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## **Warden Bob Crate of Northumberland County Joins the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative**

**Toronto, ON – January 13, 2026** – The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative is pleased to welcome Warden Bob Crate and Northumberland County, ON to its growing coalition of more than 400 mayors and local executives working to advance economic prosperity across the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Region while protecting the globally significant freshwater resources that are the heart of the region.

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

**Warden Bob Crate of Northumberland County, ON:** “The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River system is a shared resource, and protecting it requires shared leadership. For Northumberland County, our lakes, rivers, and shoreline are central to our economy, our environment, and our quality of life. We also recognize and respect the deep and enduring relationship Indigenous Peoples have with water, and the responsibility we all share to learn from and care for it as a living system. Joining the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative reflects our commitment to working alongside other communities to protect these waters and build healthier, more climate-resilient communities for current and future generations.”

Northumberland County is situated on the north shore of Lake Ontario and includes numerous rivers, streams, and wetlands that connect communities across the region. These waterways support local ecosystems, agriculture, tourism, and recreation, while also shaping the County’s approach to environmental stewardship, climate adaptation, and sustainable growth.

**Mayor Mat Siscoe of St. Catharines, ON, Canadian Co-Chair of the of the Cities Initiative:** “It’s great to welcome Warden Crate and Northumberland County to our growing coalition. 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 the Fresh Coast 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**



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The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative is a multinational coalition of municipal, First Nation, and Tribal 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 400 communities represented by its membership, 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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