

## Letters of Support

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# Congress of the United States

## House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

November 12, 2014

The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy  
Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works  
United States Army Corps of Engineers  
7701 Telegraph Rd  
Alexandria, VA 22315

Dear Assistant Secretary Darcy,

I encourage you to dedicate funding for dredging the Cattaraugus Creek Harbor in the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Fiscal Year 2015 work plan to address needs for maintenance of the breakwaters and the federal channel at Cattaraugus Creek.

According to the Cattaraugus Creek Harbor fact sheet prepared by the US Army Corps of Engineers – Buffalo District, the consequences of not maintaining the project are, “potential safety issues for recreational boating community, potential functional loss of Harbor of Refuge and negative economic impacts, locally and regionally.

In addition, during Brigadier General Burcham’s visit to the Cattaraugus Creek Harbor in December 2013, the stakeholders and local elected officials in the community conveyed the public safety impact that annual floods have had due to lack of maintenance of the breakwaters. For these reasons it is appropriate that maintenance of the harbor and the breakwaters are conducted this year.

I encourage your support for funding to tend to the operations and maintenance needs for Cattaraugus Creek Harbor in Fiscal Year 2015. Numerous public safety, economic and recreational benefits will result from maintenance of the harbor and the breakwaters. The impact this will have on Chautauqua County will serve benefits for years to come. We appreciate your consideration of this issue. Please do not hesitate to contact Drew Wayne, at 202-225-3161, on my staff if I can be of any further assistance on this matter.

Sincerely,



Tom Reed  
Member of Congress

CC: LTC Karl D. Jansen, District Commander for Buffalo District  
BG Margaret Burcham, Great Lakes and Ohio River Division Commanding General  
The Honorable George Borrello, Chautauqua County Legislator

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Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

November 14, 2014

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United States Army Corps of Engineers  
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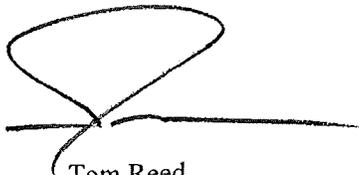
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Sincerely,



Tom Reed  
Member of Congress



Chris Collins  
Member of Congress

CC: LTC Karl D. Jansen, District Commander for Buffalo District  
BG Margaret Burcham, Great Lakes and Ohio River Division Commanding General  
The Honorable George Borrello, Chautauqua County Legislator



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VINCENT W. HORRIGAN  
County Executive

November 26, 2014

Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy  
Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works  
United States Army Corps of Engineers  
7701 Telegraph Road  
Alexandria, VA 22315

Dear Assistant Secretary Darcy,

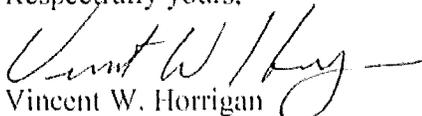
This letter is to convey our support for the Chautauqua County-based feasibility studies being proposed for funding in the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Fiscal Year 2015 work plan. The projects being proposed include a feasibility study aimed at reducing flooding in the Village of Silver Creek by dredging the mouth of Silver Creek, a feasibility study aimed at reducing flooding in Hanover by dredging the mouth of Cattaraugus Creek, and a feasibility study to reduce phosphorus loading in Chautauqua Lake. We are confident that these projects are a good fit for inclusion in the work plan as they fit the mission of the ACOE, have been identified as important projects locally, and have broad stakeholder support.

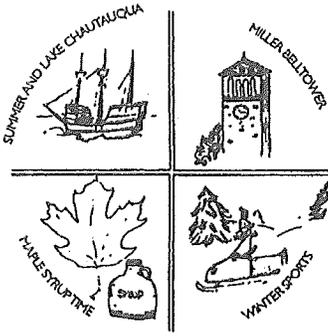
Chautauqua County has been very proactive in defining the primary issues plaguing our community by doing the planning work to identify projects that need to be undertaken to address these issues, and by formulating strategies that will allow our community to implement these projects. The initiatives that have been undertaken that demonstrate our commitment to these causes includes the creation of an occupancy tax program that provides significant funding aimed at the protection and enhancement of our Lakes, tributaries and watersheds; development of strategic plans that help to clarify the issues; the commissioning of feasibility and engineering studies for various projects; the creation of several groups with the sole purpose of protecting our water bodies, and many other initiatives too numerous to list.

We encourage you to support our request to include these important projects in the USACE Annual Report, which will put the County in an optimal position to procure funding that will result in public safety, economic, environmental and recreational benefits to the region. Thank you for your ongoing support in Chautauqua County.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Respectfully yours,

  
Vincent W. Horrigan  
Chautauqua County Executive



# TOWN OF CHAUTAUQUA

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December 2, 2014

Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy  
Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works  
United States Army Corps of Engineers  
7701 Telegraph Road  
Alexandria, VA 22315

Dear Assistant Secretary Darcy,

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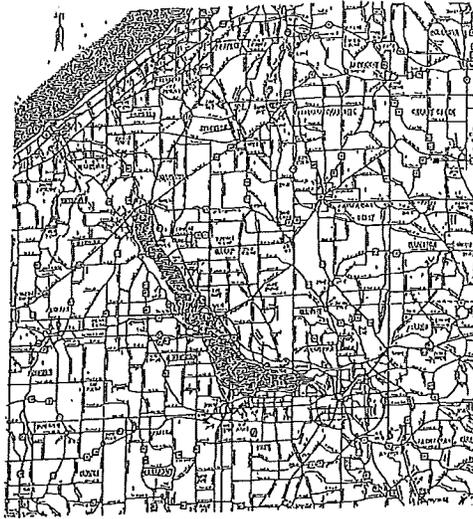
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Sincerely,

Donald Emhardt  
Town Supervisor  
Town of Chautauqua



**Chautauque County Supervisors'  
Association  
Chautauque County, New York**

12/2/2014

Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy  
Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works  
United States Army Corp of Engineers  
7701 Telegraph Road  
Alexandria, VA 22315

Dear Assistant Secretary Darcy:

The Supervisors' Association enthusiastically support the Chautauque County based feasibility studies being proposed for funding in the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers 2015 fiscal year work plan. The feasibility study aimed at reducing flooding in the Village of Silver Creek and the feasibility study to reduce phosphorus in Chautauque are very important projects for our constituents.

We encourage your support for Chautauque County's request to include these important projects in the USACE Annual report to assist the county in procuring funding.

Sincerely,

Sally P. Carlson, Secretary-Treasurer  
Chautauque County Supervisors' Association

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**From the desk of GEORGE BORRELLO**

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**George Borrello**

**Chautauqua County Legislator - District 6**

**Chairman - Planning and Economic Development Committee**