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County Environment Director to Serve on Blue Ribbon Commission for Lake St. Clair

WAYNE COUNTY, MI – July 26, 2007 Kurt L. Heise, Director of the Wayne County Department of Environment, has been invited by Macomb County Commission Chairman William Crouchman to serve as Wayne County's representative to the new Blue Ribbon Commission on Lake St. Clair.

The 40-member Commission was first formed in 1997 and was charged with developing an organized, coordinated plan of action to achieve the goal of a cleaner, safer, and healthier Lake St. Clair. The successful work of this group was instrumental in raising public awareness of the problems of the lake and helped to educate the community about the vital role of this important regional resource.

The Commission was officially reformed at a ceremony on July 25 in Harrison Township, attended by Director Heise. The new Commission will be charged with developing a more regional focus on the lake's environmental quality, borrowing from the lessons learned by the municipalities and counties that border the lake, including Wayne County.

"We are looking forward to working with Chairman Crouchman and the region as we work to improve Lake St. Clair," said County Executive Robert A. Ficano. "Lake St. Clair is a vital environmental resource to our communities, recreation, and quality of life, and Wayne County stands ready to lend our expertise in any way we can."

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