

### *Announcing New Educational Primers on Nonpoint Source Pollution*

The Great Lakes Commission and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are proud to announce three educational primer modules on nonpoint source (NPS) pollution. Each module (in the form of a downloadable presentation) is designed to inform and educate a variety of stakeholders on the importance of NPS pollution and control within the Great Lakes basin. The modules are intended to be shown by presenters who are knowledgeable about NPS pollution, and each module is geared toward actions that may apply to different user groups and/or land use settings found within the Great Lakes region. The intended audiences are the general public, elected officials and their staff, and agency and organizational staff members who are new to the subject.

Soil erosion and NPS pollution, combined, is one of the priority issues facing the Great Lakes and a focus area of the Obama Administration's Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. Loadings of eroded soils and diffuse pollution have adverse environmental and economic impacts. Excessive loadings increase algae blooms and dead zones in the Lakes and reduce water depths in harbors and shipping channels, increasing the need for dredging and the costs to navigation users.

### *Download the NPS Primer Modules*

The following educational primer modules may be accessed at: <http://projects.glc.org/tributary/NPSprimer.html>



**Urban and Suburban  
Communities**



**Agricultural and Rural Land  
Management**



**Forests and Inland Lakes**

In addition to using these modules, the presenter is encouraged to **provide local examples and contact information** for audience members to seek additional information. NPS pollution agency guides are also available at this website as handouts with state-specific contact information to supplement these presentations.

The educational primer modules were developed by the Great Lakes Commission in partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under the Great Lakes Tributary Modeling Program. The Great Lakes Tributary Modeling Program was established through Section 516(e) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996. This authority enables the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to develop sediment transport models and other tools to assist state and local agencies with the planning and implementation of measures for soil conservation and NPS pollution prevention. The ultimate goals of this program are to reduce the loading of sediments and pollutants to tributaries in order to enhance Great Lakes water quality, help delist Great Lakes Areas of Concern (AOCs), and reduce the need for navigation dredging of Great Lakes ports and harbors.

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