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**Grassroots Public Advocacy for the Protection, Restoration and Conservation
of Lake Ontario Beaches and Riparian Property**

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They Are Coming Back - Just Like The Locust!

Dear Neighbors,

Just like a recurring nightmare, it is happening again. The IJC, along with its Lake Ontario - St. Lawrence Working Group, is trying to push through a new regulation plan for Lake Ontario. This time we will also be up against well-financed lobbying groups like the Sierra Club, Nature Conservancy, Save the River and Citizens Campaign for the Environment, who think they know what, is best for the lake, river and shoreline!

We are hearing that there may a new plan, BV8, being proposed. We have not seen any information or possible effects regarding this plan. The IJC and its Working Group are planning on another series of public meetings this summer. While the dates and locations are not being made available to those of us at LORA (Lake Ontario Riparian Alliance), we know that they are being planned for the week of July 17, 2013. One location has been confirmed but not the date. This meeting will be at the fire hall in Newfane, NY, during that week.

We believe that the data used for any of the plans put forth by the IJC is:

- 1) Outdated -- it was collected during the years 2000 - 2002;
- 2) The data they are using is inaccurate- the data they are using is extremely undervalued and did not even reflect cost values for the years that the data was collected, let alone anywhere near today's values;
- 3) Not inclusive of any publicly - owned lands; and,
- 4) Incomplete important relevant data was left out of consideration, intentionally or by mistake.

Any one of these concerns should have throw out the results. When considered together none of the plans should have been put forth from 2005 through the present!

As a homeowner or recreational boater, please take the time to contact the Governor's office by letter, email or telephone to try and urge him that such change as the IJC is proposing is not in the State's best interest. This communication will also serve to put the Governor's office on notice that he will be blamed for damages.

Here is the information on contacting the Governor's office:

You may also contact the Governor's office by phone, at (518) 474-8390, or by mail at the following address:

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Or via the internet, at: <http://www.governor.ny.gov/contact/GovernorContactForm.php> .

When more information becomes available, please spread the word to your neighbors. We need a **HUGE** turnout at the meetings. Please visit www.loranet.org for updates and past newsletters.

Fort Niagara under attack again!

National Historic Site Damaged by Current Plan of Operation

What will happen if BV7 or some new variant of it with higher levels in the spring is enacted?

Damage to public lands like Fort Niagara, which is owned by the State of New York, were never part of the economic losses used by the Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River Study and any subsequent study.

The breakwall surrounding the fort is 80 years old. Higher water during winter and spring storms could be catastrophic. The damage shown in the pictures below was observed on May 17, 2013.



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