

Save Our Shoreline, Inc.
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Dear Shoreline Neighbor:

As you may know, over the last two years or so, I have been an outspoken advocate for our continued right to maintain our beaches without governmental interference. But I have not been alone. Hundreds of shoreline owners have turned out for meetings held to address the state and federal governments' assertion of control over our shoreline. Through grass roots efforts, we have maintained a dialogue with the MDEQ and the US Army Corps of Engineers in an effort to preserve our right to maintain our beautiful beaches.

I am sad to report that our efforts have been largely unsuccessful. The DEQ and the Corps have sent hundreds of letters to shoreline owners warning of fines and other actions if our maintenance efforts persist.

As a result, in July, I organized a small meeting of a few beach area residents from Linwood Beach down to the Saginaw River, and we ended up filling all of the chairs at the Bangor Township Hall. After two hours of discussion, the group agreed that it was time to transform from a grass roots effort to a more formal association so that we can better address the issues confronting us. This larger group designated a small group of eight persons to meet again to put an organization together.

At a meeting on July 24, 2001, these eight people met and debated the essential issues to formation of the new association, including the purpose, the officers and directors, and a new name.

On July 31, 2001, we formed a new organization, "Save Our Shoreline, Inc." and we elected the following officers and directors to serve through July 2002:

President	Ernest Krygier, Jr.
Vice President	George Killeen
Secretary	Neal Tiernan
Treasurer	Robert E. Harvey
Director	John M. Dwan
Director	F. Peter Frauson
Director	William Lutz
Director	David L. Powers
Director	Francis W. Whalen

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The officers and directors are all shoreline owners or residents in Kawkawlin and Bangor Townships committed to the preservation of our right to maintain our beaches.

With the formal organization in place, our next step is to ask you to join together with us and your other neighbors. With an organization in place with you as a member, we can exchange information and ideas; we can speak with a common voice; and we can be better prepared to combat the vast resources of the state and federal agencies so eager to acquire rights to our shoreline.

Where we go from here depends upon you and your ideas, and those of our neighbors. Certainly, we will continue our dialogue with governmental authorities. We will work to continue to exchange information among us. We will seek relief through political means. And we will continue to acquire information which may form the basis for court action. Whether we ultimately engage in court action will depend on the outcome of our investigation, the success of our political efforts, the size and desires of our membership, and our ability to obtain support and necessary funds.

Please join us in our effort to save our shoreline. One thing I have learned over the last two years is that shoreline residents as a group are very resourceful, talented, and committed people. Working together, I am confident we can "retake the beaches."

Sincerely,

ERNEST KRYGIER, JR., President
Save Our Shoreline, Inc.