

# Our Water Lifeline

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The Great Lakes are working lakes  
with power you cannot control.  
But for businesses and industries  
these lakes are their heart and soul!

Industries rely on cargo ships  
to bring them salt and coal.  
Iron ore, steel and cement  
are some commodities in their holds.

Businesses that thrive  
because of these water way trails,  
include marinas, restaurants, fishing,  
ferry services and boats with sails.

The Great Lakes are a lifeline  
for all who thrive on their shores,  
for without these Great Lakes  
businesses and industries would thrive no  
more.

