April 29, 2021

Re: Letter of Support for Sturgeon Point Marina, Evans, NY

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Niagara Region of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, I would like to offer our support for the request of a congressional earmark towards a Comprehensive Study of Sturgeon Point Marina and Bluffs as well as implementation funds for the Reconfiguration of the Inner Harbor (the “Project”). The goal of the Project is to improve the outdated infrastructure, operational efficiency and revenue potential of the Marina, while also closely examining the development opportunities of the surrounding Uplands and Bluffs.

Located 17 miles southwest of the City of Buffalo and 22 miles northeast of the City of Dunkirk, Sturgeon Point Marina is a major focal point for recreational and commercial boating on Lake Erie. Beyond being a major recreational resource, the Marina is also the only Harbor of Refuge along the 30 miles of shoreline between Buffalo Harbor State Park and the Sunset Bay Marine Park. The Marina also provides critical access for NYSDEC, Homeland Security, Evans Police, and Coast Guard patrols and rescue.

Lake Erie provides an unlimited amount of recreational opportunities and enhanced access to this resource is vital to the economic development of our entire region. Since its construction in 1987, the Marina has proven to be a regional asset, owned and operated by the Town of Evans. The Marina and its surrounding Uplands and Bluffs are open to the general public, regardless of residency, for all to enjoy and experience the beauty of Lake Erie. In fact, approximately 87% of the 4,248 boat launches in 2019 were by visitors from across all Western New York, as well as Central New York, the Southern Tier, and Western Pennsylvania.

We strongly support the efforts to secure a congressional earmark for the Comprehensive Study of Marina and Bluffs as well as the Reconfiguration of the Inner Harbor. We understand the financial pressure that the Town continues to experience with the upkeep and maintenance of this regional asset. As a key regional partner in the tourism and recreation industry, we recognize the need to keep this vital asset accessible to the visiting public. State Parks will continue to support the Town on the Project to help ensure the long-term viability of the Marina and Bluffs, and to fully realize its potential as a major recreational destination and economic driver for the region.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

Ronald Peters

Deputy General Manager

Niagara Region; NYSOPRHP
April 29, 2021

Hon. John J. Mills
Legislator

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Sincerely,

[Signature]

John J. Mills
Erie County Legislator, 11th District
Date: April 27, 2021

The Honorable Chris Jacobs
Congressman, U. S. House of Representatives
214 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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Congressman Jacobs:

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Sincerely,

Sean M. Ryan
New York State Senator, District 60
Date: April 27, 2021

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Most sincerely,

[Signature]
Chief Douglas J. Czora
Chief of Police

A FULLY ACCREDITED AGENCY
Town of Hamburg Police Department

Date: April 27, 2021

Re: Letter of Support for Sturgeon Point Marina, Evans, NY

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Town of Hamburg Police Marine Unit and the Town of Hamburg Police Department, we would like to offer our support for the request of a congressional earmarks towards a Comprehensive Study of Sturgeon Point Marina and Bluffs as well as implementation funds for the Reconfiguration of the Inner Harbor (the “Project”). The goal of the Project is to improve the outdated infrastructure, operational efficiency and revenue potential of the Marina, while also closely examining the development opportunities of the surrounding Uplands and Bluffs.

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Most sincerely,

Lt. Todd J. Ehret #0224
Commanding Officer
Town of Hamburg Police
Marine Enforcement Unit.
To Whom It May Concern:

As the Commissioner of the Parks Department in the Town of Evans, I would like to offer our support for the request of a congressional earmark towards a *Comprehensive Study of Sturgeon Point Marina and Bluffs* as well as implementation funds for the *Reconfiguration of the Inner Harbor* (the “Project”). The goal of the Project is to improve the outdated infrastructure, operational efficiency and revenue potential of the Marina, while also closely examining the development opportunities of the surrounding Uplands and Bluffs.

The Marina doesn’t just provide tourism and boating access to our area, it also provides jobs for our Parks Department employees. Some of Town’s Residents get their very first job as teenagers working our gas docks and cutting the grass. Others have been working for decades at the Marina managing boat launching and maintaining the slips. The Sturgeon Point Marina is a key piece to the Town of Evans workforce as a source of income for many families in our region.

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We strongly support the efforts to secure a congressional earmark for the *Comprehensive Study of Marina and Bluffs* as well as the *Reconfiguration of the Inner Harbor*. We understand the financial pressure that the Town continues to experience with the upkeep and maintenance of this regional asset. As a key stakeholder, we will continue to work with the Town on the Project to help ensure the long-term viability of the Marina and Bluffs, and to fully realize its potential as a major recreational destination and economic driver for the region.

