

**Windsor Office
August 1992 Monthly Report**

(1) Human Health Project

The Human Health Project Proposal is at a complete stand still. It is my understanding that Terry has received some comments regarding the proposal from Sarah and is hoping to address this project as soon as possible. I have also received via mail some editorial changes and additional verbiage from Phil Weller. His comments and changes will be forwarded to Terry in Buffalo.

Other Office Activities

(1) Lake Erie Alliance

The GLU Windsor Office took the lead to host the August 15th Lake Erie Alliance meeting in Windsor. Arrangements were made with the Relax Plaza Inn to hold the meeting in their conference room. Approximately 20 people attended the meeting to discuss the organizational structure, mission statement, newsletter and communication process and funding sources (see attached memo regarding LEA minutes).

(2) Detroit Water and Sewerage Department Proposed Permit
Modifications - Michigan Water Resources Commission Public
Hearing

On August 20th I attended a Michigan Water Resources Commission public hearing and made comments regarding the proposed modifications to the Detroit Water and Sewerage Dept. permit. In 1990, GLU filed a petition to contest sections of the DWSD permit. Since that time, there was very little information or interaction with GLU regarding matters in the contested case. In July, 1992 the MWRC issued a public notice on modifications to the permit. On August 10th, the Windsor Office sent a letter to the DNR requesting a public hearing on the proposed modifications. On August 19th, the Buffalo Office sent a letter to the Municipal Permits Unit of the MDNR withdrawing GLU from the contested case that was concerned with the CSO issues. Because there was considerable concern that a request for a public hearing regarding the proposed modifications would jeopardize the accomplishments made toward the CSO issues of the permit, the Windsor issued a memo to hold the request in abeyance (see attached memos). In order to keep current with the hearings of the contested portion of the permit, the Windsor will be the contact for GLU.

(3) Fundraising

The Windsor Office has identified grassroots organizations in Ontario through the Ontario Environment Network Directory, and is sending a packet of information to solicit their membership in GLU. Enclosed in the packet is our 1992 annual report, newsletters,



GREAT LAKES UNITED

MEMO

TO: Terry Yonker and Bruce Kershner
FROM: Mary Ginnebaugh
DATE: August 24, 1992
RE: Lake Erie Alliance Meeting in Windsor

The minutes to the August 15th meeting are still in a very rough form and I'm concerned that they will create more questions than provide answers. Therefore, to give you something that summarizes the meeting, I have written a mini-version of the minutes as follows:

Rob Clements chaired the meeting and provided an agenda to discuss the goals, issues, mission statement, organization structure, grant proposal, action projects, communications process and next meeting dates. To get everyone up to speed, Glenda provided an overview of the Gund grant, LMF's involvement to date and the previous two LEA meetings in Ohio. A lengthy discussion about the organizational structure and the need to create a whole new non-profit organization in terms of funding, effectiveness and longevity ensued. There was some concern of how to coordinate the Canadian organizations and increase the Canadian involvement in the LEA. Discussion of LEA as an extension of a larger, established organization developed. Organizational coordination within the basin and leadership among them were also expressed. Concerns regarding the Canadian organizations' ability to join a U.S. 501(3)c organization were made. GLU as an established binational environmental group was suggested as already having the structure to coordinate the LEA. It was noted that Lake Superior Alliance exists without any formal structure. In a parallel discussion, issues of agricultural impacts, fishing laws, a lakewide management plan and a state of the lakes report were touched on.

In order to help define LEA as an organization, the group fashioned a mission statement along with some specific goals for the organization. The following mission statement was agreed upon: To act as a coordinating and facilitating binational network for communication among NGO's in the Lake Erie Watershed; to identify and address common issues impacting environmental integrities in the bioregion.

The goals that were agreed on were (1) Increase public awareness throughout the Lake Erie watershed; (2) share information and educational sources; (3) encourage preservation

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August 20, 1992

TO: Michigan Water Resources Commission
FROM: Great Lakes United
RE: Modifications of discharge permit to Detroit Water and
Sewerage Department

The Detroit Waste Water Treatment plant has been identified as the largest point source of pollutants in the entire Great Lakes Basin. The need to control and eliminate the toxic substances being discharged by the DWSD is all too obvious. Any progress that can be made toward remediating the Detroit River as an Areas of Concern and the western Lake Erie Basin hinges directly on what is allowed to be discharged through the permitting process.

