



Updates from the Mayors Advisory Council on Coastal Resilience

This spring, the Mayors Advisory Council on Coastal Resilience concluded their first year of exploration and collaboration to better understand coastal resilience challenges across the basin. Monthly meetings and strategic sessions with mayors and coastal partners from public, private, non profit, and academic sectors were summarized in the release of a suite of recommendations in April 2022 which outlined ways to improve municipal coastal resilience across the basin.

The recommendations and report are a foundation for the Advisory Council's next phase of work which will provide action to key issues identified in year one. Through next spring, the Advisory Council will be convening in Binational, Canadian, and U.S. working groups to tackle solutions surrounding funding and advocacy; networks and collaboration; and key research initiatives. Full working group descriptions can be viewed [here](#) and detailed action plans will be finalized in the coming months.

This next phase of action also comes with new leadership and the Advisory Council has had a successful transition of U.S. and Canadian Chairs and Vice Chairs for the year ahead.

First, we thank you to our 2021 Leadership Team who helped us outline the most pressing needs of coastal municipalities and develop a strong plan of action.

- Canada Chair - Mayor Brian Saunderson, Collingwood, ON
- Canada Vice Chair - Mayor Sandra Easton, Lincoln, ON
- U.S. Chair - Mayor Jim Carruthers, Traverse City, MI
- U.S. Vice Chair - Mayor Gordon Ringberg, Bayfield, WI

And, we welcome our 2022 Leadership Team who will be influential in carrying out key actions toward greater coastal resilience in the year ahead.

- Canada Chair - Mayor Sandra Easton, Lincoln, ON
- Canada Vice Chair - Councillor Clare Latimer, Chatham-Kent, ON
- U.S. Chair - Mayor Emily Larson, Duluth, MN
- U.S. Vice Chair - Mayor Dave McDowell, Sodus Point, NY

We have ample opportunities for mayors to engage in our coastal resilience working groups and members interested in getting more involved on the Advisory Council can reach out to Cities Initiative staffer, Tori Graves, at victoria.graves@glsicities.org.