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Attn: Lieutenant Colonel Daniel B. Snead, Commander of Buffalo District
William E. Kowalewski, Project Manager (LOOW)
Arleen Kreusch, Outreach Program Specialist

Subject: A special meeting between the US Army Corps of Engineers and state, federal, and local elected leaders to discuss official US Army Corps of Engineers recognition and support of the Lake Ontario Ordnance Works Restoration Advisory Board, LOOW RAB, and the appointment of an independent third party to facilitate a resolution to the impasse between the Corps and the LOOW RAB.

Host: Village of Youngstown
Where/When: Gymnasium
Youngstown Village Hall
240 Lockport Street
Youngstown, New York 14174
Saturday, January 17, 2009; 10:00 AM

The Army Corps has received numerous letters supporting the current LOOW RAB. These letters have urged the USACE to recognize the present LOOW RAB and appoint a professional, independent facilitator. In the best interests of the health and welfare of Niagara County residents while hoping to build a strong community involvement in the decision making process, elected officials now join in a collective effort to effect a resolution which will establish transparency and a productive, mutual working relationship with the community and its representatives; and reinstate adequate funding for administrative and technical support for the stakeholders representatives.

I, therefore, request the honor of your attendance and participation at the above referenced meeting and 2-hour roundtable discussion with concerned elected officials in an effort to resolve perceived conflicts interfering with the Army Corps recognition, engagement, and utilization of the talents and expertise of the current LOOW RAB.

On behalf of elected officials and area residents, I sincerely thank you for considering this important invitation. We are confident that the meeting will benefit all parties and confirm the Corps' and the community's resolve to address environmentally sensitive

issues at the LOOW in a cooperative, acceptable manner. Please confirm your planned attendance by calling the Village office at (716) 745-7721.

Sincerely,



Neil Riordan,
Mayor Village of Youngstown

cc: U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer

U.S. Senator Hillary Clinton

U.S. Congresswoman Louise Slaughter

NYS Attorney General Andrew Cuomo

NYS Senator George D. Mazarz

NYS Congresswoman Francine DelMonte

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Robert Weller, President, LewPort Board of Education

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John Hayden, Mayor of Barker

Michael Tucker, Mayor of Lockport

Julie Maedl, Mayor of Middleport

Lawrence Soos, Mayor of North Tonawanda

Thomas Bateman, Mayor of Wilson

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