

Management and Governance in the Great Lakes Region



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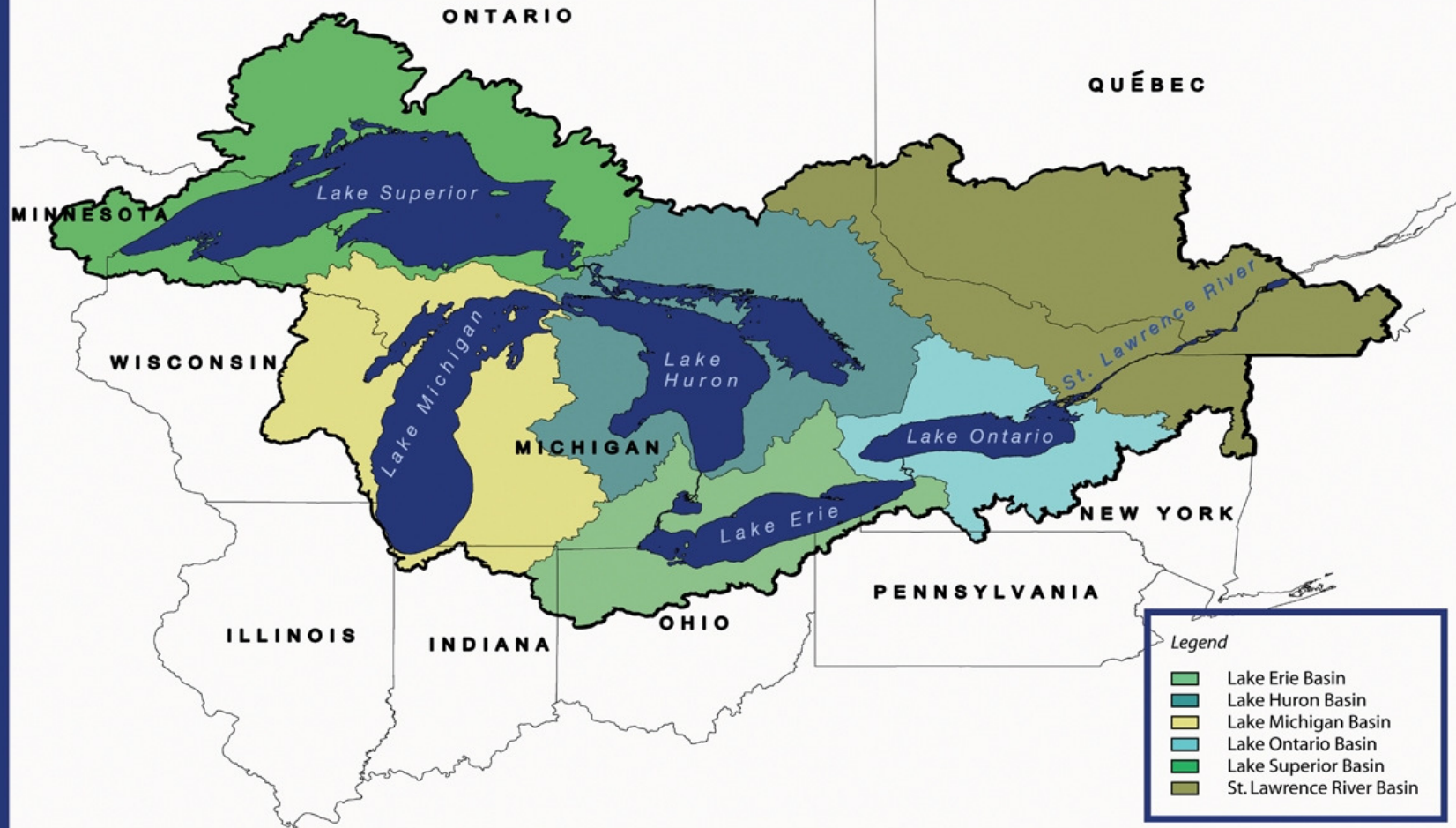


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- **Great Lakes Protection and Restoration**
 - **Priorities**
 - **Water Management**
 - **Aquatic Invasive Species**
- **Economic Development**
 - **Export Promotion**
 - **Tourism**
 - **Investment**



The Great Lakes Basin



Intergovernmental Organizations in the Great Lakes Region

- **Binational**
 - International Joint Commission
 - Binational Executive Committee
 - Great Lakes Fishery Commission
- **U.S. Federal**
 - Interagency Task Force
 - Congressional Great Lakes Task Force



Intergovernmental Organizations in the Great Lakes Region

- **State**
 - **Council of Great Lakes Governors**
 - **Great Lakes Commission**
- **Tribes**
 - **United Indian Nations
of the Great Lakes***
- **Local**
 - **Great Lakes and
St. Lawrence
Cities Initiative**



Non-Governmental Organizations in the Great Lakes Region

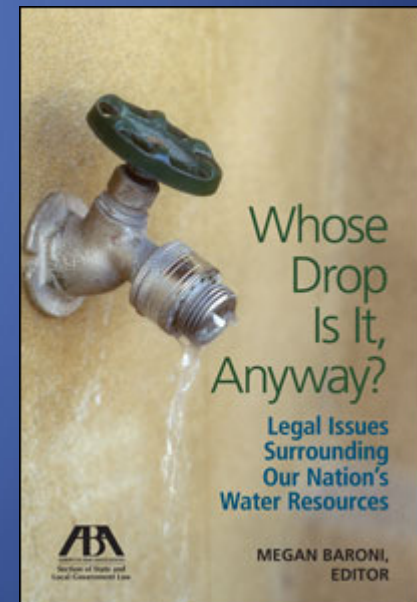
- **Council of Great Lakes Industries**
- **Great Lakes United**



Sustainable Water Management in the Great Lakes Region

“It is a textbook example of collaboration—two nations, multiple jurisdictions, NGOs, agriculture and industry—all working together for the greater good of the Lakes.”

