

TOWN OF GREECE

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June 11, 2008

Ms. Irene Brooks, United States Chair
International Joint Commission
1250 23rd Street, NW, Suite 100
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Re: Plan 2007- Lake Level Control for Lake Ontario/St. Lawrence River

Dear Chairwoman Brooks,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit to you our comments on the International Joint Commission's (IJC) proposed Orders of Approval and Plan 2007. We are very appreciative of the efforts that the IJC has made to incorporate views of all of the interested parties on this very important issue. It is encouraging to know that the IJC has not neglected the interests of the people and the businesses of Western New York.

This letter represents our firm support for the draft Order of Approval and Plan 2007. At its' meeting of June 17, 2008, the Greece Town Board will put forth a resolution in support of Plan 2007. As outlined, Plan 2007 clearly represents an improvement over the current operating plan (Plan 1958D) and over the Plan B+ proposal. We feel that Plan 2007 was completed with a higher level of analysis and offers better protection of the shoreline.

The environmental goals both plans address are outlined, however, Plan B+ achieves those goals at the expense of other considerations. Plan 2007 improves the wetland environment by an estimated 12% per year as compared to current operations. Although Plan B+ improves the wetland by a greater percentage it does not fully address the damages caused by its' aggressive approach.

As you know, the Lake Ontario shoreline within the Town of Greece is a significant part of our community. The protection of our shoreline from erosion from high water levels is an issue of the utmost importance to us. The Plan B+ analysis does not adequately address this shoreline protection. The possible impacts of Plan B+ to both public and private land along the lakeshore are significant. The potential damages and related costs associated with them have not been accurately reflected in the various plans and need to be studied in greater depth.

Plan 2007 clearly represents the approach which best addresses the issues and concerns of all those involved while maintaining the integrity of the overall environmental goals.

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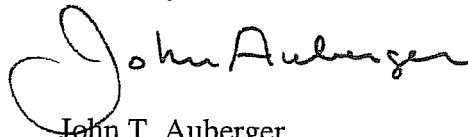
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Finally, as determined in a review by the National Research Council, both the environmental and the coastal portions of the study are flawed and lack the proper scientific basis upon which to base important public policy decisions. These uncertainties should be better understood and addressed prior to any decisions being made with regard to controlling the lake and the river.

Thank you for your continued efforts on behalf of all of those impacted by this very important process.

Sincerely,



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