



**GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE CITIES INITIATIVE**  
**WATER CONSERVATION FRAMEWORK**  
**RECOGNITION PROGRAM**

The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative Water Conservation Framework recognition program aims to acknowledge municipalities that are doing good work on water conservation. Recognition categories and criteria for recognition include:

1. Recognition Categories:
  - a. ***Most innovative conservation method*** – recognizes a city that takes an innovative approach to conserve water or to encourage water conservation.
  - b. ***Most progress on water conservation***- recognizes a city that has made great improvement on their water conservation efforts over the year.
  
2. Criteria for recognition:
  - a. Program or project is currently being implemented
  - b. Program or project results in water conservation
  
3. Additional considerations to be taken into account for recognition:
  - a. Program or project produces measurable water savings
  - b. Can be replicated with other cities
  - c. Demonstrates a new technology
  - d. Increases public awareness
  - e. Creates behavioral changes
  - f. Shows innovation
  
4. Selection Process:
  - a. The Cities Initiative Board of Directors will review and select the cities to be recognized. The cities will receive their recognition at the Annual Meeting Awards Luncheon.
  - b. The annual report completed by participating cities with water conservation programs will provide the information needed to consider cities for recognition.
  - c. The recognition program will also be available to cities that don't have a formal water conservation program in place but that do have water conservation efforts underway. While they are not asked to fill out an annual report, Cities Initiative staff will contact them directly for an update on their progress.

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