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Beaches and Riparian Property**

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Current Lake Level

Lake Ontario is now **19** inches over its Long-Term Average (LTA) and has not reached Plan 2014 Triggers. It is still the middle of April with two more months of lake level rise to follow.

Do not believe the “spin” put out by the International Joint Commission (IJC) that the lake would be higher under the old plan (58DD). It is our belief that, if the old plan was still operational, a number of actions would have been already tried to have prevented the lake from reaching these dangerous levels.

These actions include:

- Invoking Criterion K at the beginning of March when the lake crested 246 feet, as the IJC did in 1997.
 - Warning the local municipalities of a potential for high water, this would have allowed these entities more time to prepare.
 - Restricting shipping due to high flow rates.
 - Using the Erie Canal to divert water out of the basin.
 - Using the Mt. Morris dam to hold back water.
 - Allowing an expedited shore protection processes from the New York Dept. of Environmental Conservation and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, that would enable property owners to obtain permits in 48 hours.
 - Allowing unprecedented outflows to take place on the St. Lawrence River.
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Projected Lake Level

The U.S Army Corp of Engineers has recently issued Great Lakes Water Levels update that forecast another 11 inches of water on Lake Ontario by May 14, 2017. The peak level for the lake usually occurs in June!

<http://www.lre.usace.army.mil/Missions/Great-Lakes-Information/Great-Lakes-Water-Levels/Water-Level-Forecast/Weekly-Great-Lakes-Water-Levels/>

Sodus Point begins preparing for the worst!

Read the latest on high water at Sodus Point in Sunday's "Times of Wayne County" at: <http://www.waynetimes.com/community/sodus-point-offers-sandbags-residents-water-levels-rise/>

What is your property assessment?

With the introduction of Plan 2014 this year, a couple of items that will need to be addressed are:

- 1) Where is the boundary line for your personal property? Under Plan 58DD, the legal boundary was the mean high water level, the upper limits of the 4-foot range at 247.3 feet. Plan 2014 does not have such an upper end, thus no delineation of your property. To us at LORA, this seems an unlawful taking by the government.
 - 2) With the destruction of property this year by Plan 2014, should you challenge your property assessment? Your property assessment is based partly on the amount of land you own. If some of it gets washed into the lake, you will be negatively affected.
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Request to our Elected Representatives

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>

LORA to Compile Damage Costs

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 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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