

## PARTNERSHIPS

Partnerships are a critical component of the Blue Accounting initiative.

### INITIATIVE LEADERS

The Great Lakes Commission and The Nature Conservancy co-lead Blue Accounting, in partnership with federal, state, provincial, local and private sector organizations. Each Blue Accounting issue is supported by a collaborative group of key experts and stakeholders who inform the way we deliver relevant information on Great Lakes issues.



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## COLLABORATIVE GROUPS

Each Blue Accounting issue is supported by a collaborative group of key experts and stakeholders. These collaborators are critical Blue Accounting partners, informing information management around the issues and delivering relevant information through the Blue Accounting platform. Visit the Blue Accounting issue pages to learn who is involved with each pilot issue:

- [Aquatic Invasive Species](#)
- [Coastal Wetlands](#)
- [Maritime Transportation](#)
- [Phosphorous Control - ErieStat](#)
- [Source Water](#)

## WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

- " The Blue Accounting Source Water Initiative framework strongly supports cross-border sharing of solutions, to effectively address common issues. We are pleased to be a part of the Source Water Initiative, working collaboratively with our Great Lakes counterparts to protect our shared sources of drinking water."

Chitra Gowda, Source Water Protection Lead, Conservation Ontario



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- " Blue Accounting is an innovative tool helping collaborations set a collective vision for the future and then track progress toward that vision. This is no

small feat when you consider the scale of the Great Lakes and the many partners at work here. Blue Accounting sets us up to pull all those partner resources together, aim them in the right direction, and help successfully manage some of the most important conservation challenges of our time.”

Christie Deloria, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, Coastal Program, USFWS



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" Blue Accounting provides an opportunity for industry to work with government agencies and the rest of the Great Lakes community to identify shared priorities, establish metrics for success, and foster a dialogue for effectively addressing the region’s most challenging issues. Through Blue Accounting, regional players have a way to understand the impact of investments and to establish a collective strategy for achieving regional environmental, economic, and community objectives.

Kathryn Buckner, President, Council of Great Lakes Industries



" The entire Blue Accounting team should be commended on the work they have done to bring so many stakeholders together around these issues to set shared goals and identify specific metrics to track progress towards these goals. I know firsthand how difficult it is and how long it takes to achieve this level of collaboration. What's been accomplished on this front should not be underestimated."

Bob Lambe, Executive Secretary, Great Lakes Fishery Commission