

Voyage for the Great Lakes

See one of the fastest sailing vessels on the Great Lakes and learn how you can help protect the Great Lakes!

Healthy Lakes, Healthy Lives Expo
Saturday, June 7
10:00 am to 4:00pm
Commercial Slip, Inner Harbor

- See the amazing Earth Voyager
- Visit the historic rewatered Commercial Slip
- Tour Buffalo's historic Edward M. Cotter Fireboat
- Take part in free educational activities for kids
- Learn about Great Lakes wildlife, ecology and geology with interactive displays
- Find out how you can make a difference for the Great Lakes

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

COMMUNITY FORUM

"Priorities for Great Lakes Protection"
Presented by the Office of Attorney General
Andrew M. Cuomo
Woodlawn Beach State Park Nature Center
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

PRESS CONFERENCE

Elected officials call for Great Lakes restoration
Commercial Slip, Inner Harbor
4:00 pm

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

PADDLE TOUR

East River Wetlands of Grand Island
Guided by Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper
8:00 am to 11:00 am
To register, call 716-852-7483
or visit www.bnriverkeeper.org

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

NATURE AND LIGHTHOUSE TOUR

Take a tour aboard the Miss Buffalo
With Penn Dixie Center
Erie Basin Marina
8:30 am to 1:30 pm
To register, call 716-627-4560
Space is limited, so register early

MONDAY, JUNE 9

EARTH VOYAGER BON VOYAGE

Join Congressman Brian Higgins for a flotilla send off
Commercial Slip, Inner Harbor
11:00 am

BUFFALO RIVER PUBLIC FORUM & TOUR

Hosted by Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper
Buffalo River Tour, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Public forum at Shanghai Red's, 5:30 to 8:00 pm
To register call 716-852-7483
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FOR MORE INFORMATION

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WHAT IS THE HEALTHY LAKES, HEALTHY LIVES TOUR?

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It is a voyage to protect and restore the Great Lakes. There are many problems plaguing our lakes, from legacies of industrial contamination to aquatic invasive species to aging and failing sewage infrastructure. We have solutions to these problems, and now is the time to act. Local organizers are working with the Healing Our Waters – Great Lakes Coalition to sail the Earth Voyager throughout the Great Lakes and bring attention to the need for immediate action. The longer we wait, the worse the problems become and the more expensive they will be to resolve.

WHY NOW?

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In May of 2004 President Bush signed Executive Order 13340 recognizing the Great Lakes as a national treasure and home of the largest freshwater ecosystem in the world. This spurred the greatest collaboration of partners to ever come together to assess the needs of the Great Lakes, and develop a comprehensive strategy for restoration. Known as the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration (GLRC), this coalition is comprised of 1,500 local, state and federal officials, tribes, environmentalists, sportsmen and fishermen, industry, and other stakeholders from throughout the basin. In 2005, the GLRC put forth a set of recommendations known as the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration Strategy to Restore and Protect the Great Lakes. Nearly three years later some progress has been made, but we need comprehensive revitalization now. The Great Lakes are all connected, just like the residents of the basin. If we are ever to see true restoration of our lakes, our communities, and our economy, we need to come together and demand that restoration be done now and that it be the priority of our legislators.

WHY BUFFALO?

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Buffalo lies in the heart of the globally significant Lake Erie and Buffalo-Niagara River, which hold the key to economy, ecology, recreational opportunities, and quality of life. Protecting and restoring Buffalo's greatest natural resource is essential to the Queen City's revitalization. In fact, a recent analysis conducted by the Brookings Institution finds that Buffalo will see economic gains of \$600 million to \$1.1 billion if the Great Lakes are restored!

JOIN US!

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Come see the amazing Earth Voyager, one of the fastest sailing vessels on the Great Lakes. Be there when it's the first to dock at Buffalo's rewatered Commercial Slip in the inner harbor, a blossoming part of Buffalo's waterfront revitalization. Celebrate the important role of the Great Lakes in our lives and join in the call to local, state and federal legislators to restore the lakes now! See you there!

The Commercial Slip is located downtown Buffalo in the inner harbor, at Commercial and Scott Streets.

Organized by: Assemblyman Sam Hoyt's Office; Buffalo Audubon Society; Buffalo Niagara Partnership; Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper; Buffalo Ornithological Society; Buffalo Place; Citizens Campaign for the Environment; Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo; Congressman Brian Higgins' Office; Great Lakes Center-Buffalo State College; Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council; Great Lakes United; Ecology & Environment, Inc.; English Consulting; Stevens Marine Insurance; Penn Dixie Paleontological and Outdoor Education Center

