Ohio Department of Natural Resources

TED STRICKLAND, GOVERNOR SEAN D. LOGAN, DIRECTOR

BY CERTIFIED MAIL

January 4, 2010

[Official's Name]
[Title]
[Jurisdiction Name]
[City/State/ZIP]

Re: Preliminary identification of Lake Erie coastal erosion areas in [Jurisdiction Name]

Dear [Official's full name]:

The Ohio Coastal Management Law, passed unanimously by the state legislature in 1988, recognizes the serious hazards and substantial economic losses caused by erosion along Ohio's Lake Erie coast. Ohio law requires that the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) to identify and designate Lake Erie coastal erosion areas and enforce a permit system for construction or redevelopment of permanent structures within those areas. As provided in Ohio Revised Code (O.R.C.) Section 1506.06, coastal erosion areas are "…areas anticipated to be lost by Lake Erie-related erosion within a thirty-year period if no additional approved erosion control measures are completed within that time."

First designated in 1998, coastal erosion areas are periodically reviewed and updated by ODNR. This letter serves to inform you that at least a portion of the territory in your jurisdiction lies within a preliminarily identified 2010 coastal erosion area. As required by O.R.C. Section 1506.06, a notice to this effect has been placed in [local newspaper title] and notices have been sent by certified mail to affected landowners.

This designation of 2010 coastal erosion areas is only preliminary. Once the designations have been made final, the law requires that anyone "…who intends to erect, construct, or redevelop any permanent structure in a Lake Erie coastal erosion area obtain a permit to do so from the director" of ODNR (O.R.C. Section 1506.07). In addition, a sale or transfer of property located within a Lake Erie coastal erosion area requires that the seller disclose to the buyer that the property or a portion of the property is included in a coastal erosion area. **Additionally, until the 2010 coastal erosion area designation is finalized, the 1998 coastal erosion area designation will be in effect and enforced for the purposes of permitting and property sales.**

Enclosed is a list of parcels affected by a coastal erosion area designation within your jurisdiction. A map delineating the extent of the coastal erosion areas based on the preliminary 2010 designation is also provided. You can inspect the coastal erosion maps for your area on

ODNR's coastal erosion Web page at **ohiodnr.com/CEAm**. Also enclosed is a fact sheet about the Coastal Erosion Area Program that you may find helpful.

ODNR will hold a public hearing in each coastal county to introduce the preliminary 2010 coastal erosion area maps. You are welcome to attend any public session if you would like additional program information or if you would like to file a written objection to the preliminary designation. A schedule of public hearing dates and locations is enclosed with this letter.

Either your jurisdiction or individual affected landowners may file an objection to the coastal erosion area designations during the objection period which begins January 11, 2010 and lasts 120 days. Objections must be postmarked by May 10, 2010. Your jurisdiction may object only with respect to property that is within, or is owned by, your jurisdiction. Please see the enclosed materials for details on filing an objection. After objections have been received and reviewed, the coastal erosion area designations/maps may be modified. Affected property owners and jurisdictions will be notified of modifications and an additional 60 days will be provided for those affected to object to the modifications. Within 60 days after the end of the objection period, ODNR will review and respond to objections and make the final designation of 2010 coastal erosion areas. The final designation will be appealable in accordance with Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code (O.R.C. 1506.08).

If after reviewing the enclosed materials you have questions or concerns, you can attend any of the public sessions, send us an e-mail from our coastal erosion Web page **(ohiodnr.com/CEAm)** or call the Division of Geological Survey for mapping questions or the Office of Coastal Management for permitting questions. Telephone numbers are included with the enclosed materials.

Sincerely,

Sean D. Logan
Director

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Enclosures: Preliminary 2010 Mapping of Ohio's Coastal Erosion Areas Fact Sheet
List of Public Meeting Dates and Locations
List of Map Locations
List of Affected Parcels
Index map of preliminary 2010 coastal erosion area designations for Jurisdiction Name