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Perspectives on Transboundary Cooperation

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Abstract:

The St. Croix International Waterway is unique in the Canadian Heritage River System and in North American boundary water management. For nearly seventeen years this 180km water corridor has pursued a legislated, yet voluntary, collective approach to integrated international management with some remarkable success. The waterway's original management plan is now under review. This presentation will highlight what the plan has accomplished to date and where its many partners – provincial, state, federal and local – see it going in the future. The lessons learned have global applications.

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Lee Sochasky is an international planner and manager who works in natural resource, heritage, environment, recreation and economic development fields on the 180km St. Croix International Waterway. She coordinates the delivery of the river corridor's comprehensive management plan for the Province of New Brunswick and the State of Maine.