

International Joint Commission
Irene Brooks, Chair
Washington, DC 20440

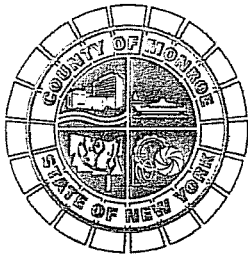
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I was cc'd a memo, sent to you 5/20/08, from the County of Monroe Executive, Maggie Brooks. I was concerned that The County of Monroe would admit that they have no 'back up plans' for their Greece water treatment plant, in the event of a natural high water level disaster on Lake Ontario! I think that from what we know about Hurricane Katrina ...MCWA should prepare an emergency Plan, to protect the residents of Greece. As a 'layperson' I can help with a few ideas of my own. Kodak has a water treatment plant along Lake Ontario & its underground pipes supply Kodak Park to the South. I think these 'pipes' follow Dewey Ave. thru Greece. The MCWA should talk to the Kodak people about tapping Kodak's water line in the event of an emergency. This should be put in place, to be ready before the event occurs. What has Kodak done to protect its water treatment plant? MCWA should begin the dialogue with Kodak and also the City of Rochester. Under Mayor Johnson the City of Rochester faced a serious problem with 'bug poop' contaminating water shed Lakes Canadice & Hemlock. The City came up with a 'back up' plan. They would share water from nearby by Towns, as they had pipe connectors in place so they could share their potable water....Where did Greece, NY fit in this plan? Dialogue should begin with the City to find out how this all worked....I think it is incumbent for the directors of the MCWA to work on ways to proactively protect the 600,000 residents of the region.....

Respectfully, Al Fink

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Dear Chairwoman Brooks:

I'm writing to request 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 ft., which is well above the level (246.3 ft.) where shoreline erosion greatly accelerates along Lake Ontario. With sustained winds above 30 mph, the current lake level could rise by as much as an additional 2 ft. in some shoreline locations.

In Monroe County, there are approximately 37 miles of shoreline property with an estimated land value of \$230 million. The Town of Greece, which is most susceptible to the devastating effects of high lake level, has nearly nine miles of shoreline with an estimated land value of \$78 million. Loss in shoreline not only creates a hardship for landowners, but a loss in vital property tax revenue.

In addition, storms of this nature 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-in. 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.

Again, I urge the IJC and ISLRBC to take necessary action as prescribed by the Orders of Approval to protect the riparians and municipal infrastructure of Monroe County.

Sincerely,

Maggie Brooks
Monroe County Executive