

Lake Ontario Plan 2014

Is this in Your Future?



1973 Sodus Point, 248.16 feet above Sea Level

The International Joint Commission (IJC) has proposed to the governments of Canada and the United States to change the Lake Ontario water level from the present four foot range (Plan 58DD—243.3 to 247.3 feet above sea level) to a range of six foot or more (Plan 2014). The supposed reason for Plan 2014, is to improve the environment.

Here are the facts!

CLAIM

- ◇ *Per IJC "Plan 2014 would add about two inches to the upper range of what's in place now".*

FACT

- ◆ That would be the average of the high water level over a year. In June before the Control Board lets water out for high water, the water level will be nearly a foot higher and will rise further before action is taken. Per IJC "Changing the water level in the lake is not a quick process". Over a hundred years the lake level with Plan 2014 will be over the present high limit seventeen times vs. six times with the present plan. That means flooding will occur **EVERY SIX YEARS vs. EVERY TWENTY YEARS WITH THE PRESENT PLAN.**

CLAIM

- ◇ *Only 2.25 million dollars worth of damage on the south shore of Lake Ontario.*

FACT

- ◆ 2.25 million dollars only represents damage to the shore protection along the lake. **It does not include** any of the bays, loss of land, businesses, water and sewer infrastructure and homes. The largest tax base is along the south shore of the lake. When these properties are devalued, the property tax dollars will shrink dramatically. The difference will have to be made up by PROPERTY OWNERS INLAND. The south shore of Lake Ontario will see disproportional higher damage than the north shore or the river.

CLAIM

- ◇ *Low water will replenish the beaches and dunes that the high water had eroded away.*

FACT

- ◆ Low water will not replenish the bluffs, i.e., Chimney Bluff and others. Low water will be more stagnant and cause blue-green algae blooms that are toxic and will harm children and pets. It will also shorten the boating season.

CLAIM

- ◇ *If Plan 2014 is implemented It will increase the Northern Pike spawning grounds and increase the Muskrat population.*

FACT

- ◆ Neither the Northern Pike or the Muskrat are close to being endangered and in fact, are extremely prolific and widely inhabit the entire northern hemisphere of the globe.

CLAIM

- ◇ *Meadow marshes will be restored.*

FACT

- ◆ They can not be restored to the original because the St. Lawrence River has been diverted when the dams were built. Meadow marshes can only be restored as they are being restored in the Montezuma Wild Life Refuge. Nature Conservancy taunts that as a great success.

If You Do Not Want

- **HIGHER TAXES**
- **DECREASE IN PROPERTY VALUES**
- **SEWAGE RUNNING INTO THE LAKE AND BAYS**
- **FLOODING (statistically) EVERY SIX YEARS**
- **DESTRUCTION OF HOMES & BUSINESSES**
- **MAJOR EROSION OF THE LAKESHORE**
- **TOXIC BLUE-GREEN ALGAE**
- **DESTRUCTION OF CLIFF SWALLOW HABITAT**
- **THE SOUTH SHORE OF LAKE ONTARIO TAKING DISPROPORTIONAL DAMAGE**

Voice Your Opposition to Plan 2014

Governor of New York State and the U.S. Department of State can veto this plan. Write to:

