



STATE OF MICHIGAN
JOHN D. CHERRY, JR.
LT. GOVERNOR

January 19, 2010

Mr. Cameron Davis
Senior Advisor to the Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Great Lakes National Program Office
77 West Jackson Boulevard (G-17J)
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3511

Dear Mr. Davis:

On behalf of the state of Michigan, this letter indicates our support of Michigan proposals submitted under the Fiscal Year 2010 Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) that advances implementation of the goals and recommendations of the *MI-Great Lakes Plan, Our Path to Protect, Restore, and Sustain Michigan's Natural Treasures* (MI-Great Lakes Plan) as well as other approved state plans for restoration and protection of Michigan's Great Lakes resources. We believe the GLRI is a tremendous opportunity to invest in Great Lakes restoration, to realize our vision of a sustainable Great Lakes ecosystem that ensures environmental integrity, and supports economically viable and healthy communities. In support of those outcomes, the state of Michigan encourages funding for projects that are consistent with the restoration and protection measures of MI-Great Lakes Plan that will:

- Restore and delist Michigan's 14 Areas of Concern
- Protect human health associated with fish consumption advisories and harmful algal blooms
- Restore beaches by controlling pollutants such as phosphorus, pharmaceuticals, and bacterial contamination
- Prevent the introduction and control the spread of invasive species
- Update old and deteriorating infrastructure throughout the state
- Ensure effective and efficient management of urban stormwater
- Implement and share effective land use planning tools throughout Michigan
- Increase opportunities for the public to access the Great Lakes and our inland lakes and streams
- Protect and restore critical fish and wildlife habitat
- Ensure that alternative energy sources are pursued and that the environmental impacts of current energy sources are minimized
- Expand Great Lakes educational and outreach efforts to build community-based, grassroots stewardship

Mr. Cameron Davis
January 19, 2010
Page 2

The GLRI is an important opportunity to restore and protect a magnificent resource, and it is through the many quality projects that will be proposed by Michigan's Great Lakes partners that the outcomes we seek will be realized. We look forward to continuing our partnerships with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and other federal agencies to achieve a healthy environment, strong economy, and high quality of life for the Great Lakes region. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Great Lakes at 517-335-4056.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John D. Cherry, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Lieutenant Governor John D. Cherry, Jr