

# 2010 HOW Grant Program Outcomes



## The HOW Implementation Program

The Healing Our Waters – Great Lakes Coalition Implementation Grant Program ensures that local groups are prepared to participate in the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative by:

- effectively navigating the federal funding opportunities under the GLRI;
- efficiently managing projects under the GLRI; and,
- ensuring that funds result in successful restoration projects on the ground.

With guidance from its science advisory panel, the Coalition is focusing its restoration work in five priority areas: St. Louis Bay, Chicagoland, Saginaw Bay, Western Lake Erie, and Eastern Lake Ontario.

These areas include sites suffering from some of the most acute problems in the Great Lakes; however, they also possess the greatest opportunities for restoration success. Restoring these areas will create jobs and promote tourism while improving conditions for fish, wildlife and human health. The Healing Our Waters-Great Lakes Coalition Grant program provides funding of up to \$15,000 per project to aid the development and implementation of restoration proposals or projects by local organizations working in the identified HOW priority areas.

## HOW Grant Recipients

Recipients of HOW grants work on a variety of projects, from invasive species control to habitat enhancement to wetland restoration and public outreach. The grants allow them to perform critical research, establish strategic partnerships, and explore project options to be better prepared to apply for funding under the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

<b>Total GLRI funding leveraged</b>	<b>\$1,693,963</b>
<b>Total other funding leveraged</b>	<b>\$4,215,832</b>
<b>Total Funding Leveraged Overall</b>	<b>\$5,909,795</b>
<b>Total GLRI Applications</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Total GLRI Awards</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Total HOW Grant Amount</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
<b>Total Return on Investment</b>	<b>1:29</b>

## Success in 2010!

The HOW Coalition awarded 15 grants in 2010, expending a total of \$200,000. The grantees were very successful in advancing their projects: of the 15 grants awarded, 12 applications under the GLRI were generated. 6 of these GLRI applications received funding, for a total of \$1,693,963 in GLRI dollars. Of GLRI awards alone, this is a 8:1 return on the Coalition's investment in the program.

2010 HOW grantees also applied for and received other federal and non-federal funding. In total, grantees received \$4,215,832 in non-GLRI grants. Combined with the received GLRI awards, the 2010 HOW grant program produced a 29-to-1 return on investment.

This outstanding return—\$5.9 million in subsequent funding generated from just \$200,000 in original grants—reveals the remarkable success of the HOW Implementation Program. The program is helping local groups leverage GLRI and other dollars throughout the Great Lakes region to allow more projects to get off the ground in areas where there is the most need.

## Learn More

Information on the five priority areas and the HOW Implementation program can be found on the Healing Our Waters – Great Lakes Coalition website: [www.healthylakes.org](http://www.healthylakes.org). More information on the HOW Grant Program can be found on the Freshwater Future website, at <http://www.freshwaterfuture.org/grant-programs/healing-our-waters-grants.html>.

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1. **Organization:** Ducks Unlimited
2. **Title:** Fish Habitat Enhancement at Lake Shore Marshes WMA
3. **Award:** \$15,000
4. **GLRI Applications:** Applied under the Great Lakes Basin Fish Habitat Partnership. Reapplied in 2012 (\$74,984).
5. **GLRI Awards:** None
6. **Other Funding:**
  - a. \$135,000 gift from Constellation Energy
  - b. \$800 in match from the Friends of Montezuma Wetlands Complex
7. **Pending Grant Applications:** USFWS Small NAWCA Grant (\$75,000, March 2012)
8. **Total Funding Leveraged:** \$135,800
9. **Notes:** Partnership with HOW was critical in applying for and receiving grant awards; project received enough funding to move forward with the project.

1. **Organization:** Center for Environmental Information
2. **Title:** Pultneyville Watershed Plan Development
3. **Award:** \$15,000
4. **GLRI Applications:** None
5. **GLRI Awards:** None
6. **Other Funding:**
  - a. Received a 2011 HOW Grant, which is enabling them to apply for further 2012 funding.
7. **Total Funding Leveraged:** \$0

1. **Organization:** Minnesota Land Trust
2. **Title:** Implementing St. Louis River Habitat Plan Priority Projects
3. **Award:** \$15,000
4. **GLRI Applications:** Applied for NOAA GLRI funding.
5. **GLRI Awards:** None
6. **Other Funding:**
  - a. \$237,000 to multiple agencies from USFWS Environmental Contaminants Program
  - b. \$3,670,000 from the Outdoor Heritage Fund
7. **Total Funding Leveraged:** \$3,907,000

1. **Organization:** St. Louis River Alliance
2. **Title:** Piping Plover Shorebird Recovery [Restoration Initiative]
3. **Award:** \$10,000 (One of two awards)
4. **GLRI Applications:** Applied to USFWS Coastal Program under the GLRI
5. **GLRI Awards:** \$250,000 from the USFWS Coastal Program
6. **Other Funding:** None
7. **Total Funding Leveraged:** \$250,000
8. **Notes:** Coastal Program grant was through a partnership with the Minnesota Land Trust.

