



Niagara River (Ontario) AOC

Charting the course to delisting

What is “Delisting” an AOC

- Has demonstrated that the criteria for restoration of beneficial uses have been met, based on scientific evidence, with some justified exceptions.
- The priority recommended actions for restoring beneficial uses in the area have been completed.
- Has a long-term monitoring plan in place to ensure environmental recovery is maintained
- Major celebration for achieving this environmental milestone
- Continues to have government oversight to address environmental protection
- The critical underpinning of delisting is stakeholder consensus that the time has come to remove the AOC from the list of the most degraded areas in the Great Lakes.

Linkages Between Our Interests

Water Quality Examples

- The City of Welland Combined Sewer Overflow
- Niagara-on-the-Lake beaches

Habitat Examples

- Natural Areas Inventory
- The Fish Barrier Remediation

Toxics Examples

- Sewer Use By-laws
- Regular abatement (e.g. MOE district officers)



We are moving forward!

Upcoming successes in the AOC

- Lyons Creek East Administrative Controls
- The Welland River Eutrophication study
- Stage 2 Update

...providing us with a clear direction forward to 2015!



Time to Start Thinking about Beyond the AOC

Other programs

- Natural Heritage Strategy for stewardship
- Updated Official Plans include habitat for protection
- Long term monitoring & Administrative controls on Lyons Creek East
- Continued government oversight to address environmental protection (e.g. MOE's fish consumption advisories, Niagara River Toxics Management Plan)
- Lake wide management plans (LaMPs)
- Sustainable Niagara Plan

