



Monthly List Serve

DELTA INSTITUTE TO CONTINUE AS LAKE MICHIGAN FORUM FACILITATOR

The U.S. EPA has announced that the Delta Institute will continue its role as the facilitator of the Lake Michigan Forum through September 30, 2009. Over the next year, the Delta Institute will work with the Forum participants to:

1. Implement the goals of the LaMP by initiating on-the-ground projects and hosting meetings throughout the basin on critical Lake Michigan issues;
2. Continue the development of a Ports-based environment quality project in Muskegon, Michigan and other Lake Michigan locales with ports, marinas, and other docking facilities;
3. Work with the Forum to create a communications strategy to promote the Lakewide Management Plan to a variety of constituencies along with resource information on projects undertaken by the Forum and its members that are ongoing or that have been completed. This program will focus on building a network amongst watershed stakeholder to identify, develop, fund, and implement projects with quantifiable water quality benefits;
4. Investigate mechanisms to promote the implementation of conservation activities in the Lake Michigan basin watersheds that enhance environmental quality and sequester greenhouse gas emissions, which will include looking at carbon offset credits and climate trading schemes.

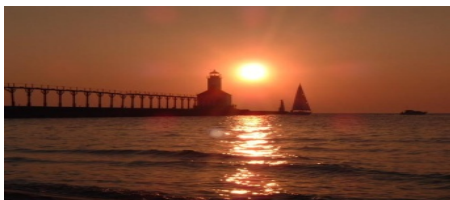
UPCOMING GREAT LAKE GATHERINGS COMMUNITY FORUMS

This fall, Gathering Waters Conservancy and the Lake Michigan Shorelands Alliance will present the Great Lake Gatherings, a series of four community forums in the Lake Michigan Basin designed to provide individuals, organizations, business leaders and governments with the tools to work together locally for real conservation progress in the Lake Michigan watershed.

If you live, work, or enjoy spending time in the Lake Michigan Basin, mark your calendar for one of our gatherings and come see what you can do to keep the Great Lakes' future bright!

- Green Bay: September 16, UW-Green Bay Phoenix Rooms
- Sheboygan Area: October 1, Kohler Art Center
- Mequon: October 8, Mequon Nature Preserve
- Milwaukee: October 15, Milwaukee Art Museum

Among the several confirmed participants, the Mayors of Milwaukee, Green Bay and Mequon will join their respective Gatherings. Your insight will help make the Great Lake Gatherings a productive, solution-oriented conversation. Please register today to help us achieve lasting conservation of the places we all need and cherish. There is no charge to attend. For more information, please visit www.greatlakegatherings.org.



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