

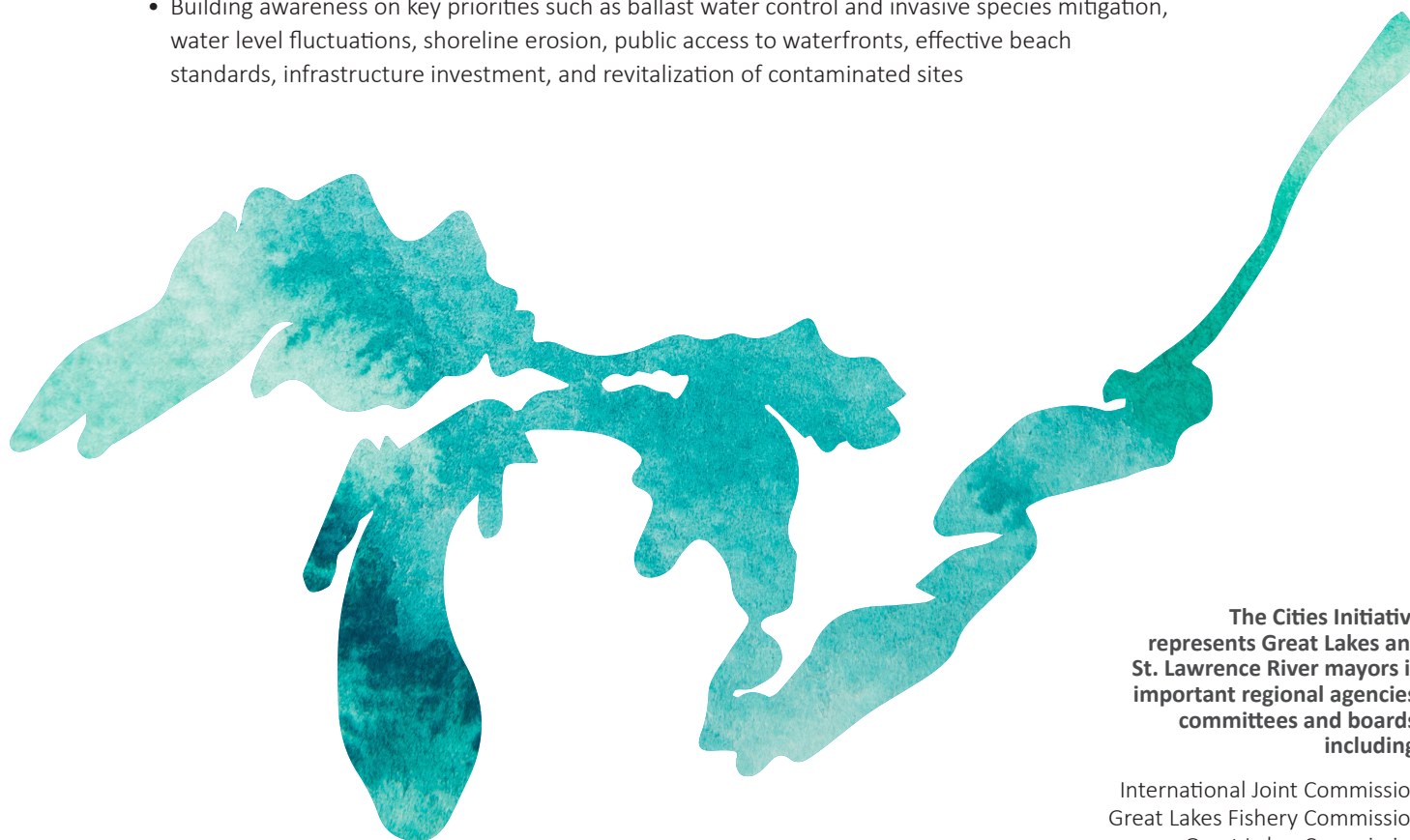


GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE
CITIES INITIATIVE
L'ALLIANCE DES VILLES
DES GRANDS LACS ET DU SAINT-LAURENT

The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative is an influential, positive presence in decision-making and actions related to the greatest freshwater resource in the world. Since its founding in 2003, the organization has provided a powerful, collective voice for our region's mayors and helped protect, restore, and sustain the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River and strengthen the economic vitality of the cities along their shores.

