

c/o Ms. Cheryl Stevens

Hilton, New York
Re: Lakeshore Levels for April and May
May 27, 2008

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Irene B. Brooks, Chair
International Joint Commission
U.S. Section
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Washington, D. C. 20440

Dear Chairwoman Brooks:

We are very concerned that the International Joint Commission (IJC) through its International Lake Ontario St. Lawrence River Board of Control (ISLRBC), sustain maximized Lake Ontario outflow until long-term average level is achieved.

As you know the amount of water received by Lake Ontario in April was much above average. Currently, the lake level is at 246.9, which is well above the level (246.3) where shoreline erosion greatly accelerates along Lake Ontario. With sustained winds above 30 mph, the current lake level could rise as much as an additional 2 ft. in some shoreline locations. Shore Acres in Hamlin is already flooding and one storm will put the water in some people's living rooms.

In Monroe County, there are approximately 37 miles of shoreline property with an estimated land value of \$230 million. The Town of Hamlin which is very susceptible to the devastating effects of high lake level, has 10% of the Town's 3,434 parcels on the shoreline. Our flood insurance coverage is adversely affected. The release of toxins now "encapsulated" in the shoreline, compromised septic systems, ponds and marsh sediments is a huge problem.

Storms threaten our community's municipal infrastructure including the Monroe County Water Authority's (MCWA) Edgemere Pump Station and Brockport Water Treatment Plant, County Pure Waters' 36-inch diameter Lake Shore sewer interceptor, Ontario Beach Park, Edgemere Drive, the Port of Rochester, and nearly eight miles of parkland. The MCWA facilities referenced above provide drinking water to over 600,000 residents in the region.

We are uniting with the other South Shore beaches from Niagara Falls to Cape Vincent.

As our representatives of the U. S. Section we need your help to keep our homes and communities safe.

Shore Acres Neighbors Steering Committee:

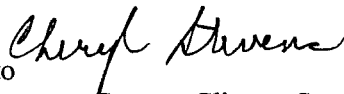
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