

2018 Woody Crops International Conference Post-Conference Field Tour

Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Landfill Phytoremediation Project
Manitowoc, WI

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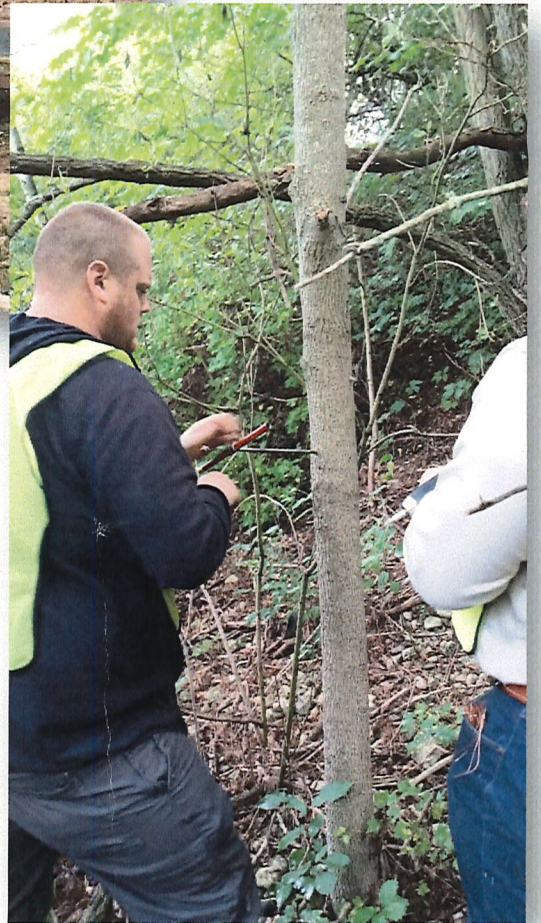
- II. Introduction (AECOM)
 - a. Forest Service staff & visitors, Conference attendees, City staff, AECOM staff
 - b. Health & Safety Briefing
 - c. What to Expect

- III. Project Overview (AECOM)
 - a. Environmental Impacts
 - b. Remedial Activities

- IV. Landfill Phytoremediation Project and Site Tour (USDA Forest Service)



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Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Action Plan II

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The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative was launched in 2010 to accelerate efforts to protect and restore the largest system of fresh surface water in the world — to provide additional resources to make progress toward the most critical long-term goals for this important ecosystem.

The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative has been a catalyst for unprecedented federal agency coordination — through the Interagency Task Force and the Regional Working Group, which are led by EPA. This coordination has produced unprecedented results. Great Lakes Restoration Initiative resources have supplemented agency base budgets to fund the cleanup actions required to delist five Great Lakes Areas of Concern and to formally delist the Presque Isle Bay Area of Concern — a major change from the 25 years before the Initiative, during which only one Area of Concern was cleaned up and delisted. Great Lakes Restoration Initiative resources have also been used to double the acreage enrolled in agricultural conservation programs in watersheds where phosphorus runoff contributes to harmful algal blooms in western Lake Erie, Saginaw Bay and Green Bay. So far, Great Lakes Restoration Initiative resources have been used to fund over 2,000 projects to improve water quality, to protect and restore native habitat and species, to prevent and control invasive species and to address other Great Lakes environmental problems.

During the next five years, federal agencies plan to continue to use Great Lakes Restoration Initiative resources to strategically target the biggest threats to the Great Lakes ecosystem and to accelerate progress toward long term goals — by combining Great Lakes Restoration Initiative resources with agency base budgets and by using these resources to work with nonfederal partners to implement protection and restoration projects. To guide this work, federal agencies have drafted GLRI Action Plan II, which summarizes the actions that federal agencies plan to implement during FY15-19 using Great Lakes Restoration Initiative funding. GLRI Action Plan II outlines the next phase of work on Great Lakes environmental problems and associated human health issues — many of which will take decades to resolve. GLRI Action Plan II lays out the necessary next steps to get us closer to the day when we will be able to achieve our long-term goals for the Great Lakes and our commitments under the U.S.-Canada Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement.



