



Great Lakes St. Lawrence Cities Initiative's Reaction to Presidential Budget putting 75,000 Great Lakes Jobs and the \$7 Billion fishing & tourism industry at risk

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On Monday February 10, 2020 it was announced that funding approved by the US Congress and the US Senate to combat the spread of Asian Carp from the Mississippi River to the Great Lakes had not been included in the Presidential Budget. Mayors and Members of the Great Lake and St Lawrence Cities initiative made the following statements:

“The Great Lakes & St Lawrence Cities Initiative calls on President Trump and the US Congress to fund the Asian Carp Barrier designed to protect 75,000 jobs and a \$7 Billion a year industry across the Great Lakes region.

If the Brandon Road Asian Carp barriers are not built soon the economic and environmental impact could be devastating to communities across the entire Great Lakes region and the St. Lawrence. The time to act is now. The longer we wait the greater the permanent devastation will be. We are ready to act and Brandon Road needs to get done,” said Deputy Mayor of Quebec City Michelle Morin-Doyle – (Chair of GLSLCI.)

“The Brandon Road project is a viable solution and critical to ensuring the long-term viability of the region and this important sector of our economy. This is an issue of common concern for our Mayors. Along the Great Lakes the recreational fishing and tourism industry needs to be there for future generations. It is worth investing in the Brandon Road project rather than losing \$7 Billion annually,” re-enforced Mayor Mike Vandersteen of Sheboygan, WI – (Vice Chair of GLSLCI.)

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