U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural
Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority	Michigan Sea Grant	Resources Conservation Service
Cuyahoga River RAP	National Oceanic and Atmospheric	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Ducks Unlimited	Administration	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Great Lakes Commission	Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources	U.S. Geological Survey
Great Lakes Fishery Commission	Ohio Sea Grant	Weston Solutions, Inc.
Illinois/Indiana Sea Grant	SAIC	
Lake Carriers' Association	The Nature Conservancy	
Lake Erie Marine Trades Association	The Ohio State University	