



Program Summary: Environmental Stewardship

Goal: to protect and conserve the natural environments on islands.



Key Topics:

- Biodiversity conservation (rare/unique species, natural habitats) and island ecology
- Water quality management
- Climate change adaptation, particularly along island shorelines in response to fluctuating Great Lakes water levels
- Waste management, pollution prevention and recycling

What We Do:

- ❖ Information Sharing & Connection
 - Connect island leaders working in the environmental space
 - Transfer best practices and solutions between islands
 - Host webinars to showcase island case studies and learn from topic experts
 - Design communications/storytelling to island and mainland audiences
 - Network with other islands-oriented networks around the world
- ❖ Advocacy & Influence
 - Foster partnership/alignment with other Great Lakes organizations
 - Build relationships with mainland decision-makers and thought leaders
 - Deliver presentations at conferences and meetings
 - Research issues with an island lens and develop policy positions, resolutions, and white papers
 - Assist with grant application development, including letters of support
- ❖ Projects
 - Identify needs and help implement projects across multiple islands
- ❖ Data & Research
 - Support collection/analysis of information and development of metrics specific to islands
 - Facilitate government and academic research on islands



About GLIA: The Great Lakes Islands Alliance (GLIA) is a voluntary, bi-national, collaborative network that brings together island leaders, residents, and advocates from across the region. The mission of the GLIA is to “encourage relationship building, foster information exchange, and leverage resources to address shared challenges and embrace opportunities to benefit islands.”

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