



**Great Lakes Protection Fund**

1560 Sherman Avenue, Suite 1370, Evanston, Illinois 60201

Tel 847-425-8150 Fax 847-424-9832 [glpf.org](http://glpf.org)

**Funded Project**

# Launching GLIN Labs

---

Project No.	891
Timeline	2008 – 2014
Award Amount	\$81,000
Team Leader	Timothy Eder, Great Lakes Commission, <a href="mailto:teder@glc.org">teder@glc.org</a>
Project Website	<a href="http://labs.glin.net/">http://labs.glin.net/</a>

---



The Great Lakes Information Network (GLIN) is intended to ultimately lead to fewer invasions of exotic species, less harmful runoff from farms and cities, and reduced air and water pollution. This team launched an innovation platform called “GLIN Labs” that will create software, help users create new information products, and host a small set of strategy experiments for what GLIN should become. The team is upgrading how data is made available and coordinating a series of design and piloting workshops for a re-energized GLIN.

The team discovered that most people use GLIN for its daily news and email list services. Team members are hoping to build on these strengths with GLIN Labs. The team researched, customized and piloted a series of tools via GLIN Labs; including a video search application, a customized Google Map generator, and a text alert sign-up (which could send brief news updates via text messages). An advisory panel provided advice on resource management and technology, and

GLIN Labs - The Development Playground for  
the Great Lakes Information Network

how to customize GLIN Labs for maximum user benefit.

A list of recommended applications can be found at: [labs.glin.net/tools/recommended\\_apps](http://labs.glin.net/tools/recommended_apps). The new website was launched on September 1st, 2009 ([labs.glin.net](http://labs.glin.net)), and the team is now building GLINv2.0, incorporating what it learned in this project.