GLRI Action Plan II

GLRI Action Plan II summarizes the actions that federal agencies plan to implement during FY15-19 using Great Lakes Restoration Initiative funding — actions to protect and restore the largest fresh surface water system in the world. These actions will build on restoration and protection work carried out under the first GLRI Action Plan, with a major focus on:

- Cleaning up Great Lakes Areas of Concern
- Preventing and controlling invasive species
- Reducing nutrient runoff that contributes to harmful/nuisance algal blooms
- Restoring habitat to protect native species

GLRI Action Plan II incorporates a science-based adaptive management framework that will be used to prioritize ecosystem problems to be targeted with GLRI resources, to select projects to address those problems and to assess the effectiveness of GLRI projects (see pages 28-29). Measures of Progress have been developed to track all actions implemented under GLRI Action Plan II. These Measures of Progress focus on outputs and/or outcomes that can be measured over the five year period covered by this Action Plan, rather than the longer term ecological benefits that will be produced by GLRI-funded projects and will take years to document in an ecosystem as large and complex as the Great Lakes. There are ten Measures of Progress with annual targets and other Measures of Progress that will be reported annually to track progress toward long term goals (see below) that will take more than five years to reach.

GLRI Action Plan II commits agencies to develop and incorporate climate resiliency criteria in project selection processes. Agencies will develop standard criteria to ensure climate resiliency of GLRI-funded projects (see pages 24-25).

GLRI Action Plan II includes many ideas developed during the first five years of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative that were contributed by the Great Lakes Advisory Board, the U.S. EPA Science Advisory Board, the U.S. Government Accountability Office, the Congressional Research Service, states, tribes, municipalities and the general public. All of the federal agencies involved in the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative are grateful for these recommendations and will be actively seeking additional input as part of the science-based adaptive management cycle — as we implement and improve the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and as we work with our many partners to protect and restore the Great Lakes.

Long Term Goals for the Great Lakes Ecosystem



Fish safe to eat

Water safe for recreation

Safe source of drinking water

All Areas of Concern delisted

Harmful/nuisance algal blooms eliminated

No new self-sustaining invasive species

Existing invasive species controlled

Native habitat protected and restored to sustain native species

FY15-19 Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Action Plan Summary*

Focus Areas	Objectives	Commitments
<p>Toxic Substances and Areas of Concern</p>	<p>Remediate, restore and delist Areas of Concern</p> <p>Increase knowledge about contaminants in Great Lakes fish and wildlife</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement management actions necessary to remove Beneficial Use Impairments and delist Areas of Concern • Reduce human exposure to contaminants from Great Lakes fish consumption • Identify emerging contaminants and assess impacts on Great Lakes fish and wildlife
<p>Invasive Species</p>	<p>Prevent new introductions of invasive species</p> <p>Control established invasive species</p> <p>Develop invasive species control technologies and refine management techniques</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Block pathways through which aquatic invasive species can be introduced to the Great Lakes ecosystem • Conduct early detection monitoring activities • Work with Great Lakes states to conduct rapid response actions or exercises • Implement control projects for GLRI-targeted invasive species • Develop/enhance technologies and methods to prevent the introduction and to control the spread of invasive species • Develop/enhance invasive species specific collaboratives to support rapid responses and communicate the latest control and management techniques
<p>Nonpoint Source Pollution Impacts on Nearshore Health</p>	<p>Reduce nutrient loads from agricultural watersheds</p> <p>Reduce untreated runoff from urban watersheds</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement agricultural practices or other nutrient reduction practices in GLRI targeted watersheds. • Implement watershed management projects in urban areas that have adopted a watershed strategy
<p>Habitats and Species</p>	<p>Protect, restore and enhance habitats to help sustain healthy populations of native species</p> <p>Maintain, restore and enhance populations of native species</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove or bypass barriers on Great Lakes tributaries to facilitate fish passage • Protect, restore and enhance Great Lakes coastal wetlands • Protect, restore and enhance GLRI-targeted habitats in the Great Lakes basin • Promote the recovery of priority federally-listed endangered, threatened and candidate species • Promote self-sustaining populations of GLRI-targeted native non-threatened and non-endangered species
<p>Foundations for Future Restoration Actions</p>	<p>Ensure climate resiliency of GLRI-funded projects</p> <p>Educate the next generation about the Great Lakes ecosystem</p> <p>Implement a science-based adaptive management approach for GLRI</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and incorporate climate resiliency criteria in project selection processes • Promote Great Lakes-based ecosystem education and stewardship, with a focus on educator training • Evaluate the effectiveness of GLRI-funded projects • Assess the overall health of the Great Lakes ecosystem and identify the most significant remaining problems • Identify watersheds, habitats, and species to be targeted by the GLRI • Report on GLRI progress and Great Lakes ecosystem health

