



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

**RESOLUTION 19-2010 M**

**Green CiTTS Program**  
**Submitted by the Cities Initiative**

**WHEREAS**, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative has developed the Cities Transforming Towards Sustainability program (*Green CiTTS program*), which will promote member municipalities' current sustainability actions and provide support for expanding these actions to address all sources of impacts on Great Lakes and St. Lawrence water quality and quantity, including those from air, land and water, across a broad set of municipal operations and responsibilities (see attached);

**WHEREAS** the *Green CiTTS program* will put GLSLCI at the forefront of municipal organizations promoting sustainability and a sustainable vision for the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Region;

**WHEREAS**, the Cities Initiative has already demonstrated the strength of collective actions with its Water Conservation Framework, under which 13 of our members have already reduced water withdrawals by 13 % since 2000;

**WHEREAS**, the GLSLCI will designate and centre its efforts on one or more specific actions each year, and mayors will be asked to endorse each year's actions with a municipal council resolution;

**WHEREAS**, for the first year, the focus will be to reduce storm water entering the lakes, and the Joyce Foundation has provided seed money for this year's program;

**WHEREAS**, the program will involve GLSLCI-sponsored best practices, training, research partnerships, events, fundraising, awards and annual reporting on progress on the specific actions for that year, and to the extent possible, GLSLCI will enter into partnerships with organizations already engaged in these activities.

**WHEREAS**, in addition to promoting sustainable municipal actions, the *Green CiTTS program* will enhance member services, help recruit new members, expand fundraising efforts, and serve as a framework to guide GLSLCI's work with other orders of government.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that mayors of the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Cities Initiative commit to the the principles of the Cities Initiative's *Green*



*CiTTS program*, and in doing so, will work collectively and on the ground to move towards a sustainable future for the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence region; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, where appropriate, mayors of the Great lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative will sign on to the annual actions under the program with a municipal council resolution;

Signed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2010

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Denis Lapointe, Chair  
Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative  
Mayor of Salaberry-de-Valleyfield