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## **Mayor Holzheimer Gail of Euclid Joins the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative**

**Chicago, IL – July 18, 2024** – The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative is pleased to welcome Mayor Kirsten Holzheimer Gail and the City of Euclid, OH to its growing coalition of more than 260 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. The City of Euclid recently wrapped up its participation in phase one of the Cities Initiative’s Resilient Coastal Projects Initiative (RCPI). The RCPI develops innovative, nature-based solutions that protect natural resources, public infrastructure, and other community assets.

As a member of the Cities Initiative, Mayor Holzheimer Gail will work collaboratively with member mayors across the basin in the United States and Canada to: support ecosystem and source water protection; 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 the basin’s economic transformation into a world-leading blue-green economic corridor.

“As a proud lakefront community, Euclid has always embraced the beauty and opportunities that Lake Erie provides,” said Mayor Kirsten Holzheimer Gail. “By joining the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, we are excited to enhance our engagement and connection with this vital resource. Together, we look forward to fostering innovative partnerships that celebrate and protect our cherished lake.”

The City of Euclid, located along the picturesque shores of Lake Erie, is a vibrant and diverse community known for its rich history and welcoming atmosphere. Founded in 1809, Euclid has grown into a city that seamlessly blends suburban tranquility with urban convenience.

“We are delighted to welcome Mayor Holzheimer Gail and the City of Euclid to our team,” said Ryan Sorenson, Mayor of Sheboygan, WI and U.S. Co-Chair of the Cities Initiative. “Now more than ever, cities and local governments need to come together to ensure that our communities are positioned to emerge stronger from the global challenges confronting us. The Cities Initiative is charting a path for economic transformation for our region and works tirelessly to ensure that we don’t face the water crises 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 attract new blue and green industries and good jobs.

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**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 260 member cities, the Cities Initiative is the largest municipally driven organization in the basin focused on issues impacting their residents.

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