Most sincerely,

Patrick Conrad
Parks Department
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Commissioner of the Parks Department in the Town of Evans, I would like to offer our support for the request of a congressional earmarks towards a *Comprehensive Study of Sturgeon Point Marina and Bluffs* as well as implementation funds for the *Reconfiguration of the Inner Harbor* (the “Project”). The goal of the Project is to improve the outdated infrastructure, operational efficiency and revenue potential of the Marina, while also closely examining the development opportunities of the surrounding Uplands and Bluffs.

My family-owned business, Connors Hot Dog Stand, operates as a tenet at the Marina and has been a staple there for decades. We love welcoming boaters and their families every summer for a hot dog or ice cream cone. As a business owner, I have employed hundreds of students at the Marina. As a result of their employment, it has allowed them to take out less college loans. For some of these students it has been a “make or break” for attending college.

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Respectfully,

Karen Erickson

Owner, Connors Hot Dog Stand
Date: April 27, 2021

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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Sturgeon Point Advisory Board, a long standing Sturgeon Point Slip Holder, an accomplished boater, US Merchant Mariner and licensed USCG Captain on Lake Erie, and a Town of Evans resident, I whole heartedly support Congressman Jacobs’ request for congressional earmarks toward a Comprehensive Study of Sturgeon Point Marina and Bluffs, as well as implementation funds for the Reconfiguration of the Inner Harbor (the “Project”). The goal of the Project is to improve the outdated infrastructure, operational efficiency and revenue potential of the Marina, while also closely examining the development opportunities of the surrounding Uplands and Bluffs.

Sturgeon Point Marina is strategically placed 17 miles southwest of the City of Buffalo, 22 miles northeast of the City of Dunkirk, and 11 miles north from the Canadian shoreline. Not only is Sturgeon Point Marina a major focal point for recreational and commercial boating on Lake Erie, but it provides a much needed safe harbor for boaters. Lake Erie is notorious for quick hitting violent storms. Due to the outdated infrastructure, often rescue vessels and deeper draft pleasure craft are unable to access Sturgeon Point Marina. This is a critical loss for everyone navigating the waters of Lake Erie. The Marina is pivotal as it is the only Safe Harbor along the 30 miles of shoreline between Buffalo Harbor and the Dunkirk Harbor. Having personal experience sailing from Buffalo, NY to Cleveland, Ohio, I assure you the loss of this Marina not only hinders the critical access for NYSDEC, Homeland Security, Evans Police, U.S. Coast Guard search and rescue patrols, but places recreational boaters in jeopardy.

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I speak not only for myself but for all boaters in Western New York and Southern Canada, in strongly support the efforts to secure a congressional earmark for the Comprehensive Study of Marina and Bluffs as well as the Reconfiguration of the Inner Harbor. As a tax payer in the town and NY State, I understand the financial pressure that the Town continues to experience with the upkeep and maintenance of this regional asset. As a key stakeholder, I will continue to work with the Town on the Project to help ensure the long-term viability of the Marina and Bluffs, and to fully realize its potential as a major recreational destination, a safe harbor and economic driver for the region.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen P. Flaherty Ph.D.

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On behalf of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), I would like to offer our support for the Town of Evans’ request for congressional earmarks towards a Comprehensive Study of Sturgeon Point Marina and Bluffs as well as implementation funds for the Reconfiguration of the Inner Harbor (the “Project”). The goal of the Project is to improve the outdated infrastructure, operational efficiency, and revenue potential of the Marina, while also closely examining the surrounding uplands and bluffs.

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DEC supports efforts to secure congressional earmarks for the Comprehensive Study of Marina and Bluffs as well as the Reconfiguration of the Inner Harbor. DEC understands the financial pressure that the Town continues to experience with the upkeep and maintenance of this regional asset. As a key stakeholder, we will continue to work with the Town on the Project to help ensure the long-term viability of the Marina, and to fully realize its potential as a major recreational destination and economic driver for the region.

Sincerely,

Chad Staniszewski, P. E. /s/
Chad Staniszewski
Acting Regional Director
May 5, 2021

Representative Chris Jacobs
8203 Main Street, Suite 2
Williamsville, NY 14221

Dear Representative Jacobs:

The Southtowns Walleye Association of Western New York, