



Canadian and US Mayors Call for Immediate Action on Asian Carp

Mayors support USACE Recommended Plan

Chicago, IL February 22, 2019 – Today, mayors from Canada and the United States urged immediate action on the threat of Asian carp at Brandon Road Lock and Dam in the Chicago Area Waterway system. The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (Cities Initiative), a coalition of Canadian and US mayors and municipal leaders, submitted comments to the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) on the *Great Lakes Mississippi River Interbasin Study - Brandon Road Integrated Feasibility Study and Environmental Impact Statement – Will County, IL* (Final GLMRIS-BR Report).

The mayors support the USACE Recommended Plan at Brandon Road as an interim measure to shore up defenses against Asian carp. “We need a strong defense right now to protect the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River system, our economies, the fishery and ecosystem, recreation, and more from encroaching Asian carp,” said Deputy-Mayor Michelle Morin-Doyle of Québec City, QC, Chair of the Cities Initiative. “This isn’t the silver bullet solution, but a necessary step as we work to find an effective, permanent solution.”

In their support for the Recommended Plan, the mayors called for urgent action on the project. “Interim measures at Brandon Road were needed yesterday,” said Mayor Mike Vandersteen of Sheboygan, WI, and Vice-Chair of the Cities Initiative. “We urge the USACE, State of Illinois, and Congress to move forward quickly with authorization, appropriation and implementation of the Recommended Plan.”

To read the comments submitted by the Cities Initiative, visit <https://glslicities.org/initiatives/invasive-species/asian-carp/>.

The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative is a coalition of more than 100 Canadian and US mayors and municipal leaders, representing over 17 million people, committed to the long term protection and restoration of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River. Visit www.glslicities.org to learn more.

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