

# Application Form



The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative is a coalition of U.S. and Canadian mayors and other locally elected officials working to advance the protection and restoration of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River. The organization was founded in May 2003 by Mayor Richard M. Daley of Chicago, joined shortly thereafter by Toronto Mayor David Miller, the founding Canadian Chair. The Cities Initiative has more than 110 member cities demonstrating the leadership of local elected officials to enhance and sustain the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River.

## **Importance of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence to Mayors**

Mayors in the basin have a direct interest and stake in the sustainability of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence. As the world's largest surface freshwater resource and an international treasure, the system is essential to the continued vitality of the cities, townships, villages and counties along the shores and in the surrounding watershed. The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence support countless recreational, commercial, tourist and cultural activities for citizens and visitors; drive economic development and improve the economic value of shoreline communities; support critical aquatic and coastal ecosystems; provide fresh drinking water for millions of people; and support agricultural and industrial activities.

## **Why a Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative?**

Cities are on the frontlines when it comes to the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence, literally. Despite such a significant stake in this resource, mayors have not always had an active voice in the development and implementation of policies and programs. Through the Cities Initiative local governments are not only at the decision and policy making tables but are a catalyst for action and lead by example on protection and restoration efforts. The Cities Initiative also provides a network for cities to share best practices on protection and restoration efforts and more.

Mayors of the Cities Initiative believe in taking an integrated approach to the environmental, social, and economic agendas they carry out in their cities, towns, counties and regions, in order to advance the protection and restoration of the Lakes and River. The mayors are committed to working with other orders of government and stakeholders to improve and expand our infrastructure and carry out protection and restoration actions in a way that sustains our freshwater resource long into the future and ensures the quality of life and economic well being of the people of the region.



I would like to join with other mayors from the United States and Canada, all around the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence, to advance the protection and restoration of this outstanding resource. The quality of life and economic well being of our citizens and visitors are closely tied to maintaining the integrity of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence in the future.

Interactive Form

Date (MM/DD/YYYY)  City

Mayor  Email address

**Mayor Contact Information:**

Address (no. and street)  City, State/Province, Postal/zip code

Phone No. (XXX-XXX-XXXX)  Fax No. (XXX-XXX-XXXX)  City website

**Primary Staff Contact Information:**

Name and title

Address (No. and street)  City, State/Province, Postal/zip code

Email address

Phone No. (XXX-XXX-XXXX)  Fax No. (XXX-XXX-XXXX)

Population of City	Annual Dues
<input type="checkbox"/> 0—1,000 .....	\$500
<input type="checkbox"/> 1,000—2,500 .....	\$1,000
<input type="checkbox"/> 2,500—5,000 .....	\$1,500
<input type="checkbox"/> 5,000—10,000 .....	\$2,000
<input type="checkbox"/> 10,000—25,000 .....	\$2,500
<input type="checkbox"/> 25,000—50,000 .....	\$3,000
<input type="checkbox"/> 50,000—75,000 .....	\$4,000
<input type="checkbox"/> 75,000—100,000 .....	\$5,000
<input type="checkbox"/> 100,000—250,000 .....	\$7,000
<input type="checkbox"/> 250,000—500,000 .....	\$10,000
<input type="checkbox"/> 500,000—1,000 000 .....	\$15,000
<input type="checkbox"/> 1,000 000—2,000 000 .....	\$20,000
<input type="checkbox"/> 2,000 000—3,000 000 .....	\$25,000

**Please remit checks to:**

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*Canadian dues will be paid in Canadian dollars and U.S. dues in U.S. dollars. Counties or Regions may join at half the price if cities representing more than half of their population are already members.*

**2015 Incentive Program**  
 A 25% discount on first year membership dues is offered to communities with a population of less than 50,000 that will join the Alliance in 2015.

