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Type of Organization: State

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Project Title: Lake Huron Strategic Planning Initiative - Phase II

Project Category: Emerging Issues

Rank by Organization (if applicable): 0

Total Funding Requested (\$): 27,040 **Project Duration:** 1 Years

Abstract:

The Michigan Office of the Great Lakes (OGL) will prepare a four-color information/education brochure for Lake Huron. The brochure will be a folded two-page handout that will provide the reader with basic information regarding Lake Huron and the Lake Huron Initiative process. The brochure will include numerous photos of the Lake Huron shoreline, a Lake Huron watershed map, and information regarding the priority issues for Lake Huron identified through the Lake Huron Initiative process.

The OGL will also work with the Great Lakes Fishery Commission's Lake Huron Committee (GLFC-LHC) and other Lake Huron Initiative partners to coordinate the Lake Huron State of the Lake Symposium currently proposed by the GLFC-LHC. If funded, the Lake Huron Initiative portion of the symposium will go beyond the proposed GLFC-LHC interests by developing a Lake Huron Initiative component to the symposium addressing issues in addition to fisheries concern such as critical pollutants, habitat and biodiversity. The results of the symposium will improve the information in the Lake Huron Action Plan and provide a public forum for addressing the issues of interest. The OGL will work closely with the Lake Huron Initiative Steering Committee and partners in development of the symposium.

Geographic Areas Affected by the Project

States:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Illinois | <input type="checkbox"/> New York |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indiana | <input type="checkbox"/> Pennsylvania |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michigan | <input type="checkbox"/> Wisconsin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Minnesota | <input type="checkbox"/> Ohio |

Lakes:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Superior | <input type="checkbox"/> Erie |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Huron | <input type="checkbox"/> Ontario |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Michigan | <input type="checkbox"/> All Lakes |

Geographic Initiatives:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Greater Chicago | <input type="checkbox"/> NE Ohio | <input type="checkbox"/> NW Indiana | <input type="checkbox"/> SE Michigan | <input type="checkbox"/> Lake St. Clair |
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Primary Affected Area of Concern: Saginaw River, MI

Other Affected Areas of Concern: St. Marys River
St. Clair River

For Habitat Projects Only:

Primary Affected Biodiversity Investment Area: Saginaw Bay

Other Affected Biodiversity Investment Areas: Misery Bay
Presque Isle
Mackinca-Manitoulin

Problem Statement:

Effort has been initiated towards the development of a management planning effort for Lake Huron. There is a continuing need for information/education of the issues of concern for Lake Huron.

Also, the Lake Huron Initiative has worked closely with the Great Lakes Fishery Commission - Lake Huron Committee (GLFC-LHC). The GLFC-LHC will be holding a Lake Huron State of the Lake Symposium in 2001. The symposium provides an excellent opportunity for the public to have an opportunity for involvement in the continual development of the Lake Huron Initiative Action Plan.

Proposed Work Outcome:

The Office of the Great Lakes (OGL) will continue the efforts to develop a strategy for addressing Lake Huron. OGL will prepare 10,000 copies of the the information/education brochure for Lake Huron and will distribute the brochure through the Lake Huron Initiative mailing list and by providing copies to the Initiative partners.

The OGL will coordinate the development of the Lake Huron Initiative portion of the Lake Huron State of the Lake Symposium including all planning activities and providing a summary of the symposium for the current Lake Huron web site.

The OGL will also continue to maintain the Lake Huron homepage on the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality server. The OGL will expand the home page with any information provide by the Initiative partners. The site will continue to provide links to other relevant sites such as Lake Huron remedial action plans, fishery and wildlife sites, the Saginaw Bay Watershed Information Network (WIN), The Nature Conservancy, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Environment Canada, the Great Lakes Information Network (GLIN), and the Great Lakes National Program Office.

Project Milestones:	Dates:
Project Start	10/2001
Initiative development of brochure	10/2001
Complete development of brochure	06/2002
Distribute brochure	08/2001
Development of the symposium	11/2001
Hold symposium	03/2001
Final Report	09/2001
Project End	09/2001

Project Addresses Environmental Justice

If So, Description of How:

Project Addresses Education/Outreach

If So, Description of How:

This project will provide general information regarding Lake Huron. The Michigan Office of the Great Lakes maintains a list of agencies/interested individuals that are involved in Lake Huron issues. Copies of the educational material will be supplied to these agencies/individuals based on need.

Project Budget:

	Federal Share Requested (\$)	Applicant's Share (\$)
Personnel:	7,000	1,350
Fringe:	3,700	0
Travel:	400	0
Equipment:	0	0
Supplies:	500	0
Contracts:	2,000	0
Construction:	0	0
Other:	11,500	0
Total Direct Costs:	25,100	1,350
Indirect Costs:	1,940	0
Total:	27,040	1,350
Projected Income:	0	0

Funding by Other Organizations (Names, Amounts, Description of Commitments):

Description of Collaboration/Community Based Support:

The Michigan Office of the Great Lakes has developed a strong support base for the Lake Huron Initiative consisting of federal and state agencies, local governments, non-governmental environmental organizations and a number of interested individuals. The Office of the Great Lakes is also trying to develop greater involvement on the part of Canadian entities including federal and provincial interests.