



GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE CITIES INITIATIVE

The Organization

The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (GLSLCI) is an organization of mayors and other local elected officials advocating for protection and restoration of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River. The organization was founded in 2003 by Mayor Richard M. Daley of Chicago, with Mayor David Miller of Toronto as the lead from Canada. United States and Canadian cities from across the basin are working together to improve water quality, water conservation, and waterfront vitality. GLSLCI now has seats at most of the key decision making tables, we develop and exchange best practices, and we work for restoration and protection wherever possible.

Importance of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence to Mayors

Mayors in the basin have a direct interest and stake in the sustainability of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence. As the world's largest freshwater resource and an international treasure, they are essential to the continued vitality of the cities, townships, villages and counties along the shores and in the surrounding watershed.

The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence support countless recreational, commercial, tourist and cultural activities for citizens and visitors; drive economic development and improve the economic value of shoreline communities; support critical aquatic and coastal ecosystems; provide fresh drinking water for millions of people; and support agricultural and industrial activities.

Importance of Cities to the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence

Despite such a significant stake in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence, only recently have mayors been provided a role in the development and implementation of policies and programs. A variety of efforts have been underway by federal, state and provincial governments for decades, but almost none have involved municipal leaders until now. Furthermore, these efforts need more coordination with each other and with cities and communities and should focus on long-term protection and restoration of this vital resource. Protecting, improving and preserving the resource are critical to ensuring public and environmental health as well as the economic prosperity of all Great Lakes and St. Lawrence communities.

The Cities Initiative has been a key participant in the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration in the United States, is involved in the review of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, and is expanding its role in the Canada Ontario Agreement Respecting the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence Plan. With the active involvement of mayors from across the basin we can ensure that the voice of mayors is heard in policies and decisions about the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River that affect us.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DUES STRUCTURE 2008

<u>Size of City</u>	<u>Annual Dues</u>
0 – 1,000	\$500
1,000 – 2,500	\$1,000
2,500 – 5,000	\$1,500
5,000 – 10,000	\$2,000
10,000 – 25,000	\$2,500
25,000 – 50,000	\$3,000
50,000 – 75,000	\$4,000
75,000 – 100,000	\$5,000
100,000 – 250,000	\$7,000
250,000 – 500,000	\$10,000
500,000 – 1,000,000	\$15,000
1,000,000 – 2,000,000	\$20,000
2,000,000 – 3,000,000	\$25,000

**Canadian dues will be paid in Canadian dollars and U.S. dues in U.S. dollars. Counties or Regions may join at half the price if cities representing more than half of their population are already members.

I would like to join with other mayors from the United States and Canada, all around the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence, to advance the protection and restoration of this outstanding resource. The quality of life and economic well being of our citizens and visitors are closely tied to maintaining the integrity of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence in the future.

Mayor

City

Date

Address:

Street: _____

Website: _____

Phone #: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

Fax #: _____

Primary Contact:

Name: _____

Street: _____

Email: _____

Fax #: _____

Position: _____

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