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Federal Policy Agenda - 2013

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- Fund Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI)
- Pass comprehensive Great Lakes legislation
- Address low water levels by funding dredging
- Fund waste and drinking water infrastructure
- Pass Farm Bill
- Stop Asian carp and other aquatic invasive species



Great Lakes Restoration Initiative

- Mid-way through 5-year, \$2.2 billion program
- Over \$1 billion appropriated to date \$300M for FY13
- 1,400 projects underway
- Strong congressional and stakeholder support
- Three key priorities for 2012 and 2013:
 - clean up AOCs;
 - reduce nutrient inputs;
 - prevent new invasive species introductions
- Cuts will slow progress, make cleanup more expensive



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Great Lakes Restoration at work in Wisconsin

The state of Wisconsin – together with local communities, tribes, nongovernmental organizations and business and industry – is collaborating with the federal government to implement a comprehensive restoration strategy for the Great Lakes. With strong support from Congress and the Administration, this partnership is generating on-the-ground actions that will improve Wisconsin's economy, environment and quality of life. This fact sheet describes how Great Lakes restoration is benefiting Wisconsin and showcases selected restoration projects now underway.

The Great Lakes: A Vital Economic Asset for Wisconsin

The Great Lakes have profound effects on Wisconsin's environment, culture and quality of life. Lakes Michigan and Superior provide

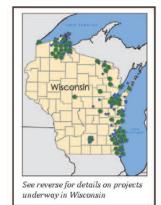
- sport fishing opportunities for more than 250,000 anglers, bringing \$252 million to lakeshore communities annually;
- the foundation for a \$3 billion tourism industry in lakeshore counties;
- water vital for manufacturing;
- harbors and marinas that support a \$9.4 billion annual recreational boating industry; and
- a maritime transportation network that supports the movement of \$7 billion in cargo through Wisconsin ports annually.

As these figures show, cleaning up the Great Lakes isn't just about correcting mistakes of the past, but of leveraging a vital resource to build a better future.

Investing in Wisconsin's Waterfront Communities

The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) is supporting implementation of a comprehensive cleanup plan that has

standards. An interagency task force, led by U.S. EPA, is coordinating federal efforts and directing a majority of funding to states, cities and nongovernmental groups that



are best able to address local restoration priorities.

Economic Benefits from Restoring the Great Lakes

Restoring the Great Lakes advances our region's broader strategy to create jobs, stimulate economic development and invest in freshwater resources and waterfront communities. A detailed study by The Brookings Institution found that fully implementing the Great Lakes restoration strategy would generate \$80 billion to \$100 billion in benefits, including

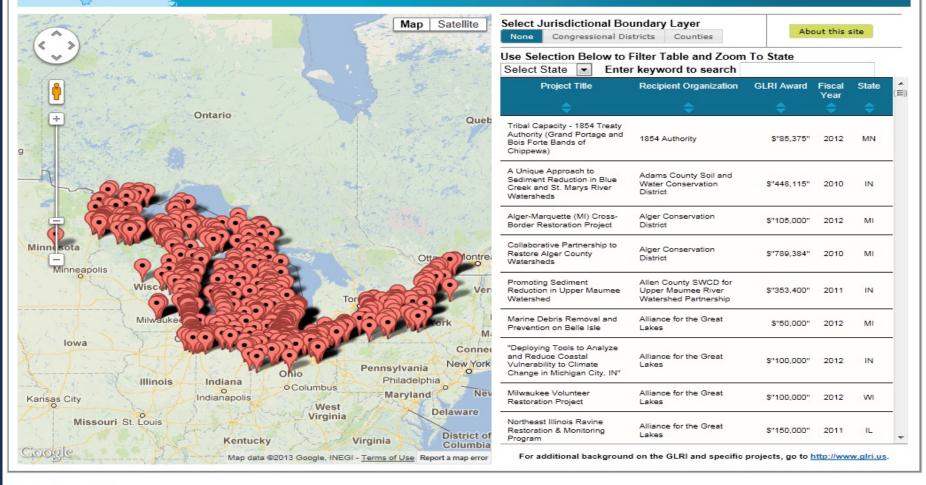
- \$6.5 billion to \$11.8 billion in direct benefits from tourism, fishing and recreation;
- \$50 million to \$125 million in reduced costs to municipalities; and
- \$12 billion to \$19 billion in increased property values in degraded shoreline areas, including up to \$2.3 billion for the Milwaukee metro area alone.

Solving Great Lakes Problems

The GLRI builds on state and local efforts to solve problems

Great Lakes Restoration At Work

Site-specific Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Projects, FY 2010-2012



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Note: Jurisdictional boundary data was acquired from U.S. Census Bureau. If you have any additional questions and concerns about a GLRI project(s), please e-mail us.

