



WEGE SMALL CITIES SUSTAINABILITY BEST PRACTICES AWARD

GREAT LAKES & ST LAWRENCE CITIES INITIATIVE

BACKGROUND

The world’s largest source of surface freshwater is in peril and needs leadership to protect it. While large cities often have more resources to act, small cities – with populations of under 100,000 – often do not. The Wege Award recognizes current innovative sustainability initiatives led by small communities that could be showcased as a best practice inspiration for other communities in the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin. The Wege Award is a direct financial award. In the case of a single winner, an award of US\$7,500 will be made. In the case of a two-way tie, an award of \$3,750 will be made to each winner.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be a current Cities Initiative member community with populations under 100,000 in the U.S. or Canada. Applicants must have a project ongoing at time of submission. (Projects between initial planning and prior to completion are considered ongoing for the purpose of this submission).

APPLY

Prepare a description of up to 500 words, including a short description of the project, an explanation of how the project demonstrates economic vitality, social equity and environmental stewardship, and an explanation of how the project is innovative and contributes to community impact on Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River water resources. Include a cover sheet that includes project title and contact name, phone, email (photo optional). Submit to bridget.brown@glslcities.org with the subject line “2024 Wege Award.”

TIMELINE

January, 2024	Call for submissions
February 29, 2024 at 11:59pm ET	Submissions due
March, 2024	Winner selected and notified
May 16, 2024	Award presented in Montreal, QC at the Annual Meeting Awards Ceremony

QUESTIONS

For more information, contact Bridget Brown at bridget.brown@glslcities.org



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

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. Prepare a description of up to **500 words**, including:
 - A short description of the project
 - Explanation of how the project demonstrates **economic vitality, social equity and environmental stewardship**
 - An explanation of how the project is innovative and contributes to **community impact** on Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River water resources
2. **One** submission per community will be considered
3. **Include a cover sheet** that includes project title and contact name, phone, email (photo optional)
4. Electronic submissions in **PDF format** are required
5. Submissions are due electronically by **February 29, 2024 at 11:59pm** to Bridget Brown at **bridget.brown@glslcities.org** with the subject line **2024 Wege Award**

PAST 5 WINNERS

- City of Belleville, ON and Township of Tiny, ON (2023)
- Town of The Blue Mountains, ON (2022)
- City of Marquette, MI (2020)
- Town of Tecumseh, ON (2019)
- The Township of Tay, ON (2018)

For all previous winners, and award details, visit glslcities.org.