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We Need Your Help! **Take The Shoreline Survey**

2017 has been a challenging year for property owners and businesses located along the shoreline of Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River. A very wet spring led to record high Lake Ontario water levels resulting in flood and erosion damage to some shoreline properties.



Because of this, the Great Lakes – St. Lawrence River Adaptive Management (GLAM) Committee is seeking input through a survey from property and business owners directly affected by the high water levels. The survey asks a variety of questions on the extent of flooding, erosion, damage to shoreline structures, and related damage to shoreline properties.

The information collected in this survey will be used by the GLAM Committee to better understand vulnerable shoreline areas. The information you supply will help improve the models they use to assess the regulation of Lake Ontario outflows under a range of actual and potential future climate conditions. Data will only be reported in a summarized format so as to ensure the privacy of respondents.

As part of this survey there will an option to share pictures with the GLAM Committee of the flooding and/ or damage you observed on your property. If you choose to share any pictures please submit a file size no larger than 8MB in size. The survey should take about 10-25 minutes to complete, depending on extent of damage being report on. Currently the survey is scheduled to be available until December 15, 2017. **You can participate by visiting the web link at www.cloca.com .**

** This Survey is being conducted by Conservation Ontario on behalf of the GLAM Committee with funding being provided by the International Joint Commission.*

*** This survey is a modified version of a survey developed at Cornell University with support from New York Sea Grant that was conducted along the USA Lake Ontario and St. Lawrence River Shoreline.*

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