

## GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE CITIES INITIATIVE 2025 U.S. Water Leaders Summit

Macomb County, MI | Friday, December 5, 2025  
MacRay Harbor | 30675 N. River Rd | Harrison Township, MI

### PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

*All sessions and activities will take place at MacRay Harbor, unless otherwise indicated*

#### Masters of Ceremonies

**Mayor Sam Cunningham**, City of Waukegan, IL  
**Mayor Austin Bonta**, City of Portage, IN  
**Mayor Ken Johnson**, City of Muskegon, MI

*Presented by U.S. Pipe*



8:00am	Project Site Tour – Coastal Resilience and Habitat Restoration ( <i>optional</i> ) <b>Brandenburg Park</b> (Chesterfield Township, MI) + <b>Chapaton Park</b> (St. Clair Shores, MI)
10:30am	Welcome Session <i>Presented by U.S. Pipe</i>
11:00am	Session #1 – <b>Indigenizing Water Policy: Collaboration with U.S. Tribes</b> <i>Presented by Forest County Potawatomi</i>
11:45am	Networking Break
12:15pm	Session #2 – <b>Economic Transformation: Ports, Containers, and the Future of Great Lakes Transportation</b>  <b>Emcee:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mayor <b>Ken Johnson</b>, City of Muskegon, MI</li> </ul>

<b>12:45pm</b>	Lunch Service <i>Presented by <b>Macomb County</b></i>
<b>1:15pm</b>	Luncheon session – <b><i>Promoting Safe Drinking Water by Pairing Lead Service Line Replacement with Enhanced Filter Distribution</i></b> <i>Presented by <b>Brita</b></i>  <b>Emcee:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mayor <b>Sam Cunningham</b>, City of Waukegan, IL</li> </ul>
<b>1:45pm</b>	Networking Break
<b>2:15pm</b>	Session #3 – <b><i>Building on a Budget: Financing Public Works in an Era of Tight Belts</i></b> <i>Presented by <b>OPTERRA Energy Services</b></i>  <b>Emcee:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mayor <b>Austin Bonta</b>, City of Portage, IN</li> </ul>
<b>3:00pm</b>	Special session
<b>3:15pm</b>	Session #4 – <b><i>Enhancing Local Flood Protection through Risk Assessment and Collaboration</i></b>
<b>3:45pm</b>	Closing Address
<b>4:00pm</b>	Great Lakes Cocktail Reception <i>Presented by:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Geosyntec</b></li> <li>• <b>Intelligent Partnerships</b></li> </ul>