

Great Lakes SNA Learning Network
May 4-6, 2016
Bayview Wildwood Resort, Severn Bridge, Ontario

The overarching goal of the workshop is to share the results of the Great Lakes Social Network Analysis (SNA) and explore how to apply the results to the work of the many organizations and collaboratives working to protect and restore the health of the Great Lakes.

Workshop objectives:

1. Develop a common understanding of network concepts and tools, and their application in practice.
2. Establish a shared, in-depth understanding of how organizations working on Great Lakes issues currently come together around specific issues (e.g. water diversions, nutrient pollution), geographies (e.g. Lake Huron, Lake Erie) and approaches to their work (e.g. policy, community engagement).
3. Provide a venue for organizations working on similar issues to apply the SNA results and network concepts (e.g. network weaving) and set out objectives and actions to enhance collaboration and coordination in ways that benefit their projects and programs.
4. Apply the SNA results to inform the structure of the Great Lakes Network (GLN) and set next steps to leverage the resources of the GLN and other networks to sustain momentum on coordinated, collaborative approaches for Great Lakes protection and restoration.
5. Provide a base of information and opportunities for relationship building to support network weavers as they begin their training program.

Agenda

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

12:00 - 1:00	Arrival and Lunch
1:00 - 1:45	Welcome, Context and Introductions
1:45 - 2:15	The Great Lakes Network
2:15 - 3:00	Network Thinking: Key Concepts
3:00 - 3:15	Break
3:15 - 4:45	Knowing Our Networks: Sharing Survey Results
4:45 - 5:00	Closing the Day
6:00	Dinner
7:00 - 8:30	Informal Issues Discussion & Meeting of Network Weavers

Thursday, May 5, 2016

8:00	Breakfast
9:00 - 9:30	Starting the Day
9:30 - 10:15	Networks for Change: Art and Science
10:15 - 10:30	Break
10:30 - 12:00	Sub-Network World Cafe
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch (possible separate working lunch for Network Weavers)
1:00 - 2:45	Working on Network Weaving (breakout)
2:45	Break and Assemble for Excursion
3:00 - 5:00	Local tour - Couchiching Conservancy Property & Trent Severn Waterway/Couchiching Lock
6:00	Dinner (joined by several special guests)
7:00-8:30	Network Weaver Gathering (others: free time)

Friday, May 6, 2016

8:00	Breakfast
9:00 - 10:15	SNA and the Great Lakes Network: Next Steps
10:15 - 10:30	Break
10:30 - 11:15	Moving Network Weaving Forward
11:15 - 12:00	Closing the workshop
12:00	Lunch and shuttles to Pearson Airport at noon and 1:00

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Participants

Lindsay Telfer, Canadian Freshwater Alliance
*Raj Gill, Canadian Freshwater Alliance
*Nancy Goucher, Freshwater Future
Theresa McClenaghan, Canadian Environmental Law Association (Fri. AM only)
Fe de Leon, Canadian Environmental Law Association (Wed. and Thurs.)
Natalija Fisher, Environmental Defence
Krystyn Tully, Lake Ontario Waterkeeper
Terry Rees, Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association
*Anastasia Lintner, Sustainability Network
Jill Ryan, Freshwater Future
Stephanie Smith, Alliance for the Great Lakes
*Nate Drag, Alliance for the Great Lakes
Todd Ambs, Healing Our Waters
*Celia Haven, Healing Our Waters (HOW) Coalition
Mike Shriberg, National Wildlife Federation
*Paco Ollervides, River Network
Deanna White, Clean Water Action
Kristy Meyer, Ohio Environmental Council
*Lisa Brush, The Stewardship Network
Lee Willbanks, Save the River
Jack Schmitt, Michigan League of Conservation Voters
*Katie Rousseau, American Rivers (unable to attend Learning Network)
Amy Beyer, Conservation Resource Alliance
Kira Davis, Conservation Resource Alliance
*Rebecca Fedewa, Flint River Watershed Coalition
Cheryl Glaeser, Institute for Conservation Leadership
James Clift, Michigan Environmental Council
Paul Bubelis, Sustainability Network
Tony Maas, Maas Strategies
Fai Udom, Sustainability Network
Ken Vance-Borland, Conservation Planning Institute

- designates a Network Weaver