

Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative
Alliance des villes des Grands Lacs et du Saint-Laurent

GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE CITIES INITIATIVE
ALLIANCE DES VILLES DES GRANDS LACS ET DU SAINT-LAURENT

RESOLUTION 9 - 2007M

GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE WATER AND WASTEWATER
INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

WHEREAS, expenditures to address Great Lakes and St. Lawrence historical challenges, including control of wet weather overflow, treatment of sewage, and acute water loss due to leaks, are difficult for cities to finance on the rate base alone, particularly in cities with a shrinking tax base;

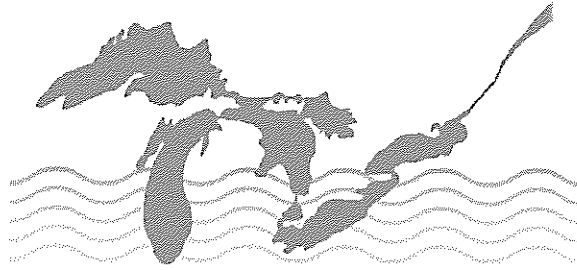
WHEREAS, historical waste water infrastructure challenges such as combined sewers, insufficient sanitary capacity and primary treatment contribute directly to the discharge of raw or untreated sewage into the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence nearshore aquatic environment;

WHEREAS, water loss due to aging, cracked pipes contributes needlessly to water and energy consumption;

WHEREAS, the United States Great Lakes Regional Collaboration report called on the United States Government and Congress to provide \$7.5 billion in federal grants over five years to fund wastewater treatment improvements;

WHEREAS, there is no ongoing dedicated funding for Great Lakes and St. Lawrence infrastructure legacy projects in Canada;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative calls on the Canadian and United States federal and provincial and state governments to create A Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Water Infrastructure Fund, a revolving fund with grants and loans for municipalities to invest in historical infrastructure challenges including the replacement of leaking pipes, separation of storm and sanitary sewage systems; and the upgrading of remaining primary sewage treatment plants; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative calls on the Canadian and United States federal and state and provincial governments to undertake a survey of Great Lakes and St. Lawrence outstanding infrastructure legacy needs to determine the size of the challenge and the level of funding required.

Signed this 12th day of July, 2007



Gary Becker, Chair
Mayor of Racine

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