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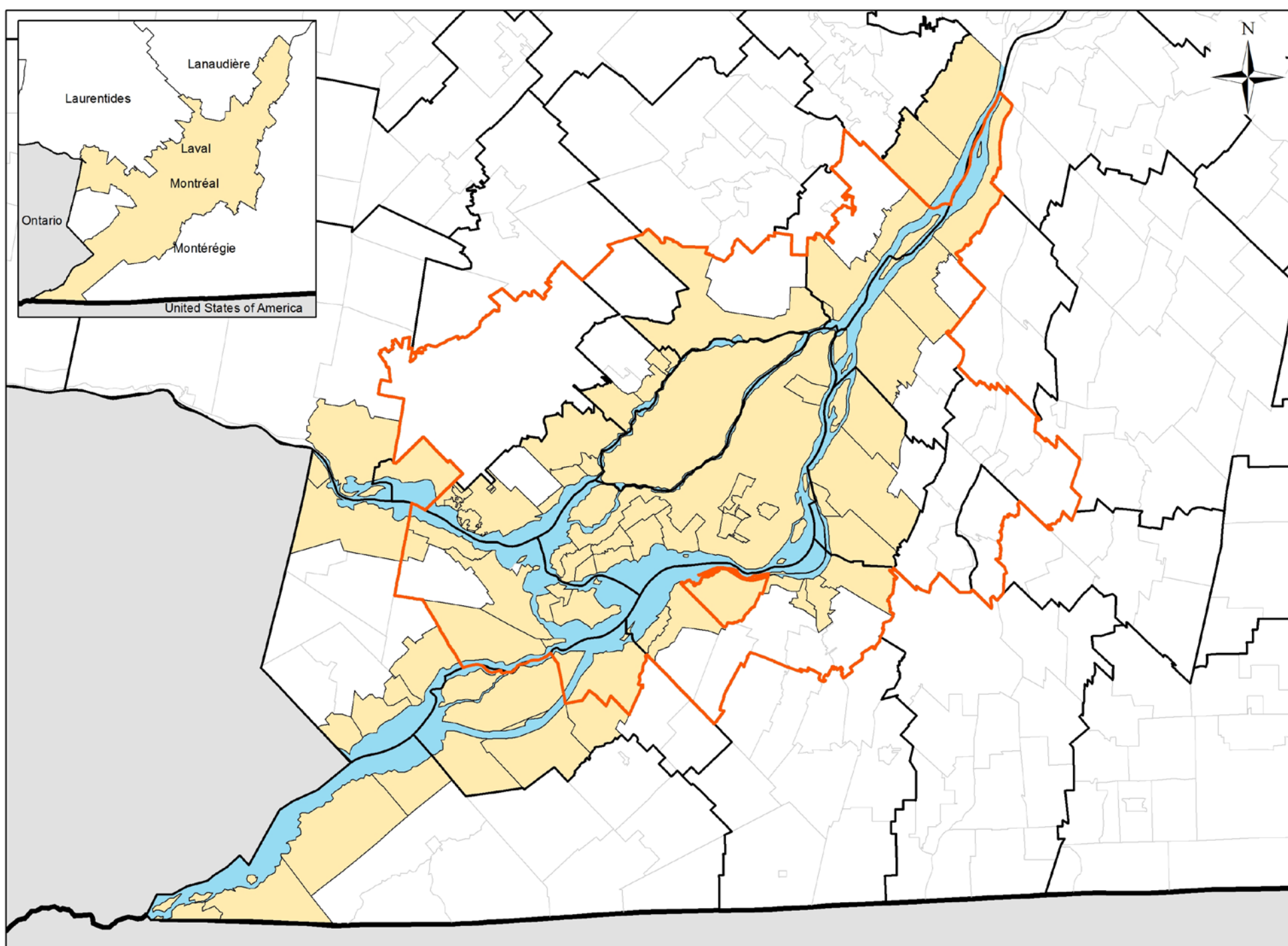
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The St-Lawrence Action Plan

- ▶ The Regional Concertation Tables (RCT/TCR) are governance mechanisms proposed within the St_Lawrence Action plan 2011-2026 (Canada-Quebec Agreement).
- ▶ They constitute a permanent concertation structure leading to insure an integrated management of the St-Lawrence at the level of the 12 zones defined to cover the whole river area.
- ▶ Globally the following objectives are to be met:
 - ▶ Insure concertation between the different regional stakeholders concerned by the challenges of an integrated management plan
 - ▶ Contribute to the development, the approval, the implementation and the follow-up of a regional integrated management plan to protect and rehabilitate the St-Lawrence.

DIVISIONS ADMINISTRATIVES



- TCR HSL-GM
- CMM
- MRC
- Municipalités
- Cours d'eau
- Frontières

0 5 10 20 Km

1 : 600 000

Projection NAD 83
UTM Zone 18

Source des données

Gouvernement du Québec
Statistiques Canada
Global administrative areas

Réalisation

Comité ZIP des Seigneuries
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The Upper St-Lawrence and Greater Montreal Zone

- ▶ The integrated managed St-Lawrence river zone is the most populated within the province of Quebec :
 - ▶ 3,5 millions inhabitants and 68 waterfront municipalities .
- ▶ Being the economical pole center of the province, the region and its water plans offer **various economical uses**:
 - ▶ Navigation (pleasance and commercial);
 - ▶ Various industrial areas;
 - ▶ Agriculture;
 - ▶ Hydroelectricity production;
 - ▶ Tourism;
 - ▶ ...
- ▶ This most populated integrated managed zone is located in the southern part of the Quebec province and in the heart of the Montreal archipelago. The zone witnesses a rich but fragile biodiversity.
- ▶ The Upper St-Lawrence and Greater Montreal zone offers to the population large and various accesses to the waterfront where various recreotouristical uses are practiced.; it appears to be a motivating life framework.