The Cities Initiative's major accomplishments include:

- Forging a coalition of close to 150 mayors representing more than 17 million residents, spanning two countries, two provinces, and eight states – all speaking with one voice
- Increasing the regional profile of member mayors and their municipalities and gaining recognition for their accomplishments in protecting the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River
- Leading federal funding initiatives in Canada and the United States for critically needed climate adaptation, water infrastructure, and erosion mitigation programs
- Drawing attention to the vital connection between environmental health and economic prosperity
- Building awareness on key priorities such as ballast water control and invasive species mitigation, water level fluctuations, shoreline erosion, public access to waterfronts, effective beach standards, infrastructure investment, and revitalization of contaminated sites



The Cities Initiative represents Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River mayors in important regional agencies, committees and boards, including:

International Joint Commission
Great Lakes Fishery Commission
Great Lakes Commission
Great Lakes Advisory Board
Great Lakes Executive Committee



Over the years the Cities Initiative has influenced the policy agenda for the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River. Our accomplishments include:

- **Action Plan to Protect the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence 2020-2030** – Collaborated with other regional organizations to recommend key initiatives to guide Canadian policy for the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River
- **Invasive Carp Protection** – Worked collaboratively with the Great Lakes Commission and Great Lakes Fishery Commission to prevent Invasive carp and other invasive species from moving through the Chicago Area Waterway System between the Mississippi River basin and the Great Lakes
- **Canada-Ontario Agreement** – Signed a Memorandum of Cooperation with the Ontario ministries of: Environment, Conservation and Parks; Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources, and Forestry; Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs; establishing a strategic partnership between municipalities and the Federal Government to collaborate on Great Lakes decisions
- **Canada Water Agency** – Supported the creation of the new agency and contributed to the development of its policies and programs
- **Economic Stimulus** – Secured \$350 billion for states and cities to replace lost revenue during the Pandemic
- **Federal Funding** – Supported and obtained the following from our Federal Governments:

Canada

\$1.4 billion to Infrastructure Canada to rehabilitate storm water systems and restore wetlands and shorelines, \$200 million for a new Natural Infrastructure Fund, and \$2.2 billion in additional monies for the new Canada Community-building Fund

United States

\$55 billion for water infrastructure, including: \$15 billion to remove lead water lines, \$1 billion for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, \$1.5 billion to strengthen community resilience to natural disasters, \$6 billion to strengthen resiliency in coastal communities, and \$9.2 billion for water equity

- **Great Lakes Restoration Initiative** – Helped create and sustain this highly successful restoration program, which has invested nearly \$4 billion to restore the Great Lakes, including cleaning up the most heavily degraded areas in Great Lakes cities
- **Microbeads** – Encouraged the creation of laws banning plastic microbeads from personal care products, leading to a recent nationwide ban in the United States and in Canada
- **Sustainability** – Implemented the Green Cities Transforming Towards Sustainability program (Green CiTTS) to promote and expand sustainable practices by providing training, funding, research opportunities, and demonstration projects focused on stormwater management, sustainable municipal water management, and climate adaptation and resiliency
- **Water Conservation Framework** – Launched an effort to reduce water use in cities by 15% between 2000 and 2015, with members collectively reducing water consumption by 19%, saving over 123 billion gallons of water
- **Water Equity Initiative** – Leading the way in strengthening water equity in some of the most under-served communities in our region by supporting a \$58 billion “Lead Safe Communities” fund and advocating for modernized water delivery to ensure affordable water for all residents in our region



Membership Application Form

Join more than 150 U.S. and Canadian mayors from the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River basin to advance the protection and restoration of these outstanding resources. Your membership will help improve the quality of life and economic well-being of our citizens and visitors, which is closely tied to maintaining the integrity of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River for the future.

Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

City

Mayor

Email Address

Mayor Contact Information:

Address (No. and Street)

City, State/Province, Postal/Zip Code

Phone No. (XXX-XXX-XXXX)

Mobile No. (XXX-XXX-XXXX)

City Website

Primary Staff Contact Information:

Name and Title

Address (No. and Street)

City, State/Province, Postal/Zip Code

Email Address

Phone No. (XXX-XXX-XXXX)

Mobile No. (XXX-XXX-XXXX)

*First year members receive a **25% discount.***

Population of City

Annual Dues

25% DISCOUNT

<input type="radio"/> 0—1,000	\$550	\$412.50
<input type="radio"/> 1,000—2,500	\$1,100	\$825.00
<input type="radio"/> 2,500—5,000	\$1,650	\$1,237.50
<input type="radio"/> 5,000—10,000	\$2,200	\$1,650.00
<input type="radio"/> 10,000—25,000	\$2,750	\$2,062.50
<input type="radio"/> 25,000—50,000	\$3,300	\$2,475.00
<input type="radio"/> 50,000—75,000	\$4,400	\$3,300.00

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Annual Dues

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<input type="radio"/> 75,000—100,000	\$5,500	\$4,125.00
<input type="radio"/> 100,000—250,000	\$7,700	\$5,775.00
<input type="radio"/> 250,000—500,000	\$11,000	\$8,250.00
<input type="radio"/> 500,000—1,000,000	\$16,500	\$12,375.00
<input type="radio"/> 1,000,000—2,000,000	\$22,000	\$16,500.00
<input type="radio"/> 2,000,000—3,000,000	\$27,500	\$20,625.00

Canadian dues will be paid in Canadian dollars and U.S. dues in U.S. dollars. Counties or Regions may join at half the price if cities representing more than half of their population are already members.

Please remit checks to:

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