

## OUR FEATURED SERVICE

### ENVIRONMENTAL

The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) is a \$475 million five-year multi agency program designed to target the most critical environmental threats facing the Great Lakes – non-point source pollution, invasive species, toxic sediments and the loss of coastal wetlands. These priorities reflect recommendations from the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration Strategy to Restore and Protect the Great Lakes, complement those of the governors of the Great Lakes states, and are endorsed by the mayors of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative. The GLRI begins in 2010 and uses outcome-oriented performance goals and measures to direct Great Lakes protection and restoration funding. Approximately \$120 million dollars will be awarded by the United State Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for the first round of projects.

Funds will be used to strategically implement both federal projects and prioritized/competitive grants. Funding will be used or distributed directly by USEPA through grants and cooperative agreements or through interagency agreement transfer of funds to other federal agencies for subsequent use and distribution. Grants will be issued competitively.

For more links to additional information and updates please visit the following websites:

<http://www.epa.gov/greatlakes/glri/>

<http://greatlakesrestoration.us/>

<http://glrc.us/strategy.html>