

ACTION ITEM

Standing committee on economic development

A robust and sustainable economy is vital to the overall health of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River basin. Strong businesses and employment, sound infrastructure, and financial stability support efforts to develop, use, and conserve water resources in the Great Lakes Basin.

The Great Lakes Commission with the support of the staff will create a standing committee on water-related economic development. The committee will focus its attention and efforts on the economic development components of the GLC's mission, as set forth in Article 1 of the Great Lakes Basin Compact:

To promote the orderly, integrated, and comprehensive development, use, and conservation of the water resources of the Great Lakes Basin.

The committee will consist of at least one delegate from each jurisdiction. Initially, the committee will be tasked with working with Commission staff in the next 30 – 60 days to develop a more detailed agenda, charge and any operating guidelines the committee will follow. This detailed charge will then be presented to the Board of Directors for its review. This committee may serve as a model for the future to engage Commissioners and partners in addressing other priority issue areas for the GLC.