



**GREAT LAKES—ST. LAWRENCE RIVER BASIN WATER RESOURCES
COMPACT COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION #57—ADOPTION OF DRAFT FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET—
(July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026)**

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2008, the *Great Lakes—St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact* (“Compact”) came into effect; and,

WHEREAS, Section 2.1 of the Compact creates a Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Council (“Council”) consisting of the Governors of the Great Lakes States, ex officio; and,

WHEREAS, the Parties to the Compact are the States of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Wisconsin and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and,

WHEREAS, Section 2.4.3 of the Compact states in part that “[t]he Council shall annually adopt a budget for each fiscal year and the amount required to balance the budget shall be apportioned equitably among the Parties by unanimous vote of the Council.”; and,

WHEREAS, Section 2.6 of the Compact states in part that “It is the policy of the Parties to preserve and utilize the functions, powers and duties of existing offices and agencies of government to the extent consistent with this Compact.”; and,

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

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 1 of the Council by-laws state that “The Fiscal Year of the Council shall be from July 1 to June 30”; and,

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 3 of the Council by-laws state in part that “[t]he Chair, with the assistance of the Executive Director, shall prepare and submit to the Council a budget of proposed income and expenditures on an annual or other basis as appropriate. Once approved by the Council, a budget shall constitute authority for the Executive Director to make expenditures within the approved expenditure levels included in the budget;” and,

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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 Exhibit A ("Draft FY26 Budget"), and the Council has determined that adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget as proposed will serve and be in the best interest of the Council and the Parties thereto.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council adopts and approves the FY26 Budget as presented (Attachment "A") for the normal ongoing operation and activities of the Compact Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budgeted revenue of \$130,137.65 is hereby apportioned to each of the Great Lakes States in the amount of \$16,267.21 for Fiscal Year 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to the extent that revenue received during Fiscal Year 2026 under any Federal or State 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 Council Fiscal Year 2026 budget, as collectively and approved pursuant to this resolution, may be amended to support any and all additional costs for the operation and activities of the Council arising from the Council's other activities, including but not limited to Council Review of proposals subject to Council Review and approval, upon unanimous written consent of the Council members.

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

ATTACHMENT "A" FY 2026 BUDGET--COMPACT COUNCIL

	<u>Compact Council Budget</u>
Personnel Costs	\$50,955.13
Attorney Retainer	\$30,000.00
Insurance	\$31,600.00
Meetings and Conference Calls	\$3,295.00
Technical Database Management	\$4,650.00
Special Projects*	\$1,500.00
Indirect Overhead	\$8,137.52
Total	\$130,137.65