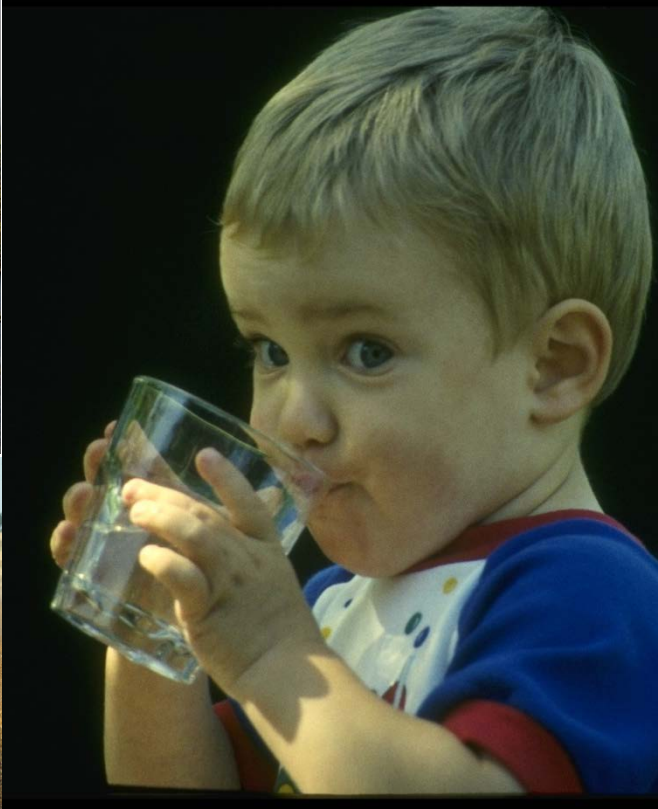




# Great Lakes Protection

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**20% of world's freshwater  
40 million people  
3<sup>rd</sup> largest economy  
in the world**



The Great Lakes support more than 3,500 species of plants and animals







The Agreement was negotiated by (from left to right): Lee Martinez, Cameron Davis, Christopher Korleski, and Susan Hedman on behalf of the United States; and Jim Vollmershausen, Gitane De Silva, Michael Goffin and Sandra Weston on behalf of Canada.

## Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement

*Protocol Amending the Agreement Between Canada and the United States of America  
on Great Lakes Water Quality, 1978, as Amended on October 16, 1983,  
and on November 15, 1987  
Signed September 7, 2012  
Entered into force February 12, 2013*



Canada

The Agreement was signed in Washington, DC on September 7, 2012 by the Minister of the Environment, Peter Kent, on behalf of Canada, and by the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Lisa Jackson, on behalf of the United States.



Through the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement of 2012, the Governments of Canada and the United States recognize the vital importance of the Great Lakes to Canada, the United States, and the world, ecologically, economically, and socially, and reaffirm and renew their commitment to restore, conserve and protect these shared waters for the benefit, use and enjoyment of current and future generations.





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An overview of the status and trends of the Great Lakes ecosystem







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Excited for the day that my kids & I can swim in Lake Ontario in the Hamilton Harbour. More work will make this possible! #GreatLakesForum



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