Executive Director’s Report

Great Lakes Commission Annual Meeting
Cleveland, Ohio
September 10, 2012
**Strategic Plan Core Services**

- Communications
- Info Integration/Reporting
- Facilitation/Consensus Building
- Policy Coordination/Advocacy

**Workplan Program Areas**

- Clean Energy and Climate
- Water-Dependent Economy and Infrastructure
- Invasive Species
- Water Resource Management
- Water Quality and Ecosystem Health
- Habitat and Coastal Management

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Task Force Reports

Phosphorus and Non-Point Pollution

- 2010 Action Item – Issue Brief
- 2011 Task Force
- 2012 Report, resolution

Emergency Preparedness and Response

- 2010 Enbridge and BP Gulf spills
- 2011 Task Force
- 2012 – Report, resolution
Aquatic Invasive Species

• Internet sales – Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant

• Phragmites

• Asian carp & Chicago waterways
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<th>What: Regional, interactive, communication strategy: technology transfer, information sharing, &amp; network building</th>
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<td>Goals: Engage the community Reduce redundancy Link science and management Facilitate adaptive management</td>
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<td>Status: 2 year project $85,000 USGS-GLRI; $15,000 DU</td>
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<td>Regional Participation:</td>
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<td>&gt;250 - introductory webinar</td>
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<td>&gt;140 - online survey</td>
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<td>&gt;100 - management webinar</td>
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<td>Next Steps: Form Advisory Committee Expand web and social networks Conduct quarterly webinar series</td>
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Separation Alternatives:
- Down River
- Mid-System
- Near Lake
Mid-System Alternative Timeline

Chicago
- Barrier
- Stormwater
- Water Quality
- Transportation

Phase I
- 2010
- 2012
- 2014
- 2016
- 2018
- 2020
- 2022

Phase II
- 2024
- 2026
- 2028
- 2030

Permit & Design

Calumet
- Barrier
- Stormwater
- Water Quality
- Transportation

2022

2024

2026

2028

2030
Chicago and Carp - Next Steps & New Developments

• Canadian risk assessment
• Advisory Committee
• Technical investigation – Interim solutions
• Corps study – GLMRIS – New timeline
• Lake Erie??
Policy Coordination & Advocacy

• Great Lakes Restoration Initiative

• Farm Bill

• Dredging and Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund
Policy Coordination & Advocacy

• Farm Bill – 2012
  – Passed Senate, stalled in House
  – Funding cuts, fiscal constraints
  – Conservation title
    • Largest source of federal conservation dollars
  – Regional programs reformed
Great Lakes Basin Program for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control

- Total projects – 458
- GLRI projects – 29
- Funding from GLRI - $10.1 million
- Pounds of P pollution prevented - 1.6 million pounds
- Tons of soil erosion prevented –1.65 million tons

Regional Conservation Partnership Program

- $250 million per year
- 3 Pots:
  - National competition
  - States
  - Critical conservation areas
Great Lakes Restoration Initiative

• Mid-way through 5-year, $2.2 billion program
• Over $1 billion appropriated to date - $300 for FY ‘13
• Nearly 700 place-based projects in FY ‘10 and ‘11
• Strong Congressional and stakeholder support
• Three key priorities for 2012 and 2013:
  – clean up AOCs;
  – reduce nutrient inputs;
  – prevent new invasive species introductions
## Place-Based GLRI Projects

*(Not including multi-state projects. FY 2010 and 2011 only)*

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GLC Recommendations on GLRI

• Strong program, progressing well
• Improving efficiency:
  – Sustain coordination with the states
  – Maintain noncompetitive funding
  – Support larger-scale, multi-year restoration projects
  – Coordinate, consolidate and streamline RFPs
  – Improve QAPP process and GLAS system
  – Balance near-term priorities with long-term needs
  – Target priority watersheds
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