

Mayors' Declaration

to Stop Asian Carp



Whereas, the members of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative are growing increasingly concerned about the damage if Asian Carp enters the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence, and the delays in implementing solutions, and

Whereas, the Mayors have assisted in developing alternative solutions for Asian Carp, and commented on proposed carp prevention measures at Brandon Road IL, and

Whereas, the undersigned believe time is of the essence and urge expeditious implementation of the recommended plan at Brandon Road, and

Whereas, Asian Carp entering the Great Lakes and eventually the St. Lawrence would devastate the ecosystem, the hunting, fishing, boating industry, and damage the quality of life for our communities, to the tune of over \$7 billion, and

Whereas, Asian Carp compete for the same nutrients that allow natural populations of fish to survive, likely damaging fish populations for commercial, Tribal First Nations and sport fishermen and the ecosystem, and

Whereas, Asian Carp (Silver) are prone to jump out of the water with boat motor traffic causing harm to individuals, which could result in billions of dollars in losses every year for community boaters, now

Therefore be it resolved, the Mayors and Elected Officials of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative in the United States and Canada request that the Government of the United States through the US Army Corps of Engineers finish the Recommended Plan at the Brandon Road Project no later than 2022.

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