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Thanks Molly!

So on page 105, there is language about how programs for the Great Lakes are beneficial. It states that the President "supports cooperative federalism by building State and local capacity to conduct monitoring, while recognizing that the primary responsibility for local ecosystem restoration rests with States and local groups."

Does that mean the funding for the GLRI is recommended to stay at the same level? The EPA budget is suggested to drop again, but I didn't see a specific place that showed what area of the EPA.

Thanks for your help in this!

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On May 11, 2018, at 4:27 PM, Block, Molly <[block.molly@epa.gov](mailto:block.molly@epa.gov)> wrote:

**On background:** President Trump released the FY19 budget in early February.

Note: the budget was released after Congress passed the Bipartisan Budget Act. As a result, OMB posted an addendum: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Addendum-to-the-FY-2019-Budget.pdf> and EPA was one of only 10 agencies to receive more money after the budget cap deal was reached.

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**Subject:** Re: Questions about Great Lakes Research Initiative Budget

Robert,

Thanks again for your reply. Got another quick question for you: When does the President release the 2019 Budget?

Quick follow-up: Does the EPA expect to see a repeated proposal that eliminates the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative?

Thanks Robert!

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On May 11, 2018, at 3:35 PM, Daguillard, Robert <[Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov](mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon Jonathon,

Administrator Pruitt addressed this topic in one of his recent appearances before Congress, on April 26. Here he is, answering a question from Rep. Dave Joyce (R-OH 14)

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“I think the Great Lakes Initiative represents something that is very, very good for the rest of the country. You have a collection of states that have joined together to advance issues of environmental concern, invasive species as an example, and taken steps locally; and they have partnered with the federal government to achieve their outcomes. I think it’s the true example of federalism. I have expressed that in these discussions, internally. I will continue to do that, and I really appreciate Congress restoring that \$300 million for that omnibus that you just passed.”

Cheers, R.

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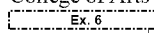
Dear EPA Staffer,

Greetings! I'm writing an article about the Great Lakes Research Initiative funding that was cut from the President's budget. Could I chat with someone at your office today for a few minutes?

Here are a few of the questions I'd like to ask:

1. How does it benefit the average Joe or Jane in the upper Midwest to cut the budget of the GLRI? (*Providing an answer for this will help readers understand the rational for balancing the budget this way*)
2. What happens to the EPA's collaborative projects that were aided by GLRI money if the budget was cut completely?
3. The budget reminds people that cutting the GLRI will allow the EPA to focus on the "highest national priority" projects. What are those projects?
4. Is the proposed defunding tied to failure of the GLRI to meet goals? Which ones?

Thanks so much for your help! There are so many readers who just don't understand the process that the EPA undergoes every year. Hopefully this will help them understand!

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