Port de plaisance Bouvier, Longueuil

Marina de Salaberry-de-Valleyfield





Îles de la Paix, Lac Saint-Louis/Peace islands,
St-Louis Lake



Barrage de Carillon, Rivière des Outaouais,
Carillon dams

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Port de Valleyfield, Salaberry-de-Valleyfield



Parc de la rivière des Mille-Îles/Thousand
islands river Park



Secteur industriel de Varennes Industrial
sector



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Terres agricoles, greenlands, Vaudreuil-
Soulanges



Île Bouchard island, Saint-Sulpice



Parc de l'île Lebel Park, Repentigny

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Pêche blanche devant l'île Sainte-Hélène
island

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Constitution of the Upper St-Lawrence and Greater Montreal RCT/TCR

- ▶ Coordination is designated and delegated through the authority of the Minister (environnement and sustainable development) to the ZIP (Priority Intervention Zone) committees following the support of the MMC/CMM and of the CRM/MRC located off limits of the MMC/CMM.
- ▶ September 22, 2015 : Launching assembly and first concertation activities.

Three major institutional anchorages

- ▶ St-Lawrence action plan 2011-2026
- ▶ *A bylaw confirming the collective character of the water resources and reenforcing their protection (2009)*
- ▶ Legal recognition of the RCT/TCR as the governance mechanism of the water within the territory of the province of Quebec
- ▶ Maritime governmental strategy of the St-Lawrence (2015) :
 - ▶ Recognition of the RCT/TCR as the dialogue structure to implement the St-Lawrence strategy.

RCT/TCR Roles

- ▶ The St-Lawrence actions plan: 3 priority stakes:
 - ▶ Biodiversity conservation
 - ▶ Perpetuate the uses
 - ▶ Improvement of the water quality
- ▶ The Upper St-Lawrence and Greater Montreal RCT/TCR has integrated more roles to its thematic and structurant action plan
 - ▶ Accesses to waterfronts and to water plans
 - ▶ Conservation of natural areas and wetlands
 - ▶ Improvement of the water quality
 - ▶ Security in link with hazardous substances or products transportation

Principles of the CRT/TCR management

1. **Water is a collective resource** which has to be used in the general interest of all.
2. The CRT/TCR is an **autonomous, non political neither partisan** body of concertation;
3. Participation to the CRT/TCR must guaranty a **fair and equal representation** of the municipal, first nations, economical and community interests
4. The CRT/TCR coordination must guaranty the **process neutrality** in regard of the various sectors concerned and implicated.
5. The finality of the CRT/TCR works must result in a **better utilization and protection of the water** resources within the territory of action

Operational Structure

- ▶ Strategy council
- ▶ Concertation committees
- ▶ Regional Forum

Strategy council

- ▶ Presence of members representing:
 - ▶ Municipal sector : mayors delegated by MMC/CMM and CRM/MRC
 - ▶ First nations: Mohawk Council of Kahnawake
 - ▶ Economical sector: Port of Montréal, Hydro-Québec, UPA/APU, NAVARK, Conseil patronal de l'environnement du Québec, East of Montreal Industrial Association, Quebec Maritime Association, Commercial fishermen association
 - ▶ Community Sector : Montreal and Laval regional environment council, David-Suzuki Foundation, Héritage Montréal, Hunters and fishermen Quebec Federation, Public Health Montérégie Direction, GUEPE, Sherbrooke University
 - ▶ « Integrated water management» sectors : ZIP and OBV committies
- ▶ The council is chaired by municipal sector representants.

Concertation committees

- ▶ Constituted of members delegated by the strategy council and the RCT/TCR coordination
- ▶ Many partners are involved on these committees
- ▶ Concertation works on specific stakes or challenges
- ▶ Three committies are operational:
 - ▶ **Accesses to shores (waterfront) and water plans**
 - ▶ **Water quality improvment;**
 - ▶ **Conservation of natural areas and wetlands.**

Regional Forum

- ▶ Opened to all sector stakeholders
- ▶ Links between upstream and downstream sectors
- ▶ Sensibilization, information, large concertation
- ▶ First forum held in june 2016: 120 partners and attendants

- ▶ Next forum : January 2018
 - ▶ Featuring: Water quality improvment

Links with other RCT/TCR

- ▶ Presently, 5 other RCT/TCR have been created in Quebec :
 - ▶ Saint-Pierre Lake
 - ▶ St-Lawrence estuary
 - ▶ Quebec city area Zone
 - ▶ South median estuary
 - ▶ Magdaleina Islands
- ▶ In waiting, 6 other RCT/TCR are in process to be created. A national mechanism should also take over the St-Lawrence Forum
- ▶ Establishing links between the RCT/TCR coordinators
- ▶ The Upper St-Lawrence and greater Montreal will assume the leadership of organizing the 2018 regional forum.
 - ▶ Insure the presence of other RCT/TCR at the forum
 - ▶ Include, within the forum program, a global perspective of the St-Lawrence water quality challenges.

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