

5. The water diversion project is for the benefit of a community that already has in place a plan for water conservation, water treatment, and managed growth. Score 3

Scenarios⁵¹

1. The proposed water diversion project was developed to address dangerous, natural contamination of public drinking water supplies and there is no feasible water supply alternative. Score 3.5

2. The proposed water diversion project was developed to address dangerous, man-made contamination of public drinking water supplies and there is no feasible water supply alternative.

Score 3

3. The proposed water diversion project is necessary to respond to a natural crisis (flood or drought) and is temporary in nature. Score 3

4. The proposed water diversion project would open the Great Lakes to increased world shipping, economically stimulating the region as a whole. Score 3

5. The proposed water diversion project would economically enhance a general industry associated with the Great Lakes region, such as hydroelectric power, transportation and navigation, or recreation/sports industries. Score 3

Taking into account the specific written criteria summarized in Table 5, the conditions and scenarios in Table 6 should be addressed so that there is joint U.S.-Canadian decision-making power, both economic and environmental impacts should be considered before approving a project, the burden of proof of need for the project and a showing of no long term negative impact on the basin should be on the project applicant to satisfy the skepticism of anti-diversion groups, and each project should be evaluated on its individual merits without consideration of past diversion proposals to avoid the concern for precedential diversion decisions.

⁵¹It should be noted that the conditions of temporariness of the project and the no feasible alternative to the diversion project (mentioned in scenarios 1,2, and 3) were assigned the most important criteria by the Canadian non governmental and governmental groups and thus deserve additional valuation in water diversion criteria development.