1. **Organization:** The Nature Conservancy
2. **Title:** Addressing Altered Hydrology in the Western Lake Erie Basin
3. **Award:** \$15,000
4. **GLRI Applications:** Applied for GLRI funding (\$311,398)
5. **GLRI Awards:** None
6. **Other Funding:** None
7. **Pending Grant Applications:** In the process of applying for private foundation grants, no applications submitted yet.
8. **Total Funding Leveraged:** \$0

1. **Organization:** Alliance for the Great Lakes
2. **Title:** Lake and Suburban Cook County Ravine Project Identification and Engagement
3. **Award:** \$15,000
4. **GLRI Applications:** Applied for GLRI funding under Sustain our Great Lakes and Under EPA
  - a. \$150,000 to SOGL GLRI, \$226,950 to GLRI
5. **GLRI Awards:**, \$150,000 from Sustain Our Great Lakes, \$226,950 from EPA under GLRI
6. **Other Funding:** None
7. **Pending Grant Applications:** Applied to for funding under Illinois Section 3190 (April 2012)
8. **Total Funding Leveraged:** \$376,950

1. **Organization:** Partners for Clean Streams
2. **Title:** Step-by-Step Support for Permit Applications for GLRI Wetlands Project
3. **Award:** \$15,000
4. **GLRI Applications:** None
5. **GLRI Awards:** None
6. **Other Funding:** None
7. **Total Funding Leveraged:** \$0
8. **Notes:** Award was for QAPP support on an existing GLRI project of \$1,365,684

1. **Organization:** Save the Dunes Conservation Fund
2. **Title:** Indiana Lake Michigan Beaches Sanitary Survey Public Involvement and Implementation
3. **Award:** \$14,588
4. **GLRI Applications:** None
5. **GLRI Awards:** None
6. **Other Funding:** None
7. **Total Funding Leveraged:** \$0

1. **Organization:** Ohio Environmental Council
2. **Title:** Bottled Water Tax for Lake Erie Restoration
3. **Award:** \$7,500
4. **GLRI Applications:** None
5. **GLRI Awards:** None
6. **Other Funding:** None
7. **Total Funding Leveraged:** \$0

9. **Organization:** St. Louis River Alliance
10. **Title:** St. Louis River AOC Remediation
11. **Award:** \$14,976 (One of two awards)
12. **GLRI Applications:** Applied for USFWS GLRI Funding
13. **GLRI Awards:** \$268,401 from USFWS under GLRI
14. **Other Funding:**
  - a. \$13,602 from NOAA's Lake Superior Coastal Program
  - b. \$1,950 from Lloyd K. Johnson Foundation to start a bi-monthly E-newsletter ("River Voice")
15. **Total Funding Leveraged:** \$283,953

1. **Organization:** Bad River Watershed Association
2. **Title:** Building Capacity for citizen groups to ensure protection of Wisconsin's Waters
3. **Award:** \$3,000
4. **GLRI Applications:** Applied for GLRI Funding under EPA
5. **GLRI Awards:** \$300,000 from GLRI under EPA
6. **Other Funding:** None
7. **Total Funding Leveraged:** \$300,000

1. **Organization:** Partnership for Saginaw Bay Watershed
2. **Title:** Identification of Phragmites Control Sites in Saginaw Bay Coastal Areas
3. **Award:** \$15,000
4. **GLRI Applications:** Applied for GLRI Funding
5. **GLRI Awards:** None
6. **Other Funding:** None
7. **Total Funding Leveraged:** \$0
8. **Notes:** Project led to increased partnerships and a stronger coalition in Saginaw Bay that will help in future grant applications

1. **Organization:** The Conservation Fund
2. **Title:** Getting to the Source: Thermal Imaging to Identify Failing Septic Systems in a High Priority Watershed
3. **Award:** \$15,000
4. **GLRI Applications:** Applied for GLRI Funding
5. **GLRI Awards:** None
6. **Other Funding:**
  - a. \$30,000 from the Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network
  - b. \$14,000 from the Bay Area Community Foundation
  - c. \$30,000 from a settlement between a local company and the MDEQ
7. **Total Funding Leveraged:** \$74,000
8. **Notes:** Funding received went towards a revolving fund; a few projects have already been completed under this revolving fund.

1. **Organization:** Huron Pines
2. **Title:** Rifle River Watershed Nonpoint Implementation Project
3. **Award:** \$15,000
4. **GLRI Applications:** Applied for \$140,000 under the Great Lakes Fish Habitat Partnership under the GLRI, a decision is pending.
5. **GLRI Awards:** None
6. **Other Funding:**
  - a. \$30,000 from Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network
  - b. \$30,000 from the Americana Foundation
  - c. \$19,000 from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
  - d. \$4,500 from local conservation groups including Trout Unlimited.
7. **Total Funding Leveraged:** \$0
8. **Notes:** Award was for technical assistance with current GLRI project of \$382,000

1. **Organization:** Western Lake Erie Waterkeeper Association
2. **Title:** Public Outreach and Early Detection of Invasive Species in the Toledo Shipping Channel Area of Western Lake Erie
3. **Award:** \$15,000
4. **GLRI Applications:** Applied for GLRI funding under the EPA
5. **GLRI Awards:** \$498,612 from the EPA under the GLRI
6. **Other Funding:** None
7. **Total Funding Leveraged:** \$498,612
8. **Other notes:** partner and lead on GLRI project was Wayne State University