



**GREAT LAKES—ST. LAWRENCE RIVER WATER RESOURCES REGIONAL  
BODY**

**RESOLUTION #38—ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET—  
(July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026)**

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2005, the Governors of the States of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio and Wisconsin, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the Premiers of Ontario and Québec signed the *Great Lakes—St. Lawrence River Basin Sustainable Water Resources Agreement* (“Agreement”); and,

WHEREAS, Chapter 1 and Chapter 4 of the Agreement came into force on December 13, 2005, pursuant to Article 709 paragraphs 1b and 1h of the Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, Article 400 paragraph 1 of the Agreement created a *Great Lakes—St. Lawrence River Water Resources Regional Body* (“Regional Body”) composed of the Governors and Premiers of the Parties, ex officio; and,

WHEREAS, Article 103 defines the term “Party” to mean a State or Province that entered into the Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, Article 401 paragraph 6 of the Agreement states that “Each Party shall bear an equitable share of the costs of the Regional Body to a maximum amount per annum that is agreed upon each year by the Parties.”; and,

WHEREAS, Article 401 paragraph 7 of the Agreement states in part that “The Parties shall support the Regional Body using existing agency staff and facilities to the greatest extent possible...”; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Body recognizes that there are collective costs incurred in the normal and ongoing operation of the Regional Body; and,

WHEREAS, the Chair and Executive Director have prepared and submitted to the Council a proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026 (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026), attached to this Resolution as Attachment A (“FY26 Budget”), and the Regional Body has determined that adoption of the FY26 Budget as proposed will serve and be in the best interest of the Regional Body and the Parties thereto.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Regional Body adopts and approves the Regional Body FY26 (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026) budget (Attachment “A”) as presented for the normal ongoing operation and activities of the Regional Body.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budgeted revenue of US\$279,277.97, as shown in the approved Fiscal Year 2026 Budget, shall be apportioned equally among the ten Parties to the Agreement, in the amount of US\$27,927.80 for Fiscal Year 2026 for each Party.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to the extent that revenue received during Fiscal Year 2026 under any Federal, State or Provincial grant-in-aid program or contribution exceeds the revenue included in this budget, any such excess is hereby appropriated for the same uses and additional programs to which the excess is related.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Regional Body Fiscal Year 2026 budget, as approved pursuant to this resolution, may be amended to support any and all additional costs for the operation and activities of the Regional Body arising from the Regional Body’s other activities, including but not limited to Regional Review of proposals subject to Regional Review, upon unanimous written consent of the Regional Body members.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Parties shall each bear their own costs of using their existing agency staff and facilities that are used in support of Regional Body activities.

# ATTACHMENT "A" FY 2026 BUDGET--REGIONAL BODY

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|                                      | <b>Regional Body<br/>Budget</b> |
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| <b>Personnel Costs</b>               | \$167,064.97                    |
| <b>Attorney Retainer</b>             | \$0.00                          |
| <b>Insurance</b>                     | \$0.00                          |
| <b>Meetings and Conference Calls</b> | \$27,655.00                     |
| <b>Technical Database Management</b> | \$41,850.00                     |
| <b>Special Projects</b>              | \$13,500.00                     |
| <b>Indirect Overhead</b>             | \$29,208.00                     |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>\$279,277.97</b>             |