



## PROJECT LETTERS OF SUPPORT



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
JOHN D. CHERRY, JR.  
LT. GOVERNOR

January 19, 2010

Mr. Cameron Davis  
Senior Advisor to the Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Great Lakes National Program Office  
77 West Jackson Boulevard (G-17J)  
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3511

Dear Mr. Davis:

On behalf of the state of Michigan, this letter indicates our support of Michigan proposals submitted under the Fiscal Year 2010 Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) that advances implementation of the goals and recommendations of the *MI-Great Lakes Plan, Our Path to Protect, Restore, and Sustain Michigan's Natural Treasures* (MI-Great Lakes Plan) as well as other approved state plans for restoration and protection of Michigan's Great Lakes resources. We believe the GLRI is a tremendous opportunity to invest in Great Lakes restoration, to realize our vision of a sustainable Great Lakes ecosystem that ensures environmental integrity, and supports economically viable and healthy communities. In support of those outcomes, the state of Michigan encourages funding for projects that are consistent with the restoration and protection measures of MI-Great Lakes Plan that will:

- Restore and delist Michigan's 14 Areas of Concern
- Protect human health associated with fish consumption advisories and harmful algal blooms
- Restore beaches by controlling pollutants such as phosphorus, pharmaceuticals, and bacterial contamination
- Prevent the introduction and control the spread of invasive species
- Update old and deteriorating infrastructure throughout the state
- Ensure effective and efficient management of urban stormwater
- Implement and share effective land use planning tools throughout Michigan
- Increase opportunities for the public to access the Great Lakes and our inland lakes and streams
- Protect and restore critical fish and wildlife habitat
- Ensure that alternative energy sources are pursued and that the environmental impacts of current energy sources are minimized
- Expand Great Lakes educational and outreach efforts to build community-based, grassroots stewardship

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The GLRI is an important opportunity to restore and protect a magnificent resource, and it is through the many quality projects that will be proposed by Michigan's Great Lakes partners that the outcomes we seek will be realized. We look forward to continuing our partnerships with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and other federal agencies to achieve a healthy environment, strong economy, and high quality of life for the Great Lakes region. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Great Lakes at 517-335-4056.

Sincerely,

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Lieutenant Governor John D. Cherry, Jr



January 21, 2010

Charles R. Bristol, P.E., Treasurer  
Friends of the Detroit River  
P.O. Box 725  
Trenton, MI 48183

**RE: DETROIT RIVER AOC HABITAT RESTORATION - UNITED STATES STEEL SITE**

Dear Mr. Bristol:

This letter is in support of your application, submitted by the Friends of the Detroit River, for funding under the *Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Request for Proposals* announced by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Great Lakes National Program Office.

The Detroit River Canadian Cleanup (DRCC) is a community-based partnership between government, industry, municipalities, scientists, the conservation authority and citizens working to improve the Detroit River Area of Concern (AOC) identified in the Canada-U.S. Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement. Our ultimate goal is to protect, enhance, and restore the Detroit River ecosystem (e.g., loss of habitat) in order to remove the Detroit River from the list of Great Lakes AOCs.

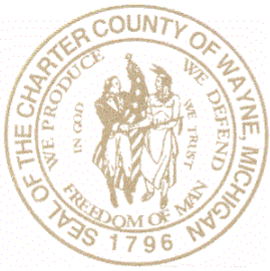
We support the Friends of the Detroit River's proposal to enhance and restore upland, shoreline, and aquatic habitat in this heavily industrialized area of the Detroit River. This habitat restoration project is an important contribution to helping us achieve our goal of delisting the Detroit River AOC. Moreover, this project will highlight the partnership between the community and industry that is so vital to improving the Great Lakes region. Hopefully, other industries will follow suit.

We look forward to seeing this important project become a reality. Together, we can achieve a healthier Detroit River ecosystem!

Sincerely,

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Natalie Green, M.Sc.  
Detroit River Canadian Remedial Action Plan Coordinator



**Robert A. Ficano**  
County Executive

21 January 2010

Mr. Charles R. Bristol, Treasurer  
Friends of Detroit River  
PO Box 725  
Trenton, MI 48183

Re: Support for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant Application entitled  
**Detroit River AOC Habitat Restoration – US Steel Site**

Dear Mr. Bristol:

I am writing to express support for the proposal “Detroit River AOC Habitat Restoration – US Steel Site” being submitted by Friends of Detroit River for funding consideration under the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. Habitat restoration is a vital step toward removal of the Detroit River from the list of Areas of Concern (AOC) in the Great Lakes ecosystem.

The Detroit River AOC habitat project that is being proposed to EPA is an important project for Wayne County and the region. The geographical features of this site make it a prime candidate for a combined upland, shoreline and aquatic shoal reconstruction project. The location of this site in the industrialized central part of the Detroit River provides an excellent opportunity to restore emergent shoreline and upland habitat so vital to our urban areas. The “Detroit River AOC Habitat Restoration – US Steel Site” project is consistent with the goals and objectives of the management plan for the Combined Downriver watershed which contains the US Steel site. The Combined Downriver Watershed Management Plan was developed by the Alliance of Downriver Watersheds, a consortium of 23 communities and public agencies including Wayne County.