*Objectives and targets in this plan may be adjusted annually based on appropriations and performance.

Measures of Progress**

- Areas of Concern where all management actions necessary for delisting have been implemented
- Area of Concern Beneficial Use Impairments Removed

- Number of people provided information on the risks and benefits of Great Lakes fish consumption by GLRI-funded projects
- Number of GLRI-funded projects that identify and/or assess impacts of emerging contaminants on Great Lakes fish and wildlife

- Number of GLRI-funded projects that block pathways through which aquatic invasive species can be introduced to the Great Lakes ecosystem
- Number of GLRI-funded early detection monitoring activities conducted
- Number of GLRI-funded Great Lakes rapid responses or exercises conducted

- Number of acres controlled by GLRI-funded projects
- Number of tributary miles protected by GLRI-funded projects

- Number of technologies and methods field tested by GLRI-funded projects
- Number of collaboratives developed/enhanced with GLRI funding

- Number of GLRI-funded nutrient and sediment reduction projects in targeted watersheds (measured in acres)
- Projected phosphorus reductions from GLRI-funded projects in targeted watersheds (measured in pounds)
- Measured nutrient and sediment reductions from monitored GLRI-funded projects in targeted watersheds (measured in pounds)

- Number of GLRI-funded projects implemented to reduce the impacts of untreated urban runoff on the Great Lakes
- Projected volume of untreated urban runoff captured or treated by GLRI-funded projects
- Measured volume of untreated urban runoff captured or treated by monitored GLRI-funded projects

- Number of miles of Great Lakes tributaries reopened by GLRI-funded projects
- Number of miles of Great Lakes shoreline and riparian corridors protected, restored and enhanced by GLRI-funded projects
- Number of acres of Great Lakes coastal wetlands protected, restored and enhanced by GLRI-funded projects
- Number of acres of other habitats in the Great Lakes basin protected, restored and enhanced by GLRI-funded projects

- Number of GLRI-funded projects that promote recovery of federally-listed endangered, threatened, and candidate species
- Number of GLRI-funded projects that promote populations of native non-threatened and non-endangered species self-sustaining in the wild

- By 2016, a standardized set of climate resiliency criteria will be developed for GLRI-projects
- Starting in 2017, projects will include climate resiliency criteria in planning and implementation

- Number of educators trained through GLRI-funded projects
- Number of people educated on the Great Lakes ecosystem through GLRI-funded place-based experiential learning activities

- Project evaluations completed and used to prioritize GLRI funding decisions each year
- Annual Great Lakes monitoring conducted and used to prioritize GLRI funding decisions each year
- GLRI-targeted watersheds, habitats and species identified and used to prioritize GLRI funding decisions
- Issue annual GLRI Reports to Congress and the President
- Issue Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement Triennial Progress Reports of the Parties
- Issue triennial State of the Lakes reports
- Periodically update publicly available online information about the GLRI

**Most GLRI Action Plan II Measures of Progress track outputs and/or outcomes produced solely by GLRI-funded projects. AOC-related measures track results produced using GLRI funding and, in some cases, using other sources of funding, as well. Many GLRI-funded projects supplement other Great Lakes restoration activities that are funded by agency base budgets and are reported independently by agencies. Action Plan II Measures of Progress include: several Action Plan I Measures of Progress; several Action Plan I Measures of Progress that have been modified to accurately track actions funded by GLRI; and a number of new Measures of Progress.

