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DEAR DENNIS L. SCHORNACK,

SUBJECT: FIVE YEAR STUDY OF LAKE ONTARIO - ST. LAWRENCE WATERWAYS LEVELS
OPTIONS PRESENTED ARE TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE .

THE CORPS of ENGINEERS HAS HOSTED A 5 YEAR STUDY OF THE GREAT LAKES WATERWAYS INCLUDING LAKE ONTARIO & THE ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY. I HAVE OWNED A COTTAGE ON THE SOUTH SHORELINE AT LAKE ONTARIO SINCE 1957. UPON RETIREMENT IN THE 1990S WE HAVE BUILT A LOG HOME ON THIS PROPERTY. WE HAVE A BOX 12" W. x 21" L. x 7" D. OF DATA COLLECTED; NEWS PAPER CLIPPINGS, OUR LETTERS OUT, RESPONSES AND INFORMATION GATHERED SINCE 1992. THIS INCLUDES OUR EFFORTS TO PARTICIPATE AT MANY OF THE L.J.C. / CORPS of ENGINEERS STUDY GROUP MEETINGS. WE SPENT OUR MONEY, OUR TIME & RESPONSE TIME TO MANY MEETINGS FROM GREECE, N.Y., HURON, OSWEGO, SACKETT'S HARBOR, OGDENSBURG & SYRACUSE. WHY? THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SHORELINE PROPERTY OWNERS WERE ASKED TO LISTEN AND EXPRESS THEIR CONCERNS. WE PASSED ON INFORMATION TO OTHERS WHO FOR VARIOUS REASONS (INCLUDING THEY WORK) THEY DID NOT ATTEND. WE LEARNED AT THESE INFORMATION MEETINGS. IF THE STUDY GROUP LISTENED THEY LEARNED THERE ARE REAL CONCERNS, THERE IS DATA THEY MAY HAVE LACKED (WEATHER AND WIND VELOCITY & DIRECTION DURING DIFFERENT SEASONS). WE LISTENED, WE SPOKE AND WE WROTE OFTEN. THE L.J.C. - S.L.R. STUDY HOSTS KNOW US WELL. IN THE LATE FALL OF 2005 WE ATTENDED THE STUDY GROUP MEETINGS AT OSWEGO, HURON AND GREECE. WE DID NOT GET TO SEE THEIR OPTIONS STUDIED OTHER THAN A FINAL THREE WHICH ARE ABSOLUTELY NOT ACCEPTABLE.

NOTE - I HAVE A COPY OF A LETTER TO CONGRESSWOMAN SLAUGHTER FROM A COLONEL DATED 1982 THAT SAYS " THERE IS A PROBLEM AND THE CORPS of ENGINEERS NEEDS TO DO A BETTER JOB".

THE CORPS of ENGINEERS IS MOSTLY OUT OF CHICAGO, IL. LAKE ONTARIO IS UNIQUE - THERE IS NO OTHER WATERWAY LIKE IT IN THE WORLD. THE C of E ARE STAFFED BY CIVILLANS. THE COLONELS WHO ANSWER CONGRESSIONALS ROTATE OUT EVERY THREE YEARS. (JUST ABOUT THE TIME THEY REALLY KNOW THE JOB). LOOSE ACCOUNTABILITY LEADS TO FALSE STATEMENTS AND PROMISES.

I CHALLENGE SOME OF THEIR EXPERTS THEORY ON EROSION. IT DOES NOT WORK HERE. OUR GOVERNEMNT SPENT A HUGE AMOUNT OF MONEY ON THIS 5 YEAR STUDY. THE C of E BY NOW MUST KNOW THE SHORELINE TROUBLE SPOTS ON THE SOUTH SHORE OF LAKE ONTARIO. THAT MONEY COULD HAVE BEEN SPENT MORE WISELY BUILDING SHORELINE PROTECTION IN THESE TROUBLE AREAS.

THE STUDY RECOMMENDS RADICAL CHANGES IN THE WAY THE LAKE ONTARIO - ST. LAWRENCE RIVER WATER LEVELS AND FLOWS ARE REGULATED. INCLUDING EXTREME HIGH & LOW WATER LEVELS.

? HOW ELSE CAN WE TELL THEM THE STUDY IS A FAILURE AS THE OPTIONS ARE PRESENTED ?

OUR EROSION IS EXCESSIVE AND PERMANENT AND MAN MADE.

RESPECTFULLY YOURS,

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MR. DENNIS SCHORNACK, THIS IS A COPY OF A LETTER I HAVE SENT TO MY REPRESENTATIVES.