

# LEVELER

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Grassroots Public Advocacy for the Protection, Restoration and Conservation of Lake Ontario  
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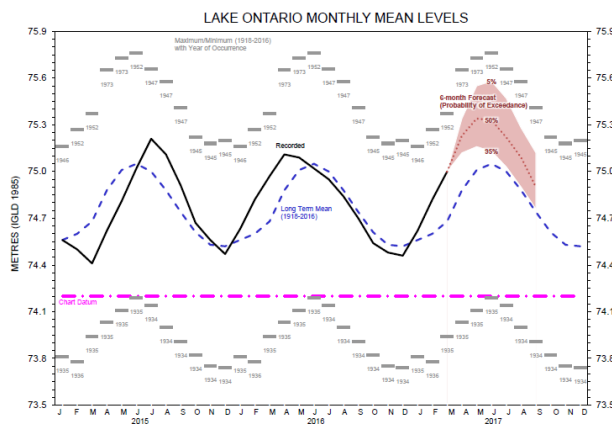
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LORA has started collecting data on damages caused by Plan 2014. No other agency is tasked with recording this vital information.

We request that our elected representatives follow the link below to our Facebook page to see photos of the latest storm damage. Please review album of most recent photographs taken along the south shore of Lake Ontario.

<https://www.facebook.com/LORANET.ORG/photos/pcb.716684785181217/716681275181568/?type=3&theater>

## Lake Level Forecast



Month	Wet Spring	Normal	Dry Spring
April	247.18	246.81	246.45
May	247.86	247.17	246.58
June	247.96	247.14	246.48
July	247.6	246.78	246.16
August	246.99	246.35	245.73
September	246.45	245.7	245.27

The current precipitation pattern has put the lake into the “Wet Spring” scenario.



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## TOWN OF GREECE

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April 7, 2017

Dear Residents,

Recently there was an article published in the Democrat and Chronicle referencing the International Joint Commissions Plan 2014 and the damage it has done to the hundreds of homeowners who call the lakeshore their home.

We are writing to you in order to reaffirm our disappointment by the announcement from the International Joint Commission to approve and implement Plan 2014. As your Town representatives, we have heard from many concerned residents about the future of their homes and businesses if this plan were to go into effect. We took those concerns to a hearing held by the International Joint Commission in 2013 and testified before the panel to speak out against Plan 2014 and pointed out the hazards it could pose to our lakeshore residents. As your Town Supervisor and Town Councilmembers, we stood together with the other Town Board members and passed a resolution at the June 17<sup>th</sup> 2014 meeting of the Greece Town Board calling out against the International Joint Commissions proposal and urged for a full retraction of the current plan and the creation of a new one; that ensures the safety and needs of all residents along the Lake Ontario Shoreline.

Simply put, the International Joint Commission's plan to increase lake levels is not acceptable. When fully implemented this plan has extreme potential to cause additional damage to the homes that have already been affected by the rise in water levels and to new properties that have not yet seen the full effect of Plan 2014. Additionally it will affect the livelihood of the thousands of residents within the Town of Greece who are unsure about the future of their homes and shoreline.

Our pledge to the residents along the lake shore is to work closely with our Town Board members and other partners in government to discuss and bring your concerns to the International Joint Commission and to urge them to create a new plan that keeps in mind every community who calls Lake Ontario their home. In the next couple of weeks, we will be meeting with representatives from other lakeshore communities as well as both the Federal and State levels to discuss Plan 2014 in greater detail and to develop a plan to advocate for the overturning of this potentially damaging initiative. Additionally, we will be sending a letter to President Trump expressing the concerns of all lakeshore residents from the Town of Greece regarding Plan 2014. As the sole appointer of the commission, President Trump has influence over the future appointments of the new members to serve on IJC. These new appointments will in effect replace Chairwoman Lana Pollack, Commissioner Rich Moy, and Dereh Glance furthering our ability to instill change to Plan 2014. Please stay tuned for future developments on this matter.

As always, we would love to hear your concerns and questions. Please do not hesitate to contact the Supervisor's office directly at 723-2311 or emailing Councilman Barry at [MBarry@greeceny.gov](mailto:MBarry@greeceny.gov), or Councilwoman Christodaro [DChristodaro@greeceny.gov](mailto:DChristodaro@greeceny.gov).

Sincerely,



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David Michael Barry  
Councilman - 1<sup>st</sup> Ward  
Town of Greece



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Councilwoman - 4<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Town of Greece

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## LORA to Compile Damage Costs

Lake Ontario is now approximately **13** inches above its long-term average. LORA is getting reports of damages. Port Bay and Sodus Bay have reported breaches in their protective barriers and sand spits. These bays might soon be parts of Lake Ontario.

If you have experienced damage from the latest storms during the months of March and April, or experience damage later this year, please send photos and costs to repair the damage. No amount of damage is too small to report. Send your information to: [loranet@rochester.rr.com](mailto:loranet@rochester.rr.com) or <https://www.facebook.com/LORANET.ORG/>

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<http://www.loranet.org/> and <http://www.loranet.org/levelerarchive/pastissues.htm>

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