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Biographical Note:
As per their website, http://www.glu.org, Great Lakes United “organizational members were brought together by the awareness that the world’s largest fresh water ecosystem was under very serious threat. These concerns attracted the attention of individual members who recognized the need for an integrated approach to recovery. The Basin contains twenty per cent of the world’s available surface water and is home to a broad variety of natural habitats. GLU members saw, on the one hand, a basin with abundant water resources and aquatic habitats, with biologically rich coastal waters, blue ribbon trout streams, and sparkling inland lakes. On the other hand, members were keenly aware that over two-thirds of the Basin’s original wetlands had been lost, thousands of miles of rivers had been impaired, and miles of shoreline had been degraded.” Great Lakes United works to preserve and protect the Great Lakes, the St. Lawrence Seaway and their surrounding ecosystems. Their research material focuses on the eight U.S. Great Lakes states as well as the Canadian provinces of Ontario and Quebec, and underscores the organization’s work in collecting relevant resources and petitioning the ruling bodies of the Canada, the United States, and First Nations.

Scope and Contents:
The Great Lakes United collection includes published reports, programs, journals, newsletters, handbooks, fact sheets, pamphlets and video tapes obtained from the organization’s Buffalo, NY, offices. The information gathered in this collection covers issues relevant to both the United States and Canada on the topic of the Great Lakes ecosystem and its environment. The bulk of the collection highlights concerns from and regarding the United States, but there also exists a significant amount of material collected from Canada and the International Joint Commission. Significant topics covered within the materials are issues ranging from water quality reports and protection agendas to environmental awareness publications; the bulk of the collection consists of information regarding the Great Lakes’ total ecosystem. The data spans the approximate years from 1984 to 2004.

Inventory:

Box 1:

I. Great Lakes Issues
Great Lakes United


Box 2:


II. General Environmental Issues

- Folder 2-6. Forestry and parks environmental publications, 1996.

Box 3:

- Folder 3-1. General environmental sustainability kit, 1996. (2 copies.)

III. Energy Reports


IV. Community Guides and Public Opinions
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- Folder 3-10. Public opinion polls, n.d.

Box 4:

V. The International Joint Commission

- Folder 4-4. (Satellite) Map [Great Lakes states and Southern Canada], n.d.

VI. Canadian Great Lakes Issues

- Folder 4-8. Water quality fact sheets, n.d.
- Folder 4-13. Ecosystem pamphlets, n.d.

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VII. General Canadian Environmental Issues

- Folder 5-3. Forestry and parks newsletter, circa 1996.
Great Lakes United

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VIII. Great Lakes Area Contacts


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IX. Video Cassettes

- Folder 7-1. Industrial Waste: A Challenge We Must Meet (Gincourt Productions Limited), 1988.
- Folder 7-2. Fulfilling the Promise (International Joint Commission), 1996.
- Folder 7-4. Endangered (Evangelical Environment Center; John Franzen Multimedia), 1996.
- Folder 7-5. Great Lakes United: River to River, n.d. (3 copies.)
- Folder 7-6. Effects on Aboriginals from the Great Lakes Environment (Eagle Project), n.d.
- Folder 7-10. Acid Rain: A North American Challenge (Great Lakes United), n.d.
- Folder 7-11. Drinking Water: Quality on Tap (League of Women Voters of Michigan LMV Education Fund), n.d.
- Folder 7-12. Time to Decide (Bay of Quinte Rap), n.d.
- Folder 7-16. Effect of Pollution on Alligator Reproduction (National Wildlife Federation Annual Meeting Address by Dr. Lou Guillette, University of Florida), n.d.
- Folder 7-17. The Life of the Lakes: The Great Lakes Fishery (Michigan Sea Grant Extension, Michigan State University), n.d.
- Folder 7-21. Fertility at the Brink, n.d.
- Folder 7-22. Great Lakes Fuji, n.d.