



# We've got a good thing flowing

The Port of Cleveland and the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway System, also called Highway H<sub>2</sub>O (HWY H<sub>2</sub>O), combine to bring economic vitality to our region through environmentally responsible, fuel-efficient water transportation.

## Cleveland's Port Boosts Local Economy

Cleveland's port handles an average of 13.1 million tons of cargo per year, which equates to 6,202 miles of cargo or the round-trip distance from New York to California. Additionally, some 90 percent of cargo is produced or consumed within a 75-mile radius, which in turn provides our area with:

- 11,000 good paying jobs
- \$882 million in business revenues
- \$570 million in personal incomes
- \$200 million in local, state and federal taxes



## HWY H<sub>2</sub>O Serves Nearly One-Quarter of North America's Population

HWY H<sub>2</sub>O is a 2,340-mile marine highway that flows directly into the United States and Canada's commercial, industrial and agricultural heartland.

The waterway carried more than 300 million metric tons of cargo in 2004, valued in excess of \$300 billion. HWY H<sub>2</sub>O ports are often closer to European markets than East Coast or Gulf ports. For example, the distance between Cleveland and Hamburg, Germany, is shorter than the distance between Baltimore and Hamburg.



## Marine Transportation: Fuel Efficient, Environmentally Responsible

When comparing major transportation modes, ships use the least amount of fuel to move a ton of cargo, and they have lower emissions per ton. A single ship carrying 60,000 tons of cargo equates to some 3,000 truckloads or 685 rail cars, making marine transport by far the least expensive and most efficient transportation method.

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