Nonpoint Source Pollution Impacts on Nearshore Health

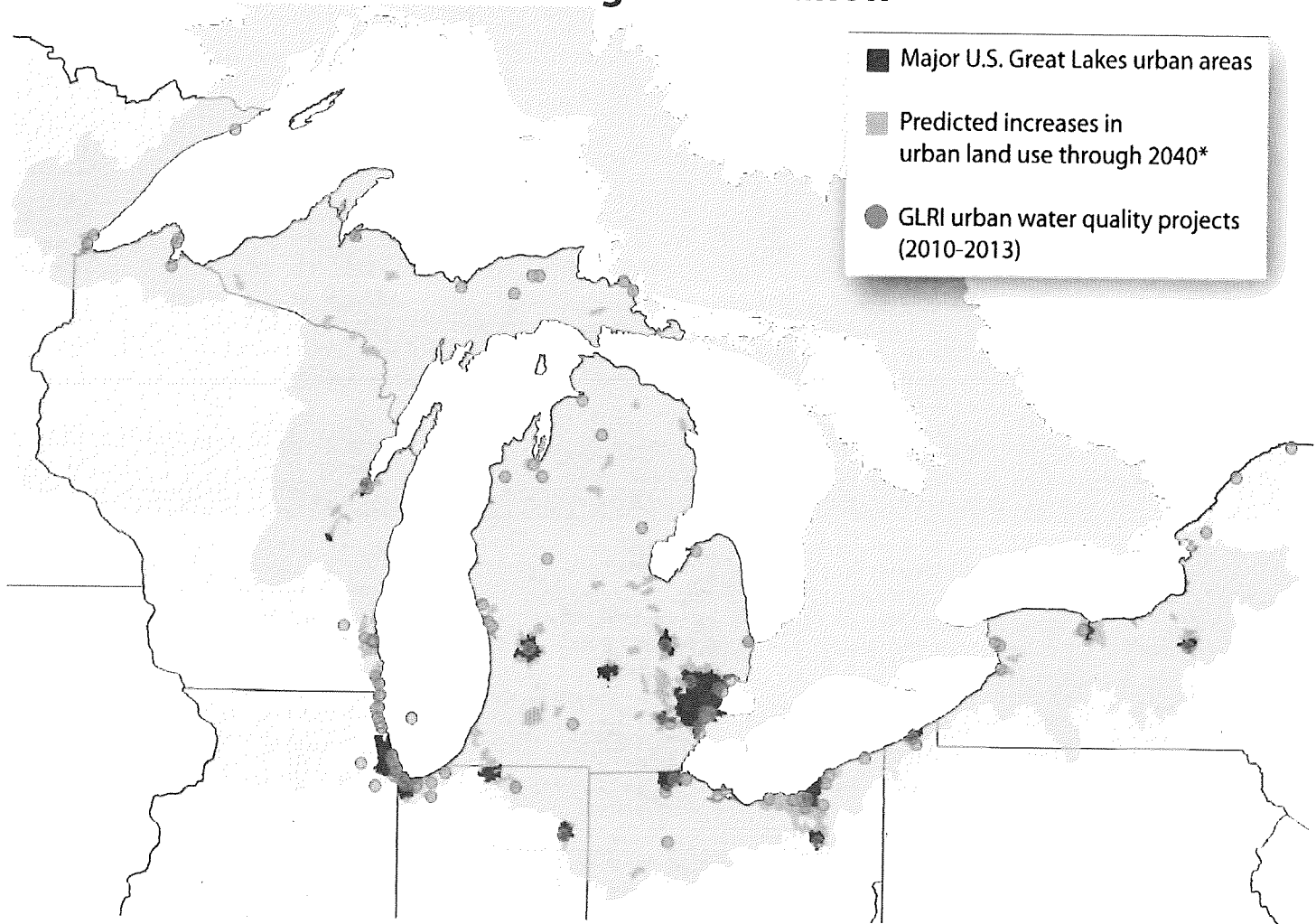
Objective

Reduce untreated runoff from urban watersheds

Commitment

• Implement watershed management projects in urban areas that have adopted a watershed strategy

Reducing Urban Runoff



GLRI Action Plan I projects in urban areas reduced polluted runoff to Great Lakes tributaries and nearshore waters. GLRI Action Plan II projects implemented under this principal initiative will focus on major urban areas and on areas where urbanization is expected to increase in the near future.

