

John Dickert, GLSLCI President and CEO will be speaking before Congressional Staff Sept 5<sup>th</sup> on green infrastructure challenges facing mayors and municipalities.

## CITIES INITIATIVE NEWS AND UPDATES

### Sarah Rang joins us as Deputy Director in Ontario

Sarah Rang brings over 25 years of Great Lakes experience to help support municipalities through the Cities Initiative. Trained as a scientist and working as a policy director, she has extensive experience in the strategic coordination, planning, and implementation of environmental and sustainability programs. She has developed new best management practices in environmental management, and helps develop communication materials. She is looking forward to working with all municipalities as part of the Cities Initiative. Welcome aboard Sarah!

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### Resilient Municipalities 2018/2019 GLSL Webinar Series

Member Access Only

Members, join us this fall and winter for our Resilient Municipalities Webinar Series. The series will explore challenges and solutions first discussed at the 2018 GLSLCI Annual Conference on building resiliency for municipalities facing climate change and other threats. More information will be sent to membership.



## Resilient Municipalities

### Hamilton's Green Infrastructure to Manage Stormwater

Sustain our Great Lakes announced its 2018 grantees. One of the 25 grants awarded this year will go to green infrastructure work in Cities Initiative member city, Hamilton, Ontario. A local environmental organization has received the funding to complete nine green infrastructure projects that aim to improve stormwater management by increasing stormwater storage to up to 130,000 gallons annually. Through rain gardens, removal of impervious surfaces, and community engagement, the projects aim to reduce contaminated stormwater entering Spencer Creek and Hamilton Harbour.

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### Kinnickinnic River Trail Restoration in Milwaukee

Partners in Milwaukee, WI were recently among 52 organizations awarded a Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Program grant by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. The program builds community capacity to advance wetland, forest, riparian and coastal habitat restoration. The Sixteenth Street Community Health Center was awarded the grant to restore seven acres of riparian area along the Kinnickinnic River. The project, partners of which include the City of Milwaukee, the Milwaukee Riverkeepers, the Metropolitan Milwaukee Sewerage District and many more, will also engage students and volunteers in the important work.

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### The Cities Initiative Staff Retreat

As part of organization development under our CS Mott Foundation grant, staff recently participated in a staff retreat. Staff tested their nautical knowledge during an afternoon sailing lesson on Lake Michigan, during which man overboard procedures were practiced to rescue a stray plastic bottle from the lake (pictured below). Staff then worked with consultant Peter Nicholson of Foresight Design Initiatives to improve internal and external operations and communications. The retreat was a very positive experience for staff and will result in more positive interaction with both members and partners.



## GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE NEWS



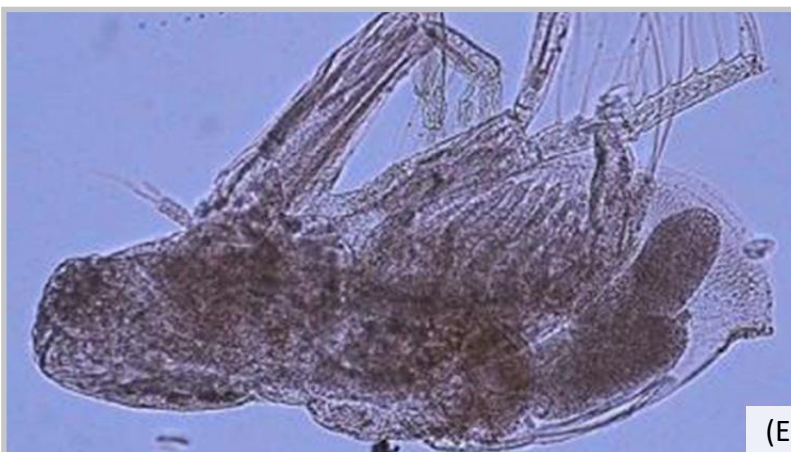
### Text a Buoy!

The Great Lakes Observing System, one of 11 regional associations of the Integrated Ocean Observing System, works to make Great Lakes real-time and historical data available to the public. The Text a Buoy program allows boaters to text various buoys in the five Great Lakes to get real-time weather and water information. Of note, the Cities Initiative was part of the GLOS advisory board for a number of years.

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### 2 New Non-Native Species Discovered

Cornell University researchers have discovered two new non-native zooplankton species in the western basin of Lake Erie. Mesocyclops pehpeiensis and Diaphanosoma fluviatile were detected between 2015 and 2017. These two species join the 180 other non-native species that have found their way into the Great Lakes system over the years.

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(Elizabeth Whitmore and Joseph Connolly / Cornell University)

## UPCOMING WEBINARS & EVENTS

**SEPT. 18**

The National Council for Public-Private Partnerships presents  
**P3 Boot Camp**

K&L Gates  
Chicago, IL

**OCT. 2 - 3**

Great Lakes Commission  
**Annual Meeting**

Indianapolis, IN  
The Conrad Hotel

**OCT. 17-18**

**14th Annual Healing Our Waters Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Conference**

Westin Cadillac Hotel  
Detroit, Michigan

**OCT. 24-25**

**2018 Great Lakes Beach Association and Great Lakes Water Safety Consortium Joint Conference**

DoubleTree Hilton  
Independence, OH


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