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## **Pentwater Township Joins the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative**

**Chicago, IL –February 2, 2024** – The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative is pleased to welcome Pentwater Township and Supervisor, Lynne Cavazos to its growing coalition of more than 250 mayors and top elected local leaders working to advance the socioeconomic and environmental health of communities in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin.

As a member of the Cities Initiative, Supervisor Cavazos 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.

“Pentwater Township is extremely pleased to become a member of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative and become active in the coalition that is working together to support all residents living in communities in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence basin,” said Pentwater’s Supervisor, Lynne Cavazos. “This is a perfect opportunity for our small township to collaborate with members of this large coalition, which includes small townships like ours and larger villages and cities. This membership will provide us with access to grant writing assistance, educational and networking opportunities, and up-to-date information on strategies for advancing projects important to the Pentwater community as we seek to enhance the lives of our residents and promote the economic development in our Village.”

Pentwater Township has been described as “a little piece of heaven.” Located on the shores of beautiful Pentwater Lake and Lake Michigan, our community is enriched by sugar-sandy beaches and an abundance of open fresh water. The wooded sand dunes stretch from North to South along the Township’s six--mile shoreline, providing some of nature’s perfect habitat for white talked deer, fox, coyote, porcupine, squirrels and an amazing variety of land birds and waterfowl.

The Township includes approximately 1,600 residents with about half being year-round residents and the remaining half seasonal – parttime residents. First time visitors often say they cannot wait to come back, and many express the wish that they could join our community for more than a short vacation.

“Our organization is delighted to welcome Supervisor Lynne Cavazos 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 tap into economic transformation for our region and create new opportunities for residents and communities, while averting the water crises and conflicts impacting other regions of North America and the world.”



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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 initiatives to attract new jobs.

**About the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative**

The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative is a binational, mayor-led coalition of U.S. and Canadian cities dedicated to the environmental and socioeconomic 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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