

**RESOLUTION 2017-13
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FULL FUNDING OF GREAT LAKES
RESTORATION INITIATIVE**

To the Honorable Chair and Board of Supervisors of Calumet County, Wisconsin:

Motion:		Adopted: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1 st <u>Draheim</u>		Lost: <input type="checkbox"/>
2 nd <u>Dietrich</u>		Tabled: <input type="checkbox"/>
Yes: <u>19</u> No: <u>0</u>		Absent: <u>2</u>
Number of votes required:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Majority	<input type="checkbox"/> Two-thirds	
Reviewed by: Kimberly Tenerelli Corp Counsel		

WHEREAS, The Trump Administration has proposed cutting funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI). This \$300 million appropriation provides funding to multiple federal agencies which then makes competitive grants available to local units of government to protect and improve water quality in the Great Lakes; and

WHEREAS, Since the initiative began, Calumet County and surrounding counties which make up portions of the Lower Fox River Basin as well as the watershed of Green Bay and Lake Michigan have successfully installed several million dollars of conservation practices on the landscape and have seen measurable improvements in water quality in watercourses flowing to the Bay of Green Bay and Lake Michigan; and

WHEREAS, If funding for this program is eliminated, it will have significant impacts on local programs working towards improving water quality locally and overall within the Great Lakes region. Currently a \$433,000 GLRI grant has allowed Calumet County to focus efforts in the Lower Fox River Watershed by funding a contracted full time conservation technician as well as providing financial assistance to landowners to install conservation practices; and

WHEREAS, Calumet County's surface waters are an important resource used by the public for recreation, enjoyment and natural beauty; and

WHEREAS, Calumet County recognizes that surface waters contribute significantly to the overall quality of life of residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Calumet County recognizes that surface waters from within the County have an impact on the water quality of the Bay of Green Bay and Lake Michigan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Calumet County Board of Supervisors does approve of supporting full funding of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Calumet County Clerk be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to all Wisconsin Counties, Wisconsin Counties Association, NACo, NACD and all Federal Legislators with a constituency within Calumet County.

Dated this 19th day of September 2017.

	YES	NO	A
1 BARRIBEAU	X		
2 BUDDE	X		
3 CONNORS	X		
4 DEITER	X		
5 DIETRICH	X		
6 DRAHEIM	X		
7 GENTZ	X		
8 GIBLER	X		
9 HARTL	X		
10 HOFBERGER			X
11 KARTH	X		
12 KLECKNER	X		
13 LA SHAY	X		
14 LAUGHRIN	X		
15 MUELLER			X
16 STANKE	X		
17 STECKER	X		
18 SCHWALENBERG	X		
19 STIER	X		
20 STILLMAN	X		
21 WEINBERGER	X		

INTRODUCED BY THE LAND AND
WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Merlin Gentz
Merlin Gentz, Chair

Duaine Stillman
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Patrick Laughrin

Mike Hofberger
Dave La Shay
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COUNTERSIGNED BY

Alice Connors
Alice Connors, County Board Chair

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COUNTY OF CALUMET
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I certify that this is a true and exact copy of
the original of which I am legal custodian for
the County Clerk of Calumet County.

Signed by

Jessica Elmer
County Clerk or Deputy County Clerk

September 22, 2017
Date