



GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE CITIES INITIATIVE
ALLIANCE DES VILLES DES GRANDS LACS ET DU SAINT-LAURENT

RESOLUTION 3 – 2010M

Support for Regional Integrated Watershed Plans Within the *Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement* and the *Canada Ontario Agreement*
Submitted by the Georgian Bay Group of GLSLCI

WHEREAS, the Canadian federal and provincial governments recognize the importance of a healthy, prosperous and sustainable Great Lakes basin ecosystem, specifically through Annex 3 of the Canada Ontario Agreement Respecting the Great Lakes Basin Ecosystem (COA) and in the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement (GLWQA); and

WHEREAS, contamination both within areas of concern and outside of these designated areas may have an impact on the aquatic and human health of the area; and

WHEREAS, in an increasing number of areas, area municipalities and other authorities are coming together to develop plans for regional integrated watershed management based on collaboration and a shared interest in protecting and restoring the integrity of local watersheds in the Great Lakes basin; and

WHEREAS, the extension of the 2007 COA includes initiatives like the Lake Huron South East Shores project; and

WHEREAS, the Severn Sound Sustainability Plan that follows the successful Severn Sound Remedial Action Plan is an excellent example of a long-term strategic plan to achieve a balanced, sustainable watershed involving multiple municipalities and other authorities working together with comprehensive input from the community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative calls on the federal and Ontario governments to provide greater support to municipalities in the implementation of their regional watershed sustainability plans within or outside of AOCs involving the cooperation of multiple municipalities and other authorities, including the Severn Sound Sustainability Plan, within the context of the GLWQA and the COA.



Signed this 17th day of June, 2010

Denis Lapointe, Chair
Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative
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