Governor Andrew Cuomo

State Capital

Albany, NY 12224

<http://www.governor.ny.gov/contact/GovernorContactForm.php>

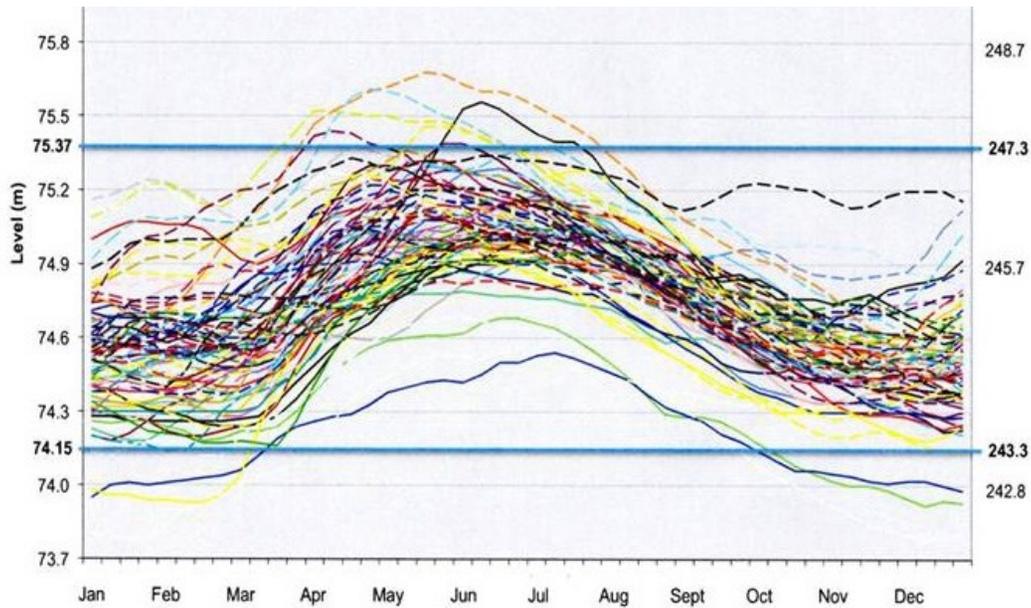
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Quarter-Month

Present Plan

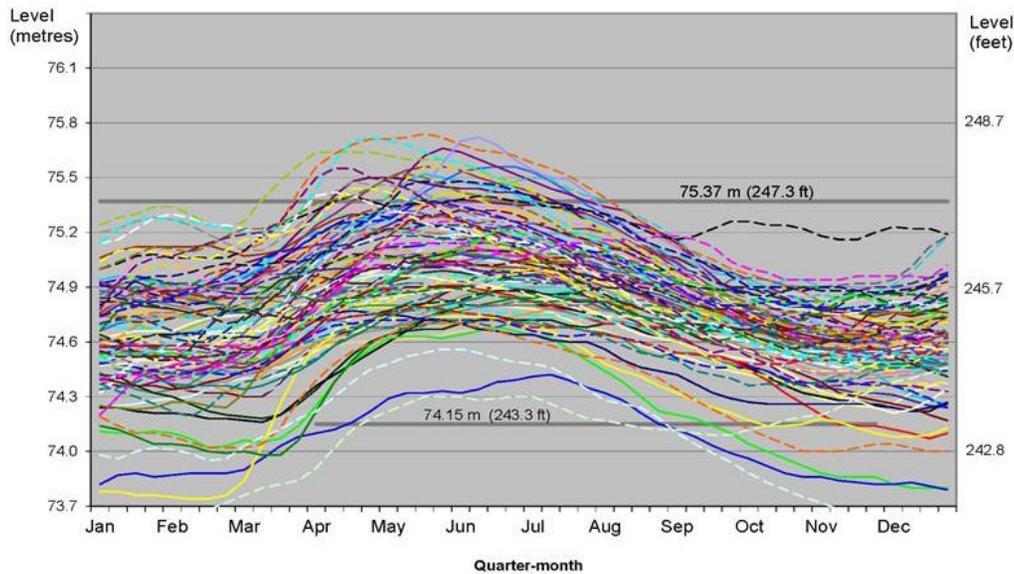
Graphs reflect 100 Year Water levels*

Suggested Plan 2014

Present Plan

Water level would exceed the high limit (247.3 feet above sea level) **five times over a period of 100 years**. And would drop below the low limit (243.3 feet above sea level) three times.

* Each line reflects a year in the water level



Plan 2014

Water level would exceed the present high limit (247.3 feet above sea level) **seventeen times over a period of 100 years**. And would drop below the low limit (243.3 feet above sea level) seven times.