

# *Envisioning a Chicago Area Waterway System for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*

A Joint Project of the  
Great Lakes Commission and the  
Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative



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## **Project Update**

- **Secured full project budget of \$2 million**
  - Thanks to C.S. Mott Foundation, Frey Foundation, Great Lakes Fishery Trust, Great Lakes Protection Fund, Joyce Foundation, Wege Foundation
- **Completed Phase I**
  - Established Executive Committee, Advisory Committee & Resource Group
  - Hired HDR Engineering, Inc. to lead Phase II consultant team
    - Study approach & work plan

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## **Project Schedule**

- **Phase I:** Hire consulting team and establish executive committee and advisory committee (July-Dec. 2010)
- **Phase II:** Identify options and scenarios for separation (Jan.-Oct. 2011)
- **Phase III:** Narrow options, evaluate scenarios, run models and prepare final reports (Oct.-Dec. 2011)

**Final outcomes by January 2012**

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## **Phase II Schedule**

### Overview

- January-April: Data collection & criteria development
- April-June: Develop preliminary options
- July-August: Options testing & analysis
- August-October: Options refinement & additional analysis

### Important Dates (proposed)

- June 29: Advisory Committee Meeting
  - Provide input on preliminary options
- July 13: Public meeting in Chicago
- Sept. 12-15: Public meetings around the basin
- Sept. 20: Advisory Committee Meeting
  - Provide input on options and analyses

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## **Advisory Committee Meeting February 16, 2011**

### **Meeting Purpose**

- Introduce Phase II Consulting Team
- Review and Discuss Phase II Approach & Work Plan
- Initiate Development of Criteria for Evaluation of Separation Options