

Great Lakes Climate Adaptation Network (GLCAN)

Mission Statement:

GLCAN is a regional network of local government staff and partners that actively work together to identify and act on the unique climate adaptation challenges of the Great Lakes region. GLCAN members have agreed to the following priorities:

- Improve the accessibility and integration of climate information into decision-making processes
- Strengthen relationships between municipalities and key institutional, non-profit, and business community partners in developing climate-resilient programs and strategies
- Increasing the capacity of adaptation professionals working in the Great Lakes region

GLCAN at a Glance

Why We Exist: The purpose of this network is to build capacity for community resiliency efforts by focusing on sharing information on and finding solutions to the unique challenges faced by the Great Lakes region.

What We Do: Building upon a core network of member cities and counties, GLCAN explores partnerships with other organizations that are working on Great Lakes climate challenges. GLCAN also seeks to promote connections among cities, counties, non-profits, foundations, and universities.

Who We Are: Formed in 2015 as a regional network of the Urban Sustainability Directors Network (USDN), GLCAN is a member-driven peer network that integrates leading cities across the Great Lakes region who seek to address issues of community sustainability.

How We Work Together: GLCAN seeks to establish network connections and identify network priorities through quarterly conference calls and yearly face-to-face meetings. GLCAN members share resources and updates through USDN.org.

GLCAN Membership

Membership Requirements:

All members must maintain active participation in the network. This includes participating in quarterly calls, attending the annual face-to-face meeting, and adding content to GLCAN's USDN website.

Membership Eligibility:

- Network membership is limited to local government staff and partners in the Great Lakes region.
- Members are committed to action through cross-department and community-wide collaboration.
- Dues are not currently required for GLCAN members

Membership Benefits:

- Connect with a peer network of sustainability professionals in the Great Lakes region
- Access to resources and funding opportunities related to adaptation efforts being taken across the Great Lakes region
- Access to USDN.org and potential access to funding from USDN

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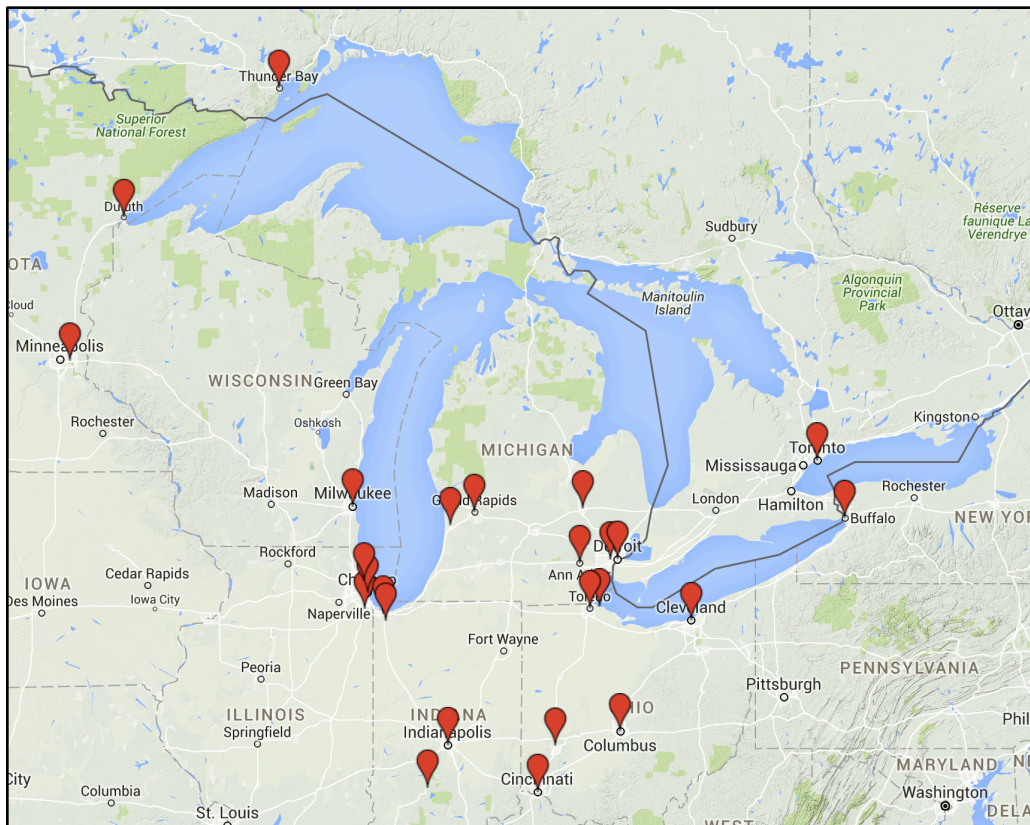
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Climate Impacts in the Great Lakes Region:

Urban areas in the Great Lakes region face several climate threats and impacts. GLCAN's key priority is to improve the capacity of GLCAN member cities to address these climate impacts, which include:

- Public health risks due to extended heat waves, reduced air and water quality, and increased range of vector-borne diseases
- Property and infrastructure damage due to increasing frequency and magnitude of major storms and accompanying flooding
- Damage to transportation infrastructure due to extreme weather variability (longer heat waves in the summer, increased freeze-thaw cycles in the winter, etc.)

GLCAN Member Cities



Ann Arbor, MI (USDN)
Bloomington, IN (USDN)
Blue Island, IL
Buffalo, NY
Cincinnati, OH (USDN)
Chicago, IL (USDN)
Cleveland, OH (USDN)
Columbus, OH (USDN)
Dayton, OH

Dearborn, MI (USDN)
Detroit, MI
Duluth, MN
Evanston, IL (USDN)
Flint, MI
Gary, IN
Grand Rapids, MI
Holland, MI
Indianapolis, IN (USDN)

Lake County, IL
Lucas County, OH (USDN)
Milwaukee, WI (USDN)
Minneapolis, MN (USDN)
St. Paul, MN
Thunder Bay, Ontario
Toledo, OH
Toronto, ON (USDN)