

Cities Initiative Releases 2023 U.S. and Canadian Federal Priorities

On March 23, 2023, Cities Initiative staff – including Chief Policy Officer Travis Wheeler and Canada Policy Director Phil Murphy-Rhéaume – shared our 2023 U.S. and Canadian Federal Priorities for the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin with our members.

On the U.S. side, federal priorities include expediting further progress on lead service line replacement and promoting municipal collaboration with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on the Great Lakes Coastal Resiliency Study.

On the Canadian side, federal priorities include investing $1 billion CAD in a Freshwater Action Plan for the basin and establishing an independent Canada Water Agency.

It should also be noted that this year's federal priorities are the culmination of extensive consultation with our members, incorporating recommendations from our mayors commissions and member resolutions, as well as feedback from the Board of Directors.

You may view a recording of the webinar here and the presentation here.