

Preliminary Conference Agenda-at-a-Glance

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1



2018 BINATIONAL
Lake St. Clair
CONFERENCE

SESSION TIMES	SESSION DESCRIPTION		
7:30 am	Registration and Continental Breakfast		
9:00 am	Welcoming Remarks and Conference Purpose – Chris Korleski, USEPA, Great Lakes National Program Office, and Chief Miskokomon, Walpole Island First Nations (invited)		
9:15 am	Shared Values - Cultural Connections & Environmental Commitments to Lake St. Clair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Walpole Island First Nations Cultural Connections to Lake St. Clair</i> - Naomi Williams or Designee, Walpole Island First Nations (invited) <i>Implementation of the Lake St. Clair Canadian Watershed Management Plan</i> - Luca Cargnelli, Environment & Climate Change Canada <i>St. Clair – Detroit River System Initiative & the Lake St. Clair Strategic Implementation Plan</i> -Michelle Selzer, Michigan Office of the Great Lakes <i>Highlights of the 2019 Lake Erie Lakewide Action & Management Plan</i> - Luca Cargnelli, Environment & Climate Change Canada 		
10:45 am	Break		
11:00 am	State of the Lake St. Clair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Changes in the Great Lakes Hydrologic Cycle, & Impacts on Lake St. Clair Water Levels & Channel Flows</i> - Drew Gronewold, NOAA <i>Watershed Assessment of Detroit River Nutrient Loads to Lake Erie</i> - Lynn Vaccaro, University of Michigan <i>State of the Lake St. Clair Fishery</i> - Jim Francis, Michigan Department of Natural Resources 		
12:20 pm	Lunch & Keynote Speaker: Jon Allan, Director, Michigan Office of the Great Lakes		
1:30 pm	Protecting Drinking Water	Tourism, Recreation & Economic Development	U.S. and Canadian Lake Erie Domestic Action Plans and Partnerships
Breakout Sessions	<p><i>Surface Water Protection Activities in Michigan</i> Stephanie Johnson, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ)</p> <p><i>Report on Source Water Protection Efforts in Ontario, Canada</i> Chitra Gowda, Conservation Ontario</p> <p><i>Simulating Spill Scenarios for Public Health Protection in the Huron to Erie Corridor</i> Amanda Grimm, Michigan Technological University</p> <p><i>Status Report on the Huron-Erie Corridor Drinking Water Monitoring System</i> Meghan Price, Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc.</p>	<p><i>Making Coastal Towns More Sustainable</i> Gerard Santoro, Macomb County Department of Planning & Economic Development</p> <p><i>Exploring the Water Trails of Southeast Michigan</i> Mary Bohling, Michigan Sea Grant</p> <p><i>Park Finder & 360° Virtual Tour of Southeast Michigan's Trail Network</i> Kevin Vettrano, Southeast Michigan Council of Governments</p> <p><i>Linking Tourism & Communities with Lake St. Clair</i> Chatham-Kent Tourism Office (invited)</p>	<p><i>Michigan's Lake Erie Domestic Action Plan Overview</i> Michelle Selzer, Michigan Office of the Great Lakes</p> <p><i>Canadian Lake Erie Domestic Action Plan</i> Sandra George or Tricia Mitchell, Environment, Climate Change Canada (invited)</p> <p><i>Thames River Clearwater Revival</i> Tara Tchir, Upper Thames River Conservation Authority</p> <p><i>Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program</i> Andrea Stay, Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development</p>
3:00 p.m.	Networking Break		

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3:30 pm	Managing Terrestrial & Aquatic Invasive Species	Watershed Impacts and Solutions	Fish and Wildlife Habitat Restoration Efforts	
Breakout Sessions	<p><i>Lake Erie Grass Carp Efforts: Finding, Understanding, & Removing</i> Cleyo Harris, MDNR</p> <p><i>Phragmites Management in Ontario</i> Janice Gilbert, Ontario Phragmites Working Group</p> <p><i>Lake St. Clair Watershed Cooperative Invasive Species Management Areas</i> Chris Bunch, Six Rivers Land Conservancy</p> <p><i>Michigan Invasive Species Program</i> Kevin Walters, MDEQ</p>	<p><i>Smart Stormwater System for the Clinton River Watershed</i> Brandon Wong, University of Michigan</p> <p><i>Clinton River Coldwater Conservation Project</i> Eric Diesing, Clinton River Watershed Council</p> <p><i>Southeast Michigan Water Resources Plan</i> Tyler Klifman, SEMCOG</p> <p><i>U.S. Combined Sewer Overflow Improvements to Prevent Bacterial Contamination</i> Phil Argiroff, MDEQ</p>	<p><i>Clinton River Watershed Area of Concern Habitat Restoration Update</i> Jen Tewkesbury, Michigan Office of the Great Lakes</p> <p><i>Salt River Marsh Restoration Project</i> Rose Ellison, USEPA (invited)</p> <p><i>Canadian Areas of Concern Restoration Update</i> April White, Environment & Climate Change Canada</p> <p><i>Restoring Habitat for Native Fishes in the St. Clair-Detroit River System</i> Ed Roseman, U.S. Geological Survey</p>	
	4:00 pm	Adjourn Day 1		

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

SESSION TIMES	SESSION DESCRIPTION
8:00 am	Check-in and continental breakfast
9:00 am	Opening Remarks – Richard Hobrla, Michigan Office of the Great Lakes
9:15 am	PFAS 101 & Overview of What the State of Michigan is Doing to Assess & Respond Tracy Kecskemeti, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
9:45 am	<p>Lake St. Clair Nearshore and Beach Health – Facilitated by Jon Allan, Director, Michigan Office of the Great Lakes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Re-designating the Canadian St. Clair River Beach Closing Beneficial Use Impairment</i> - Kelly Johnson, Environment Climate Change Canada <i>Evolutions of Methods for Monitoring Beaches in Michigan</i> - Shannon Briggs, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality <i>Progress in Addressing Threats to Lake St. Clair Metropark Beach Health</i> - John Paul Rae, Macomb County Department of Planning & Economic Development
11:00 am	Networking Break
11:45 am	<p>Lake St. Clair Nearshore and Beach Health (continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Lake St. Clair Nearshore Health and the Land-Water Interface</i> - Lisa Fogarty, U.S. Geological Survey <i>Beach Restoration Success in the St. Clair-Detroit River System and Beyond</i> - Annette DeMaria, Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc.
12:15 pm	Reflection and Wrap-Up
12:30 pm	Adjourn Day 2
1:00 pm	Option Field Trip (TBD)