As the Michigan Water Resources Commission reviews the modifications for the previously issued permit to the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, Great Lakes United would like to make the following comments:

(1) The previously issued permit contained lower daily maximum effluent limitations for cadmium, copper and lead. Raising these limits would be contradictory to the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement which calls for virtual elimination of persistent toxic substances.

(2) The proposed modifications lower the amount of wet weather flow for which the permittee is required to provide secondary treatment from 920 MGD to 859 MGD. In order to prevent further degradation of the Great Lakes, secondary treatment should be a MINIMUM requirement for all flows. The proposed modifications is a step backwards from the application of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement.

Great Lakes United is vitally interested in the protection and enhancement of the Detroit River and waters downstream. As a coalition of community organizations, environmentalists, conservationists, laborers, sportsmen, businesses, municipalities and individuals throughout the Great Lakes Basin, Great Lakes United continues to work toward implementation and appropriate application of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement. The proposed modifications to the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department permit do not further the goal of virtual elimination of persistent toxics in the Great Lakes Basin.

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MEMO

TO: Dick Kubiak, Sarah Miller, Terry Yonker, Chris Clark and
John Jackson

FROM: Mary Ginnebaugh

DATE: August 17, 1992

RE: Fundraising

I have been approached by Penny and James Ewing, entrepreneurs in a line of health food/natural products business called Healthwaves International, to include Great Lakes United of Canada as part of their fundraising efforts. With each sale of a product, they will donate \$5.00 to GLU, Canada.

As I understand it, they currently have established donation programs with Silk for Life (which provides mulberry trees for cocaine growers in order to change their agricultural operation to silk worms for silk), UNICEF and American Free Tree. They have a deep commitment to the Great Lakes region, and would like to have Great Lakes United, Canada replace the American Free Tree program.

In talking with James on the phone last Friday, he was interested in identifying some tangible Great Lakes problem that the donated money would support. I sense from my conversation that he is a solution oriented individual, and would like to identify and support a basin-wide environmental project that actively works toward some environmental goal. For example, the goal of zero discharge would be supported by some active alternative to dumping toxics in the basin. He is looking for some activity that is not just rhetoric.

I told James that there would be a meeting in Buffalo on Tuesday, August 18th in which the President, Executive Director, Treasurer and accountant for GLU would be present. Given the nature of this offer of donation, I felt their involvement was essential. I also asked James to write a very brief summary of his proposal, and FAX that information to me.

I think this is not only a great opportunity for GLU to raise money but it also is a great way to get GLU's name distributed far and wide!

James is currently traveling in the Canadian Northwest, but can call the Buffalo Office at a specified time tomorrow during your meeting. Please let him know today when it would be an appropriate time for him to call the Buffalo office. His number is (206) 244-6666 room 222.



GREAT LAKES UNITED

August, 1992

Dear Fellow Environmentalists,

It is no secret that there are great number of environmental issues in Ontario that need addressing. Environmental threats and concerns are often the very catalyst that create grass-roots organizations like yours. Yet, when environmental organizations are looking for support to further their cause, there is often a sense of isolation.

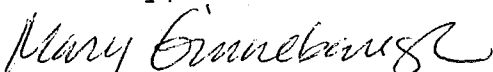
Great Lakes United is a Basin-wide, binational coalition actively working to protect and preserve the Great Lakes - St. Lawrence River ecosystem. Since 1982, GLU has successfully coordinated the efforts of over 180 diverse interest groups and thousands of individuals from Canada and the U.S. Together we have gained tougher pollution controls, more effective clean-up plans and increased opportunities for citizen involvement on local, national and international issues.

Please join Great Lakes United! Organizations such as yours create the very backbone of GLU. As a member of GLU, your local environmental issues can be raised to a regional as well as national and international level. In addition, your organizational membership not only puts you on our mailing list to receive our quarterly newsletter, Action Updates and pertinent Great Lakes information, but it also gives you voting privileges on policy decisions within GLU at our Annual General Meetings.

