



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

**Resolution 1 - 2012M**

**Shoreline Invasive Plant Species**  
**Submitted by: Municipality of Chatham-Kent**

**WHEREAS**, the prevalence of non-native invasive plants such as Eurasian Milfoil and Phragmites create stands in the water and on shore, which, in most cases, leads to a decrease in biodiversity and a destruction of habitat for other species; and

**WHEREAS**, these invasive species can inhibit recreational activities such as swimming, boating and fishing, and therefore can have a direct economic impact on local Municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, costly practices such as mechanical weed removal and chemical herbicide application have proven ineffective in controlling the rapid spread of infestations;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the members of the GLSCI request that Canadian and American and state and provincial governments commit to a concentrated effort to control the spread of these and other invasive plant species that are harming the biodiversity of our shorelines and impacting our local tourism and recreational industries; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that alternatives methods of control, such as the environmentally friendly Milfoil Weevil method, be considered in invasive species control programs, and where appropriate, be applied by provincial conservation officers; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the members of the GLSLCI request that Canadian, American and state and provincial authorities responsible for invasive plant species control share their information and experience with each other and with local municipalities, authorities, First Nations, Metis and Native Americans to learn more about invasive plant control in other parts of the Great Lakes basin, to anticipate the spread of these plants, and to coordinate efforts.

Signed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012

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Brian McMullan, Chair  
Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative  
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