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New interactive map showcases “Great Lakes Restoration at Work”

The Great Lakes Commission has unveiled a new interactive map showcasing nearly 1,000 restoration projects being implemented under the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI). The site, available at www.glc.org/restore/qlrimap, includes map overlays of congressional districts, and state and county boundaries. The webpage showcases GLRI restoration projects funded in fiscal years 2010-2012, with an emphasis on on-the-ground actions.

The project table is fully searchable and can be sorted by title, lead agency, state and other parameters. When you click on a project in the table the map zooms into the site.

When county or congressional district boundaries are turned on, the map shows what county a project is located in or which Member of Congress represents the district and the percentage of the district that lies within the Great Lakes Basin.

The project table “disaggregates” programs to show separate on-the-ground projects, versus showing a grant program managed by an agency or organization. For example, the map shows separate contaminated sediment cleanups implemented under the Great Lakes Legacy Act program.

The website emphasizes on-the-ground actions and does not include some projects focused on research, monitoring, public education and other broad-scale activities not focused on a specific site. The project locations may represent a specific site or the watershed in which restoration work is being conducted. In some cases the site is the location of the lead agency.

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Click on an image to visit the interactive map (opens in web browser)

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The Commission has also produced state-specific factsheets showcasing how the GLRI is benefiting each of the eight Great Lakes states.

These resources reinforce the Commission's message to Congress and the Administration that the GLRI is generating meaningful, site-specific improvements with a direct impact on the lakes and local communities across the region. The Commission's complete legislative priorities for 2013 are available at <http://glc.org/restore/>.

The Commission will continue to update the website as the GLRI moves forward and welcomes suggestions or corrections. For additional background on the GLRI and specific projects, go to <http://www.glri.us>.

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The Great Lakes Commission, chaired by Kenneth G. Johnson, water division administrator at the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, is an interstate compact agency established under state and U.S. federal law and dedicated to promoting a strong economy, healthy environment and high quality of life for the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence region and its residents. The Commission consists of governors' appointees, state legislators, and agency officials from its eight member states. Associate membership for Ontario and Québec was established through the signing of a "Declaration of Partnership." The Commission maintains a formal Observer program involving U.S. and Canadian federal agencies, tribal authorities, binational agencies and other regional interests. The Commission offices are located in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Learn more at www.glc.org.