During the first five years of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, federal agencies and their partners implemented projects in urban areas to reduce sediment, nutrient, toxic contaminant and pathogen loadings to Great Lakes tributaries and nearshore waters. The GLRI funded green infrastructure projects in Great Lakes shoreline cities to reduce untreated stormwater runoff and to improve nearshore water quality. These green infrastructure projects reduce flooding, increase greenspace in urban areas and return vacant properties to productive use. Watershed management projects were also implemented to stabilize stream banks, increase forest cover, restore wetlands and improve water quality at beaches in urban areas.

**Urban land use predictions generated through the USGS Climate Change Impacts Program and provided by Dr. Bryan C. Pijanowski, Purdue University (<http://ltm.agriculture.purdue.edu/>)*

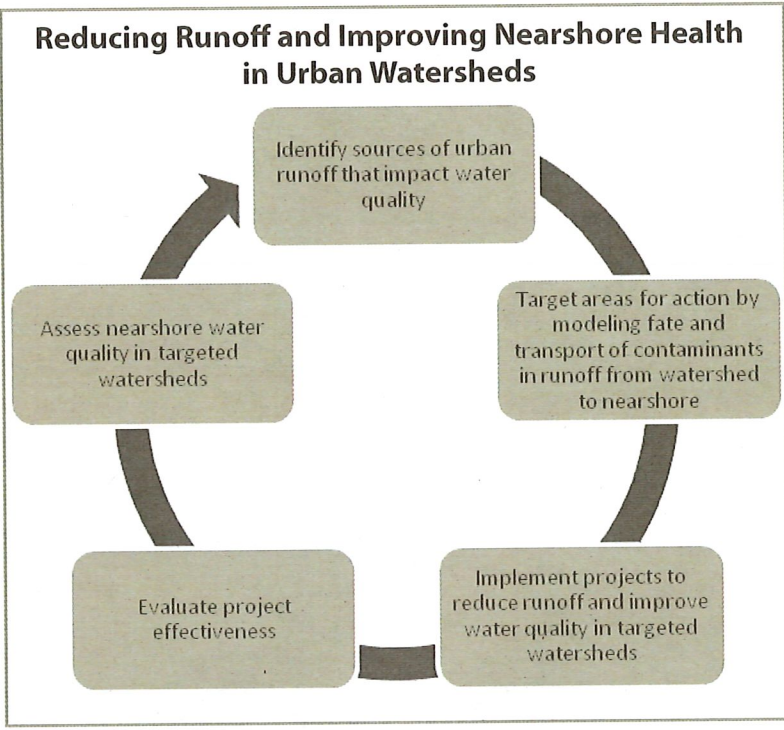
Measure of Progress with Annual Targets	Baseline/ Universe	2015 Target	2016 Target	2017 Target	2018 Target	2019 Target
• Projected volume of untreated urban runoff captured or treated by GLRI-funded projects (measured in millions of gallons)	Baseline: 0 Universe: N/A	30	70	120	185	250

- Additional Measures of Progress**
- Number of GLRI-funded projects implemented to reduce the impacts of untreated urban runoff on the Great Lakes
 - Measured volume of untreated urban runoff captured or treated by monitored GLRI-funded projects

Under GLRI Action Plan II, federal agencies and their partners will continue to implement watershed management and green infrastructure projects to reduce the impacts of polluted urban runoff on nearshore water quality at beaches and in other coastal areas. These projects will capture or slow the flow of untreated runoff and filter out sediment, nutrients, toxic contaminants, pathogens and other pollutants prior to entering Great Lakes tributaries and nearshore waters.