Enclosed is our 1992 GLU Annual Report, a list of last years' achievements, a copy of our Great Lakes United Newsletter, our brochure and membership envelope. Please take a few minutes to review this information and share it with your organization. If you have further questions or would like to obtain more GLU information, please do not hesitate to contact me. I have included my office phone number below.

Remember, with you and other environmental organizations behind us, GLU can present a strong and unified voice to Basin decision makers. 1992 can be an even greater success toward restoring and protecting one of the Earth's most vital resource --- the Great Lakes -St. Lawrence River ecosystem.

Sincerely,


Mary Ginnebaugh

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The revisions made in June to the Health proposal have not been commented on by any Board members or Phil. The status of this project remains as it did in the month June. There is a serious need for the Board members directly involved with this project and the Executive Director to take some further action on this proposal if there is any expectation for the project to succeed. Letters to potential funding institutions and letters soliciting steering committee members still need to be sent by someone. As the staff member, I have been given the responsibility of writing the proposal but I do not have any authority to further this project. I as consequence, I have become frustrated with the project and have expressed this frustration to Dick on several occasions. It is my understanding from Dick that the project will get greater attention when the new Executive Director comes on board .

Other Office Activities

(1) Course Work

July 13-17 and 27-31 I was enrolled in two graduate courses in Epidemiology at the University of Michigan. The first course was entitled "Exposure Assessment for Occupational and Environmental Epidemiology", taught by Robert Herrick from National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health; the second course was entitled "Environmental Epidemiology", taught by Maureen Hatch of Columbia University School of Public Health. I attended these courses to increase my understanding of environmental exposure to toxic substances and current methodologies in epidemiological studies. Both courses were very well presented and I consider them to be a valuable tool for any further work that may be associated with the Health Projects in the Great Lakes Basin.

(2) Great Lakes Ecosystem Protection Conference

I was asked by Karen Murphy and Bruce Kershner to attend this conference in Bowling Green, Ohio in place of Bruce who could not attend. The importance centered around the need for a GLU person to attend a Lake Erie organizations meeting that was also being held on Sunday morning at the University of Bowling Green, where the conference was held. The Lake Erie organizations meeting was the second meeting of its kind which was in response to a grant through the Gund Foundation to organize the Lake Erie groups into one coalition working on Lake Erie issues. While there were a fair number of people attending this second meeting, the majority of attendees were from the Ohio area. The group of Lake Erie organizations decided upon a name (Lake Erie Alliance) and to hold a third meeting to include more Canadian organizations. The GLU-Windsor office volunteered to organize the next meeting in Windsor

on August 15th. I also volunteered to act as editor of the first newsletter, which would include articles from various Lake Erie organizations and individuals within the basin. Money spent on the Lake Erie Alliance would come from the Gund Foundation through the Lake Michigan Federation, who is currently administering the grant.

(3) Environmental Expo

An Environmental Expo was held in Milan, Michigan on July 24-25 (see attached flyer). Great Lakes United participated in the Expo and I was able to talk with people interested in Great Lakes issues, pass out our newsletters, pollution prevention bulletins and sell Keep 'em Great t-shirts and GLU t-shirts. This was the first Environmental Expo this community has hosted and was not well supported by the community. Rainy weather and the fact that the Expo was in an out of the main stream location were two factors that may negatively influenced the attendance. There is a well organized environmental organization in this area - Michigan Citizens Against Toxic Substances (M-CATS) - that was formed in response to the prospect of a hazardous waste complex (landfill and incinerator) being built in the Milan community. I was able to give one of their members some information on Great Lakes United, and spoke to them about the possibility of joining us. In light of the formation of the Lake Erie Alliance, this might be another way to keep them in touch with GLU.

(4) Advisory Committee - Great Lakes Collection

The University of Windsor has appointed an Advisory Committee to provide assistance and advice to Leddy Library concerning the IJC's Regional Office Library Collection. I have been invited to be a member of this committee along with Rick Coronado and Pat Murray. A second meeting is scheduled for September 14th. The collection is currently in boxes in the basement of the University library. A strategy to have Pat Murray directly involved with the work necessary to incorporate the collection with the University is being devised by myself and others. It is hoped that a new Regional Office Director (if one is hired) would look more favorably to returning the collection the IJC, where it can at least be used by everyone.