

**Town of Porter**  
**Local Waterfront Revitalization Program**  
**PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING - MEETING SUMMARY**

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**Date of Meeting:** April 3, 2017

A public meeting for the Porter Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) was held in the court room auditorium at Porter Town Hall to gather input from the community. This meeting was advertised in local newspapers and through the posting of fliers around the Town. After introductions of the Project Team and the Waterfront Advisory Committee, a brief presentation was conducted on the project. The following information was offered through public comments.

General Questions and Comments:

- Explained the proposed changes to the LWRA boundary, which will be expanded to take in more area to better control future development potential, open up opportunities for multi-use trail connections and better protect natural resources.
- Explained that the LWRA includes upland areas and surface waters in the Niagara River and Lake Ontario.
- Aside from the two State parks and the Town park, there are no other publicly owned lands on the waterfront.
- Development of the Porter LWRP will take into consideration the policies and objectives of the Town of Lewiston and Village of Youngstown LWRPs.
- The zoning along the waterfront, which was the result of the Comprehensive Plan, does not allow for commercial uses along the shoreline.
- There are concerns about the potential for the Federal Government to cut funding for the Great Lakes and how that will impact the Town and Lake Ontario.
- The biggest concern in the community is shoreline erosion:
  - Lack of concern about potential impacts from International Joint Commission (IJC) decision to allow the water level in Lake Ontario to seek/return to natural highs and lows (2014 Plan)
  - Cost of stabilizing the shoreline for private property owners
  - Need a local representative on the IJC
  - The Town of Wilson charges less for a shoreline protection permit and lets you do whatever you want; why isn't it that way in Porter?
  - The Canadian government is investing in shoreline protection; the US should do more
  - The Army Corps of Engineers made some improvements along the shoreline a long time ago; they need to do more now

It was requested that the Town work to set up a meeting between the Town, the NYSDEC and the Army Corps of Engineers; representatives from the NYSDOS and Niagara County should be a part of this meeting. This is a very politically driven issue that fall beyond the ability of the LWRP to address. We need to determine what information should be included in the LWRP that can strengthen relationships, as well as recognize the reality of the existing situation.