Federal agencies and their partners will build green infrastructure, install tributary buffers, restore coastal wetlands, and re-vegetate and re-forest areas near Great Lakes coasts and tributaries.

These and other actions to reduce untreated runoff will be implemented in urban areas that have adopted watershed management strategies. Urban runoff reduction projects will be evaluated to determine their effectiveness. This information along with the assessment of water quality will be used to target future actions.



Green Infrastructure Captures and Filters Urban Runoff



Image courtesy of Chicago Department of Transportation

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Science Brief for Resource Managers

Enhancing Nearshore Health in the Great Lakes Basin



Increasing human population growth and associated industrial development in the last 50 years have greatly impacted water quality in the Great Lakes and their watersheds. Closed landfills, dumps, and similar sites contribute to nonpoint source pollution of nearshore health, especially given potential impacts of their runoff and leakage. Short rotation woody crops such as poplars and willows are ideal for phytoremediation (i.e., the direct use of plants to clean up contaminated soil, sediment, sludge, or groundwater) because they grow quickly, have extensive root systems and hydraulic control potential, all of which serve as biological systems that remediate such pollution. Forest Service researchers have developed *phyto-recurrent selection*, a tool for choosing generalist plant varieties that remediate a broad range of contaminants, or specialist plants that are matched to specific pollutants. The ability to select varieties across contaminants allows for broad applicability of these phytoremediation systems.

While the science of phytoremediation has undergone rapid growth in the last two decades, there is some uncertainty about the efficacy of using existing forests to remediate liability sites. However, the recent development and patenting of *phytoforensic* technologies helps to use plants as not only remediation, but also as site delineation for non-point source pollutants and as monitoring tools of remediation. Phytoforensics is the use of plant sampling as a way to detect and quantify pollutants in the environment around the plants.

In this project, phytoremediation buffer systems are being developed to reduce untreated runoff from sites in the Great Lakes Basin and, ultimately, to mitigate nonpoint source pollution impacts on nearshore health.

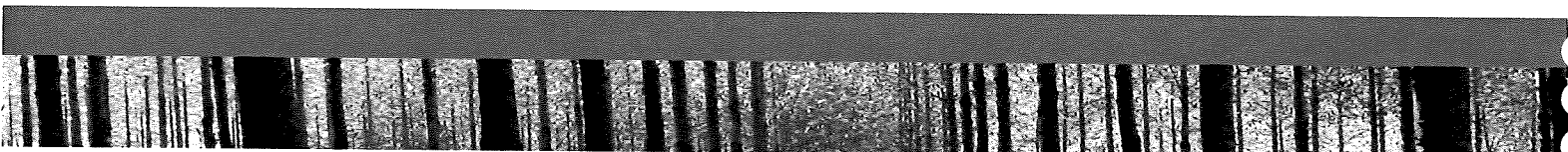
Management Implications

- This project reduces uncertainty about the efficacy of using trees to remediate landfills, dumps, and similar sites.
- The volume of untreated urban runoff captured or treated at the installations will be projected and measured.
- Potential landfill leachate leakage plumes will be delineated and phytoremediation potential assessed.
- Health assessments of mature and planted trees will be conducted to evaluate methods for reducing runoff before it reaches Lakes Michigan and Superior.
- Superior poplar and willow varieties have been tested and matched to soils and climate at fifteen landfills in Wisconsin and Michigan.
- These poplar and willow phyto-buffers are being established to: improve water quality, stabilize stream banks, increase forest cover, and restore ecosystems.
- A “green tool” integrating existing vegetation with phyto buffers is being developed to provide site managers with a biological treatment option.

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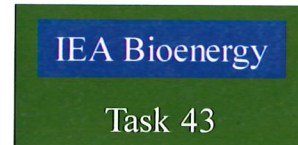
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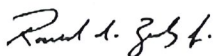
Welcome from the Conference Chairs

We are pleased to present the proceedings of the 2018 Woody Crops International Conference held throughout Minnesota and Wisconsin, USA during July 22-27, 2018. In particular, the event consisted of an optional pre-conference tour showcasing poplar tree improvement in Minnesota, USA held July 22-23, 2018, a technical program showcasing state-of-the-art technologies held 23-25, 2018 in Rhinelander, Wisconsin, USA, and an optional post-conference tour highlighting phytotechnologies in Wisconsin, USA held July 25-27, 2018.