**USEPA Administrator Michael Leavitt,
2004**





“Great Lakes Agreement”

- Good-faith agreement among the Great Lakes Governors and Premiers
- Created Regional Body
- State and Provincial implementation
 - Provincial action
 - Interstate Compact





“Great Lakes Compact”

- Legally enforceable contract among the Great Lakes States
- Created Compact Council
- Implementation
 - Ratification by State legislatures (2006-2008)
 - Congressional consent (2008)





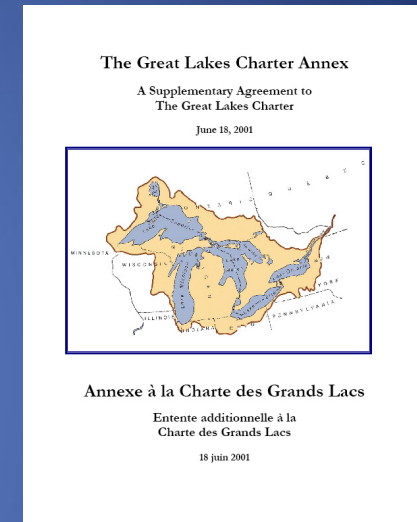
Great Lakes Governors' Priorities Initiative

- 2002 launch following Congressional request
- Focus on sustainability--address the issues of the present and anticipate the challenges of tomorrow
- Build on past investments
- Public participation



Great Lakes Governors' Priorities

- Ensure the sustainable use of our water resources while confirming that the States retain authority over water use and diversions of Great Lakes waters.
- Promote programs to protect human health against adverse effects of pollution in the Great Lakes ecosystem.



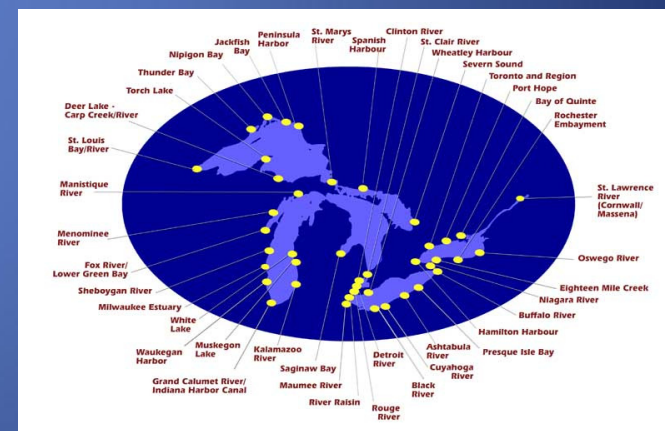
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- Control pollution from diffuse sources into water, land and air.
- Continue to reduce the introduction of persistent bioaccumulative toxics into the Great Lakes ecosystem.
- Stop the introduction and spread of non-native aquatic invasive species.



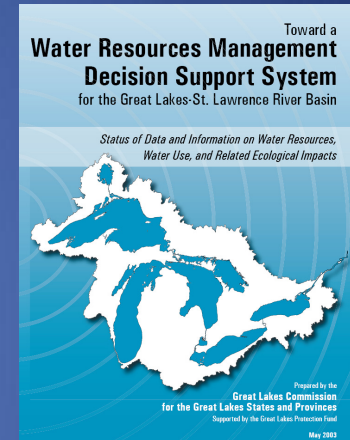
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- Enhance fish and wildlife by restoring and protecting coastal wetlands, fish and wildlife habitats.
- Restore to environmental health the Areas of Concern identified by the International Joint Commission as need remediation.



Great Lakes Governors' Priorities

- Standardize and enhance the methods by which information is collected, recorded and shared within the region.
- Adopt sustainable use practices that protect environmental resources and may enhance the recreational and commercial value of our Great Lakes.



Building a Broader Regional Collaboration



2003 Priorities Completed



2005 GLRC Strategy



**2009 Great Lakes
Restoration Initiative**





Regional Lessons Learned

- **Collaborations are needed to address functional issues**
- **“Necessity is the mother of collaboration”**
- **Clarity regarding scope, roles and responsibilities essential**
- **Strong leadership needed to address unique challenges**





Regional Lessons Learned

- **Education needed on differing political processes, organizational structures**
- **Transparency and public participation key to success**
- **Institutional arrangements foster further collaboration**
- **Success encourages repetition**





Collaboration Challenges

- **Complexity**
- **Building on existing organizational frameworks**
- **Bureaucracy, inertia and transaction costs**
- **Prioritization**
- **Failure to learn from experience**





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