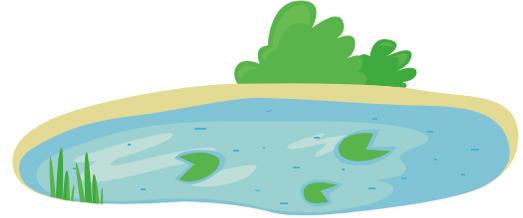


Great Lakes Regional Pollution Prevention Roundtable Provides Information Resources, Tools, and Training

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Since the early 1990s, the Great Lakes Regional Pollution Prevention Roundtable (GLRPPR) has promoted information exchange and providing networking opportunities to pollution prevention practitioners in the region.

Originally, the group was formed to improve information sharing and collaboration among the region's pollution prevention technical assistance providers by hosting conferences twice a year. A lot has changed since then. Al Gore's film and book "An Inconvenient Truth" brought international attention to the issue of global warming. Companies large and small began to realize that making their operations greener could also save them money and began to hire sustainability professionals themselves. Finally, the Internet revolution made it easier for people to communicate without being in the same room together. Today, although the delivery methods have changed, the organization's core mission -- to develop and promote information resources, tools, and training for and facilitate networking among sustainability professionals in the Great Lakes region of the United States and Canada -- remains the same.

Although GLRPPR's focus is on serving the information and training needs of environmental professionals in the Great Lakes region, the web site includes a wealth of sustainability resources of interest to those outside of the region as well. These resources include:

- A series of LibGuides (<http://uiuc.libguides.com/profile/laura-l-barnes>) focused on specific environmental topics. Each sector resource also includes relevant funding notices, news items, and training opportunities. The most recent addition to the collection is the Resilient Cities LibGuide (<http://uiuc.libguides.com/resilientcities>), which is intended to assist communities with becoming more resilient in the face of a changing climate and other threats. The guide includes information on strategies for identifying and responding to many barriers to resilient communities, including climate change, natural disasters, landscape and ecosystem, and infrastructure; funding sources; agencies and organizations that can assist; current research at the University of Illinois; and case studies.
- Sector Resources (<http://www.glrppr.org/sectors>), a large collection of online sustainability information, organized by topic. The most recent of these, Behavior Change and Sustainability (<http://www.glrppr.org/contacts/qltopichub.cfm?sectorid=152>), provides links to reports and other materials related to engaging employees and the public to adopt pro-environmental behaviors. It also includes links to relevant research articles.

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- Archived webinars on a variety of sustainability topics (<http://www.glrppr.org/meetings>), which are also available on GLRPPR's YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/user/glrppr>); and
- A twice-weekly newsletter (<http://www.glrppr.org/newsletter/>) with links to new documents, news stories, funding notices, and training opportunities.

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