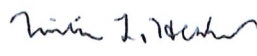
Historically, international efforts for the development of short rotation woody crops (SRWCs) focused on the production of biomass for bioenergy, biofuels, and bioproducts, while research and deployment over the past decade has expanded to include broader objectives of achieving multiple ecosystem services. In particular, silvicultural prescriptions developed for SRWCs have been refined to include woody crop production systems for environmental benefits such as carbon sequestration, water quality and quantity, and soil health. In addition, current systems have been expanded beyond traditional fiber production to other environmental technologies that incorporate SRWCs as vital components for phytotechnologies (e.g., phytoremediation), urban afforestation, ecological restoration, and mine reclamation.

To address the need for such information, our conference goal was to unite six of the world's leading SRWC organizations to enhance information exchange and provide a platform for developing future collaboration around SRWC production systems. We hope these efforts will enhance future discussions among scientists, academicians, regulators, and the general public. We encourage you to contact conference participants and presenters to initiate such conversations.

We are grateful to the professional and efficient international team of conference organizers who helped to make this conference possible. In addition, we thank our sponsors for supporting these efforts. Erik Schilling, Tracy Stubbs, and Tammerah Garren from NCASI deserve special recognition for their unwavering commitment to conference planning, along with Tammy Booth who developed our logo. Likewise, we thank Bernie McMahon for developing a world-class pre-conference tour and Emile Gardiner for selflessly leading efforts for abstract reviews. Also, we are grateful to Judy Heikkinen, Chad Lashua, and Hakim Salaam for assistance with hosting the conference at Nicolet College. Lastly, we thank the presenters and participants for contributing to the networking and technology transfer during the field tours and technical sessions.



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Stop 3: Manitowoc

A photograph of a dense forest of tall, thin trees with light-colored trunks and green foliage, likely a poplar plantation. The ground is covered in fallen leaves and twigs.

Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Phyto Buffer Project



City of Manitowoc Gravel Pit
Manitowoc, WI

Objectives

- Runoff Reduction
- Phytoremediation
- Phytovolatilization

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- Stormwater Management

Types of Plantings

- Phyto-Recurrent Selection
- Yield Blocks
- Demonstration

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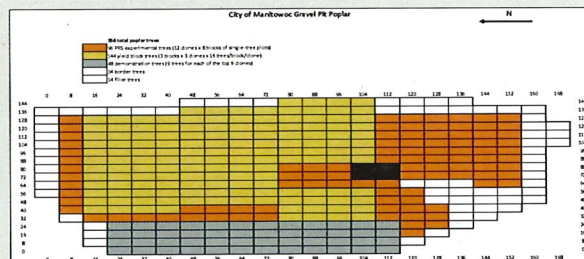
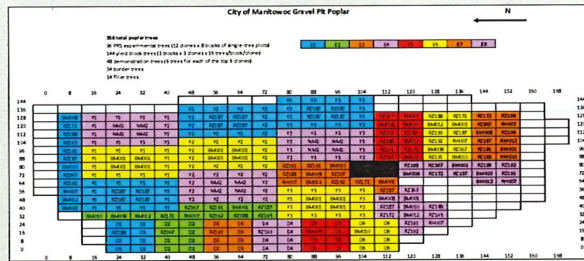
- Phyto-Recurrent Selection
- Yield Blocks
- Demonstration

Number of Trees

- 348 Poplar (est. 2018)

Number of Trees

- 2,748 Willow (est. 2018)



City of Manitowoc Gravel Pit Poplar

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356 total poplar trees
 96 PRS experimental trees (12 clones x 8 blocks of single-tree plots)
 144 yield block trees (3 blocks x 3 clones x 16 trees/block/clone)
 48 demonstration trees (9 trees for each of the top 6 clones)
 54 border trees
 14 filler trees

