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Proposed Program For Great Lakes United 1994-1999

A SUSTAINABLE STRATEGY FOR THE GREAT LAKES WATERSHED

GOALS:

To conserve and protect Great Lakes and groundwater resources within the Basin.

To anticipate and prevent the need for out of basin and intra-basin diversions and exports of Great Lakes' waters.

To implement a Basin-wide conservation strategy within five years.

POTENTIAL PROGRAM COMPONENTS

"Diversion Watch" - research and develop information on water use trends in the Basin. Identify current unsustainable water use practices by industry, utilities, agriculture, municipalities and in planning and development decision-making. Identify diversion proposals now, or soon to be under consideration in the Basin.

"Trade Watch" - an on-going effort to monitor and analyze the impacts of trade agreements and globalization on Great Lakes water resources.

"The Great Lakes Charter, Ten Years Later" - in 1995, produce a report on the lack of effectiveness of the Council of Great Lakes Governors and Premiers to implement the provisions of the Charter.

"A Citizens' Guide to Water Conservation" - to empower Basin residents to implement local water conservation programs, focusing on full-cost pricing in order to instill a conservation ethic and generate funds for water clean-up and infrastructure improvements. -to educate Basin residents and residents in the US southwest and Mexico about sustaining local water resources. This could involve working with NGOs in those regions.

"Planning for Sustainability" - a research project to explore the impact of poor land-use and infrastructure planning on the Great Lakes and its watersheds. This could included a campaign to reform ad hoc planning into ecosystem watershed-based planning.

A component of this campaign could focus on alternatives to the

degrading impacts of sewage treatment plants, storm water and groundwater contamination on the Great Lakes.