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Memo To: Board of Trustees

From: Robert S. Collier

Re: Great Lakes Community Foundation Environmental Collaborative

We received 29 responses by May 1 (17 from Michigan, 12 from non-Michigan) to the invitation to 42 shoreline community foundations in the Great Lakes Basin to participate in this Collaborative funded by the Great Lakes Protection Fund and the C. S. Mott Foundation. This is a great response! The ten-person Project Advisory Committee has chosen the following 21 community foundations to participate. Marquette and Alger will be splitting an award to keep the Project within budget.

- Michigan
 - Berrien
 - Muskegon
 - Grand Traverse
 - Northeast - Alpena
 - Bay Area
 - Southeastern
 - Greater Keweenaw
 - Marquette
 - Alger Regional
 - Sault Ste. Marie
 - Les Chenaux

- Minnesota -
 - Duluth/Superior

- New York -
 - Buffalo
 - Northern Chautauqua
 - Rochester Area

- Ohio-
 - Sandusky

- Ontario-
 - Sarnia
 - Greater Toronto

- Pennsylvania-
 - Erie

- Wisconsin
 - Milwaukee
 - Racine

Each participating community foundation will receive a \$5,000 capacity building grant to strengthen their ability to convene community leaders on environmental issues and a \$15,000 matching endowment building grant. Sheila Leahy from Chicago and David Hahn-Baker from Buffalo are serving as lead consultants in providing technical assistance to each community foundation. The group of 21 will meet with the Project Advisory Committee on November 5 in Detroit before our Annual Conference begins for the annual seminar.