



Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative  
Alliance des villes des Grands Lacs et du Saint-Laurent

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July 24, 2006

The Honorable Laurel C. Broten  
Minister of the Environment  
12<sup>th</sup> Floor, 135 St. Clair Avenue West  
Toronto ON M4V 1P5

Dear Minister:

Comprising over 20% of the world's surface freshwater supply and providing drinking water for more than 40 million people throughout the Great Lakes basin, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River are irreplaceable treasures which must be preserved. The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative is working diligently as a unified Canadian and United States local governmental effort to ensure the protection and restoration of this vital resource.

We are at a critical stage in the work to protect and restore the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River, and the continued efforts of all orders of government in Canada and the United States will be required to achieve success. During our Annual Meeting in Parry Sound, Ontario, the mayors and local leaders passed several resolutions. I am enclosing copies of all the resolutions, but direct your attention to the ones concerning the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement (Resolution #4), the Canada-Ontario Agreement (Resolution #7), and the Water Conservation and Stewardship Framework Plan (Resolution #8), in particular. We will appreciate your support in moving forward on these key issues.

I, and other directors of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, would like to arrange a meeting with you to further discuss the state of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River and how we can ensure action on the resolutions passed at the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative Annual Meeting. I will follow up with you to schedule a time when we can discuss these important issues.

Sincerely,

Mayor David Miller, City of Toronto &  
Chair, Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative

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## **Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative Members and Participating Cities List**

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### **Members**

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<b>City</b>	<b>State / Province</b>	<b>Mayor</b>	<b>Title</b>
Chicago	IL	Richard M. Daley, Founding Chair, Director	Mayor
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City	State / Province	Mayor	Title
Ajax	ON	Steve Parish	Mayor
Ashland	WI	Ed Monroe	Mayor
Bay City	MI	Robert J. Katt	Mayor
Bécancour	QC	Maurice Richard	Mayor
Brownstown	MI	Art Wright	Supervisor
Buffalo	NY	Byron W. Brown	Mayor
Cleveland	OH	Frank G. Jackson	Mayor
Cobourg	ON	Peter Delanty	Mayor
Collingwood	ON	Terry Geddes, Treasurer and Director	Mayor
Deschambault-Grondines	QC	Jacques Bouillé	Mayor
Detroit	MI	Kwame M. Kilpatrick	Mayor
Dorval	QC	Edgar Rouleau	Mayor
Durham Region	ON	Roger Anderson	Regional Chair
East Chicago	IN	George Pabey	Mayor
Evanston	IL	Lorraine H. Morton	Mayor
Ferndale	MI	Robert Porter	Mayor
Ferrysburg	MI	Ray Tejchma	Mayor
Fort Erie	ON	Wayne Redekop	Mayor
Green Bay	WI	James Schmitt	Mayor
Haldimand County	ON	Marie Trainer	Mayor
Halton Region	ON	Joyce Savoline	Regional Chair
Hamilton	ON	Larry Di Ianni	Mayor
Hammond	IN	Thomas McDermott	Mayor
Hancock	MI	Barry Givens	Mayor
Kingston	ON	Harvey Rosen	Mayor
Mackinaw City	MI	Robert R. Heilman	Village President
Manistee	MI	Robert Goodspeed	Mayor
Manitowoc	WI	Kevin M. Crawford	Mayor
Marathon	ON	David Bell	Mayor
Marquette	MI	Tony Tollefson	Mayor
Michigan City	IN	Chuck Oberlie	Mayor
Milwaukee	WI	Tom Barrett	Mayor
Monroe	MI	Al Cappucilli	Mayor
Niagara Falls	NY	Vincenzo V. Anello	Mayor
Niagara-on-the-Lake	ON	Gary Burroughs	Lord Mayor
Oakville	ON	Ann Mulvale	Mayor
Oshawa	ON	John Gray	Mayor
Petoskey	MI	Dale E. Meyer	Mayor
Portage	IN	Douglas W. Olson	Mayor

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Prescott	ON	Robert Lawn	Mayor
Racine County	WI	William McReynolds	County Executive
Rochester Hills	MI	Bryan Barnett	Mayor
Royal Oak	MI	Jim Ellison	Mayor
Sainte Catherine	QC	Jocelyne Bates	Mayor
Saint-Joseph-de-Sorel	QC	Olivar Gravel	Mayor
Saugeen Shores	ON	Mark Kraemer	Mayor
Sheboygan	WI	Juan Perez	Mayor
Sheffield Lake	OH	John J. Piskura	Mayor
Springfield Township	MI	Collin W. Walls	Supervisor
Sturgeon Bay	WI	Dennis D. McIntosh	Mayor
Traverse City	MI	Linda Smyka	Mayor
Toledo	OH	Carleton S. Finkbeiner, Director	Mayor
Vermilion	OH	Jean Anderson	Mayor
Ville de Chateauguay	QC	Sergio Pavone	Mayor
Ville de la Prairie	QC	Lucie F. Roussel	Mayor
Wainfleet	ON	Gord Harry	Mayor
Waterford Township	MI	Carl W. Solden	Supervisor
West Bloomfield Township	MI	David Flaisher	Supervisor
Whiting	IN	Joseph M. Stahura	Mayor
Wilmette	IL	Michael J. Earl	Village Manager
Windsor	ON	Francis Eddie, Director	Mayor
Wind Point	WI	John W. Knuetson	Board President
Zion	IL	Lane Harrison	Mayor

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