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Mayor Tracey Bailey of the Municipality of Lakeshore Joins the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative

Chicago, IL – October 24, 2023– The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative is pleased to welcome Mayor Bailey of the Municipality of Lakeshore to its growing coalition of more than 250 mayors and local chief elected officials working on key sustainability issues affecting communities in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin.

As a member of the Cities Initiative, Mayor Bailey will work collaboratively with member mayors across the basin in United States and Canada to: support ecosystem and source water protection in the basin, ensure that every resident has access to clean, safe and affordable water, better prepare communities for the impacts of climate change and set the path for economic transformation of the basin as both countries shift to a low-carbon economy and look at new ways to leverage our waters in a responsible and sustainable manner.

“I am thrilled to join the coalition to represent the Municipality of Lakeshore and collaborate with elected leaders and experts on both sides of the border,” said Tracey Bailey, Mayor of the Municipality of Lakeshore. “Lake St. Clair is critical to much of our water infrastructure and is a significant economic driver. I look forward to engaging with my colleagues to work on solutions that encourage investment, protect residents and their properties and ensure the Great Lakes basin can continue to sustain our communities for generations to come.”

The Municipality of Lakeshore is one of the fastest-growing municipalities in Southwestern Ontario and is home to more than 40,000 residents. Lakeshore features over 35 kilometers of waterfront along Lake St. Clair, which hosts countless popular waterfront destinations and aquatic activities.

“Our organization is delighted to welcome Mayor Bailey to our team,” said Gino Moretti, Mayor of Saint-Anicet, QC and Chair of the Cities Initiative. “Cities and local governments are on the frontlines of the biggest challenges facing communities in the basin. Working together, we can better prepare our communities for climate change, tap into new economic opportunities for our region and avert the water crises and conflicts impacting other regions of North America and the world.”

Every new member of the Cities Initiative is a testament to the importance that local governments in this globally significant basin place on preserving our freshwater resources, preparing our communities for the impacts of climate change, improving our aging water infrastructure and building sustainable local economies that leverage environmental ambitions to attract new jobs.



About the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative

The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative is a multinational coalition of U.S. and Canadian mayors and chief elected officials dedicated to the environmental, social and economic health of communities in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin. With more than 250 member cities, the Cities Initiative is the largest municipally-driven organization in the basin focused on issues impacting their residents.

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