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**PRESS RELEASE
SAVE OUR SHORELINE**

CORPS MOVES TO SHUTDOWN CASEVILLE PUBLIC BEACH MAINTENANCE.

Bay City, Michigan—May 3, 2002—Save Our Shoreline announces that through an investigation, it has discovered that the US Army Corps of Engineers has sent "cease and desist" letters directed to Caseville's prized public beaches--those at Albert E. Sleeper State Park and the Caseville County Park Public Beach--forbidding them from conducting beach maintenance without first obtaining a permit. The "cease and desist" letters substantially mirror those recently sent to over 200 property owners along the Saginaw Bay, and were mailed out in September and October, 2001. The two letters can be viewed on the internet at www.saveourshoreline.org. "The Corps seeks to destroy these beautiful beaches, just as it and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has destroyed the beach at Bay City State Park, by turning the beach into a wetland," said Ernie Krygier, President of Save Our Shoreline, Inc. "Our organization strongly opposes this latest move by the Corps, just as it opposes the federal government's conversion of our private beaches into wetlands against the will of the people who have worked hard and paid for that property." In response to the letters, Sleeper State Park has applied for a permit to maintain up to 1,000 feet of its beach. Details of that request can be viewed at _____ . "We encourage any member of the public, as well as any organization that opposes the Corps action, or that supports the permit request, to write the Corps no later than _____ at _____," said Krygier. "If the people of the thumb and Saginaw Valley do not speak out on this issue, the Corps will turn the entire Saginaw Bay and the surrounding area into the mosquito-infested swamp it was before the area was settled and developed more than 150 years ago. For our part, Save Our Shoreline does not intend to let that happen," said Krygier.

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