



## **Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Mayors' Challenge to Elected Officials and Governments**

### Governments of the U.S. and Canada:

- Move forward with negotiations on an updated Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement that includes recognition of the key role of local governments.

### Presidential Candidates:

- Support for the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact.
- Support for legislation to implement the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration (GLRC) Strategy.

### U.S. Congress:

- Pass legislation to implement the GLRC Strategy, especially ballast water restrictions and water infrastructure funding.

### State Legislatures:

- In the six states needing action, pass legislation to implement the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact.

### Governments of Canada:

- Give municipalities a 'seat at the table' in the negotiation of COA 2010 and the next St. Lawrence Plan.
- Complete work to delist the remaining AOCs.

### Government of Quebec:

- Provide municipalities with a 'seat at the table' in the development and implementation of an integrated management plan for the St. Lawrence.
- Promote actions that will allow greater access to the St. Lawrence for local communities.
- Implement an aggressive water conservation plan for Quebec under the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Sustainable Water Resources Agreement.

### Government of Ontario:

- Give municipalities a 'seat at the table' in the negotiation of COA 2010.
- Complete work to delist the remaining AOCs.
- Implement an aggressive water conservation plan for Ontario under the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Sustainable Water Resources Agreement.

### Local Officials in Canada and the United States:

- Accelerate efforts to reduce sewage overflows.
- Expand water conservation efforts.
- Solve beach contamination problems to keep them open for swimming.

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