The Great Lakes region has been hard hit by the recent economic slowdown. The Great Lakes are a crucial component of our economy and their restoration and protection is vital to ensuring a brighter future for our region. Restoring the Detroit River AOC will contribute significantly to the economic goals of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) and of Wayne County, whose eastern border is defined by the Detroit River. This project presents a unique opportunity to put people to work restoring resources that provide economic development in our urban areas.

We support the Friends of Detroit River in this project and urge the EPA to sustain environmental restoration in the Great Lakes by funding this very important project.

Sincerely,

Kelly A. Cave, P.E.  
Director, Water Quality Management Division



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of Great Lakes resources.*

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January 22, 2010

Mr. Charles R. Bristol, FDR Treasurer  
PO Box 725  
Trenton, MI 48183

Dear Mr. Bristol,

On behalf of Michigan Sea Grant, I am writing to express our support for the Friends of Detroit River proposal being submitted to restore habitat in the Detroit River Area of Concern (AOC). The proposal entitled ***Detroit River AOC Habitat Restoration – US Steel Site*** is vital to the restoration of the AOC. Michigan Sea Grant is dedicated to the protection and sustainable use of the Great Lakes and coastal resources.

The Detroit River AOC habitat project that is being proposed to EPA is an important project for the region. The geographical features of this site make it a prime candidate for a combined upland, shoreline and aquatic shoal reconstruction project. The location of this site in the central part of the Detroit River, which is highly industrialized, provides an excellent opportunity to restore emergent shoreline and upland habitat so important to our urban areas. We support this project and its efforts to restore these types of plant communities in an area that has lost 97% of its coastal wetlands.

Again, we support the Friends of Detroit River in this project and urge the EPA to continue its support for environmental restoration in the Great Lakes by funding this very important project.

Sincerely,

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Mary Bohling  
Urban Educator Southeast MI

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January 26, 2010

Mr. Charles R. Bristol, FDR Treasurer  
PO Box 725  
Trenton, MI 48183

Dear Mr. Bristol,

I am writing to express my support for your proposal being submitted by the Friends of Detroit River to restore habitat in the Detroit River Area of Concern (AOC). The proposal entitled *Detroit River AOC Habitat Restoration – US Steel Site* is vital to the restoration of the AOC.

The Detroit River AOC habitat project that is being proposed to EPA is an important project for the region. The geographical features of this site make it a prime candidate for a combined upland, shoreline and aquatic shoal reconstruction project. The location of this site in the central part of the Detroit River, which is highly industrialized, provides an excellent opportunity to restore emergent shoreline and upland habitat so vital to our urban areas.

The Great Lakes region has been hard hit by the recent economic slowdown. The Great Lakes are a crucial component of our economy and their restoration and protection is vital to ensuring a brighter future for our region. Restoring the Detroit River AOC will contribute significantly to the economic goals of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI). This project presents a unique opportunity to put people to work restoring resources that provide economic development in our urban areas.

Again, I strongly support the Friends of Detroit River in this project and urge the EPA to continue its support for environmental restoration in the Great Lakes by funding this very important project.

Sincerely



John Conyers, Jr.  
Member of Congress



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Great Lakes Works  
No. 1 Quality Drive  
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313 749 2600

**David J. Rintoul**  
President, U. S. Steel Canada &  
General Manager, Great Lakes Works

January 25, 2010

Director Gulezian  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Great Lakes National Program Office  
77 W. Jackson Blvd.  
Chicago, IL 60604

RE: Great Lakes Restoration Initiative RFP (EPA-R5-GL2010-1)

Dear Director Gulezian:

US Steel - Great Lakes Works' commitment to the environment is clear. Since 2005 Great Lakes Works has spent more than \$600,000 on projects to create, restore, and manage habitat areas throughout the property. These efforts were recognized in 2008 when Great Lakes Works earned certification through the Wildlife Habitat Council as a Wildlife at Work site.

In 2008, Great Lakes Works developed an *Ecological Restoration Master Plan* with an objective of creating multifunctional landscapes that will accomplish a number of ecological goals within each management unit. The following are ecological goals from this plan: storm water management, fugitive dust reduction, reduced maintenance, screening, cooling the environment, improving water quality, creating and improving quality wildlife habitat, and enhancing and preserving the existing natural features. The *Ecological Restoration Master Plan* provides a menu of pre-planned projects that can be chosen from. One of the projects included in the plan was to restore this proposed shoreline and upland area.

This is a priority for Great Lakes Works because of work that was previously completed. In 2005, 1,100 feet of shoreline was restored directly north of this project area and in 2007 a shoreline and upland area totaling 3.1 acres south of this project area was restored. Completing this project will connect these two previously restored areas and create a natural habitat along the entire shoreline of the 80" Hot Strip Mill property.

To support this grant project, Great Lakes Works will place the restored project area into our *Wildlife Management Plan* and with our partners continue to monitor and manage the area along with our other habitat areas. We will also place signage around the habitat and restrict access to the site. Great Lakes Works plans to continue our commitment to the environment and our relationship with the Wildlife Habitat Council.

Great Lakes Works looks forward to working with so many great partners on this project proving that industry and the environment can in fact coexist. Creating such a robust habitat along this heavily industrialized section of the Detroit River will not only provide benefit for the millions of creatures that inhabit this ecosystem, but for future generations for years to come.

Sincerely,

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David J. Rintoul