# Ohio Department of Natural Resources

TED STRICKLAND, GOVERNOR SEAN D. LOGAN, DIRECTOR

January 4, 2010

PROPERTY OWNER NAME
STREET ADDRESS
CITY, OH ZIPCODE

Re: Preliminary identification of Lake Erie coastal erosion areas
Permanent Parcel Number XXXXXX

Dear Property Owner:

The Ohio Coastal Management Law, passed unanimously by the state legislature in 1988, recognizes the serious hazards and substantial economic losses caused by erosion of Ohio's Lake Erie coast. Ohio law requires that the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) 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."

ODNR records show that based on the 1998 final mapping, all or a portion of your property was determined to be located in a coastal erosion area. If you acquired your property before 1998, you should have previously received notice that your property was in a designated coastal erosion area. If you acquired your property after 1998, the seller should have informed you that all or a portion of the property was in a coastal erosion area.

In accordance with Ohio Revised Code, coastal erosion areas are periodically reviewed and updated by ODNR. This letter serves to inform you that based upon the recent review of coastal erosion information, ODNR has *preliminarily* determined that your property is *not* included in a coastal erosion area as identified in the preliminary 2010 coastal erosion area maps. However, the status of your property with regard to a coastal erosion area designation may change due to the process required to finalize the 2010 coastal erosion area designation. **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.**

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.

Affected landowners have the right to file an objection to a coastal erosion area designation during the objection period, which begins January 11, 2010 and lasts 120 days. Objections must be postmarked by May 10, 2010. Objections may only be filed by affected municipal corporations, counties, townships, or private landowners. After objections have been received and reviewed, the preliminary 2010 coastal erosion area designations may be modified. Affected property owners 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.

While you are not required to take any action in response to this letter, please understand that coastal erosion is a continuous process and rates of erosion at your property may change over time. Erosion can occur on all coastal properties regardless of whether a property is located in a designated coastal erosion area.

You can see coastal erosion maps for your area on ODNR's coastal erosion Web page at **ohiodnr.com/CEAm**. The Web page includes instructions to help locate your property on the maps and see the erosion rates, in feet per year. If you prefer to see paper maps, enclosed is a list of locations where paper maps are available for review.

If 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. Contact information is included with the enclosed materials.

Sincerely,

Sean D. Logan

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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