

“Great Lakes United is the broad-based, basin-wide, grassroots movement for Great Lakes water quality that many of us have long hoped for. Great Lakes United is informed, effective and influential.”

Governor James J. Blanchard
State of Michigan



“Great Lakes United has quickly established itself as an effective citizen coalition dedicated to the protection and enhancement of the Great Lakes. I applaud the accomplishments of Great Lakes United and encourage continuation of this important work.”

Henry G. Williams, Commissioner
New York State Department of
Environmental Conservation



“Canadians and Americans are united in their resolve to bring water quality back to acceptable standards for the benefit of present and future generations — let’s continue to support Great Lakes United.”

Honorable Charles Caccia
Member of Parliament
Former Minister of Environment, Canada

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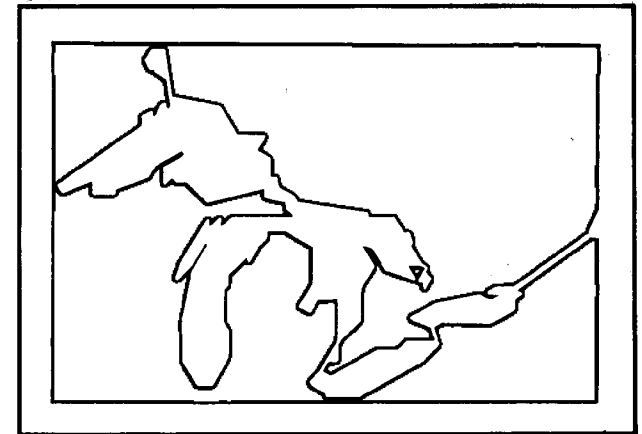
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GREAT LAKES United



***“An international organization
dedicated to conserving and
protecting the Great Lakes and
Lawrence River”***

GREAT LAKES UNITED

In May 1982, representatives of conservation, environmental and community organizations from the eight states and two Canadian provinces bordering the Great Lakes and Saint Lawrence River met on Mackinac Island, Michigan. At that meeting, objectives and goals were adopted in the formation of an organization to coordinate and unify the diverse interests of the Great Lakes Basin. Thus, the common goal of Great Lakes United is to protect, conserve and properly manage the resources of the Great Lakes Basin.

Great Lakes United, a coalition of environmental, sportsmen, union, government and small business organizations, has established its international headquarters in Buffalo, New York. Through its board of directors, member organizations and staff, Great Lakes United focuses on the critical problems threatening the environmental quality of the basin.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Great Lakes United provides the organizational base for groups and individuals to become involved in a cooperative manner, to learn from each other's experience and to understand the interrelationship of specific environmental hazards to the ecosystem as a whole. Great Lakes United has been involved in issues such as Winter Navigation, 1978 U.S.-Canadian International Water Quality Agreement, Great Lakes Toxic Agreement and potential water diversions out of the Great Lakes Basin. Through our united efforts, Great Lakes United has provided the catalyst for Great Lakes citizens to be involved in the decision-making process.

Our common objectives include, to educate citizens on Great lakes issues, to further conservation efforts in the basin, to provide information exchanges on critical issues, to encourage environmentally sound economic strategies and to promote public support and coordinated citizen action on Great Lakes issues.

Through this joint program, the philosophy of an ecosystem approach to environmental problem solving can be realized in public policy development. The end results are increased environmental, social and economic improvements to the Great Lakes - St. Lawrence System - a fragile and treasured resource that needs protection, conservation and proper management.

WHAT IS THE GREAT LAKES BASIN?

The Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin contains the watersheds of Lake Superior, Lake Michigan, Lake Huron, Lake Erie, Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River. It is indeed one of the world's most treasured and fragile natural resources.

- Together the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River form the largest surface expanse of fresh water in the world and 95 per cent of the fresh water in the United States.
- It is the home of 45 million Americans and Canadians.
- The sports fishery has a regional economic benefit of \$1.16 billion annually.
- Twenty-four million people get their drinking water from the Great Lakes.
- 9,400 miles of coastline in the Basin.

While the United States-Canadian governments are moving to revive the lakes from the tragic episodes of burning harbors, development's destruction of wetlands and uncontrolled toxic contamination to the ecosystem, Great Lakes United believes these efforts fall far short of the needed protection, conservation and management of this vital resource.

WHAT MUST BE DONE!

Public awareness and policy must continue to evolve to protect the public health and environment from threats such as:

- toxic contamination to the waterways thru direct discharges, leaking landfills, illegal dumping and airborne pollution;
- diversions of Great Lakes waters causing irreversible degradation to wetlands, water quality and wildlife;
- uncontrolled navigation and development impacting the coastal resources, recreation and character of the basin;
- continued contamination to our air resources resulting in acid deposition and health problems; and
- budgetary cut-backs in the vital governmental programs including research, policy development and environmental law enforcement.

In order to address these critical issues, we must together as stewards of the basin. Great Lakes United needs the interest, involvement and support of citizens and organizations throughout the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence System.

United! Together we can protect and promote our common treasure — the Great Lakes Basin.

Name: _____

Organization: _____

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