



**GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE**  
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## **Regional Chair Jim Bradley of Niagara Region Joins the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative**

**Chicago, IL – September 8, 2025** – The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative is pleased to welcome Niagara Region to its growing coalition of more than 350 local government leaders working to protect the interests of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Region and promote economic prosperity and environmental health for our region.

As a member of the Cities Initiative, Niagara Region will work collaboratively with members from across the region in Canada and the United States to support healthy lakes and rivers, safe and affordable water for all residents, climate resilient communities, and economic transformation throughout the region.

**Regional Chair Jim Bradley of Niagara Region, ON:** “In the face of the economic uncertainty that municipalities on both sides of the border are now grappling with, it is more important than ever that we come together in the spirit of true collaboration to advocate for the unique economies that are built upon the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence Seaway. Niagara Region is pleased to contribute to the positive work being led by the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative as we work together to protect and strengthen our collective economic prosperity.”

**Mayor Mat Siscoe of St. Catharines, ON, Canadian Co-Chair of the of the Cities Initiative:** “We’re proud to add Niagara Region and Regional Chair Bradley to the Cities Initiative’s growing list of members. We need to work together to ensure the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Region remains one of the top global economies and continue to deliver prosperity for our residents. That means collaborating on building a vibrant blue economic corridor, modernizing our water infrastructure, and protecting the lakes and rivers that are the foundation of our success as a region. The Cities Initiative is a key player to deliver on those priorities.”

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 multinational coalition of municipal and Indigenous government executives representing communities in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Region who are working to promote economic prosperity in our communities and protect our fresh water for the benefit of current and future generations. With more than 325 member communities, the Cities Initiative is leading the way in advancing the environmental, economic, and social health of the region by addressing issues impacting its residents.



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