

Great Lakes, Great Waters

America's Great Waters Coalition
Great waters across the country

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The America's Great Waters Coalition

Coalition Background:

- Launched in 2009
- Currently 59 member organizations
- 10 National Great Water areas & growing

Vision: America's Great Waters Coalition envisions a day when America embraces its Great Waters and ensures they are healthy, valued, and productive resources for our nation.

Goals:

- Secure sustainable, long-term funding
- Galvanize public support
- Enact and ensure sound implementation of projects
- Forum for information & resource sharing



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PUGET SOUND

- \$: 601 million for 2009–2011 to implement the first biennium of the Puget Sound Action Agenda. A comprehensive cost estimate will be available soon.
- **Population:** 4 million
- **State:** WA

THE GREAT LAKES

- \$: 20–26 billion to implement the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration Strategy.
- **Population:** 24 million
- **States:** IL, IN, MI, MN, NY, OH, PA, WI

LAKE CHAMPLAIN

- \$: 2 billion estimated based on current restoration needs and funding necessary to complete restoration efforts underway.
- **Population:** 541,000
- **States:** NY, VT

GULF OF MAINE

- \$: 5 billion. This total is based on estimates compiled by state agencies in Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts. A planning initiative is underway to develop the Gulf of Maine Restoration and Conservation Plan.
- **Population:** 8 million
- **States:** NH, MA, ME

MISSISSIPPI RIVER

- \$: No comprehensive plan for the entire river has been developed, but the estimated need to complete over 1,000 projects to restore the Upper Mississippi River is \$6.7 billion.
- **Population:** 72 million live in the watershed while 50 million live in the ten mainstem states.
- **States:** AL, AR, CO, GA, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MO, MT, MS, NC, ND, NE, NM, NY, OH, OK, PA, SC, SD, TN, TX, VA, WI, WV, WY

LONG ISLAND SOUND

- \$: 2 billion to implement the goals of the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan. The Long Island Sound Study is currently conducting a planning process to update this estimate.
- **Population:** 28 million people live within 50 miles of the Sound.
- **States:** CT, NY

SAN FRANCISCO BAY

- \$: 1.43 billion over 50 years to fully restore 36,176 acres of tidal wetlands.
- **Population:** 8 million
- **State:** CA

CHESAPEAKE BAY

- \$: 15–19 billion. This projection is based on assessment conducted in 2003. The total cost of restoration is now expected to be much higher.
- **Population:** 17 million
- **States:** DE, MD, NY, PA, WV, VA

COASTAL LOUISIANA

- \$: 14–100 billion to implement the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration plan to create a sustainable coast.
- **Population:** 2 million
- **State:** LA

EVERGLADES

- \$: 10.5 billion to implement the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan.
- **Population:** 6 million
- **State:** FL

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Current Issues:

Funding:

- Pending Legislation that includes Great Lakes

Sharing Lessons Learned & Information:



Panel Discussion & Updates