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Comprehensive Great Lakes Legislation

- Reauthorize Great Lakes National Program Office
- Great Lakes Advisory Board
- Federal Interagency Task Force
- Authorize the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative - \$475 Million per year
- Reauthorize the Great Lakes Legacy Act -\$150 Million per year



Legacy Act – Task Force

- Reauthorize at \$150 Million (currently \$50 M)
- Address cost share for "no responsible parties"
- Address sites nearby but not within boundaries

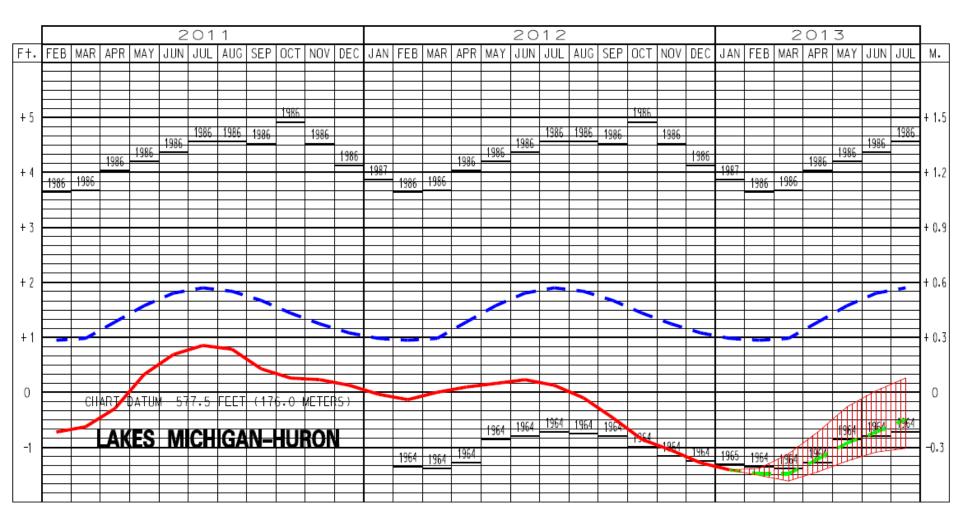


Low water levels - Dredging

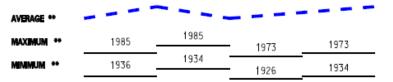
- Reform Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund
- HR 335 (RAMP Act)
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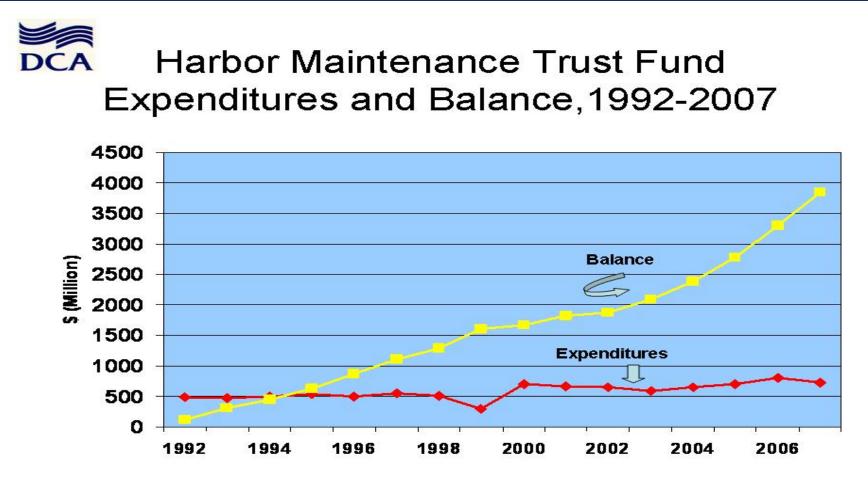
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Benefits of the Great Lakes Navigation System

- 227,000 Jobs
- \$33.5 Billion in business revenue
- \$14.1 Billion in annual personal income
- \$6.4 Billion in local purchases
- \$4.6 Billion in tax revenue
- \$3.6 Billion in Transportation Rate Savings



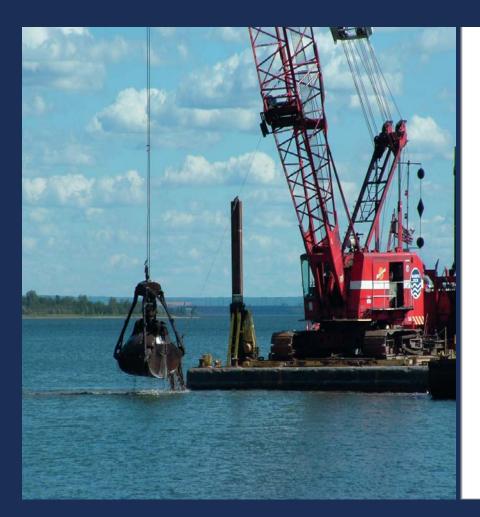
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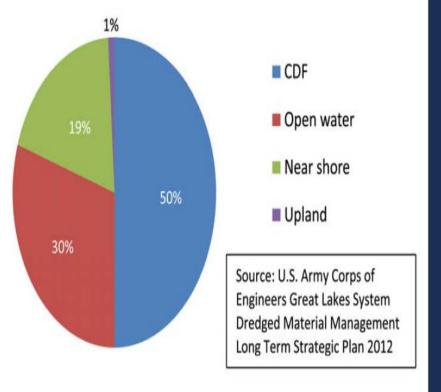
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Beneficial Use of Dredged Materials



Dredged material placement by volume at U.S. federal Great Lakes harbors 1999-2008





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Beneficial Use of Dredged Materials

Times Beach, Buffalo

Cleveland brownfield capping



Fund wastewater infrastructure

- \$70 Billion need in Great Lakes
- 70% of nation's CSOs are in our 8 states
- Reps Bishop and Higgins bills

Pass Farm Bill

Regional Conservation
 Partnership



Stop Aquatic Invasive Species



Stop Aquatic Invasive Species

- Reform Lacey Act
 - -Prevent dangerous imports
 - -Scientific screening pre import
 - -Allow screening for species already in trade.
- Fund Asian carp, base budgets



Tab 6 – Workplan Updates

Workplan Program Areas

Strategic Plan Core Services

Communications

Info Integration/Reporting

Facilitation/ Consensus Building

Policy Coordination/ Advocacy 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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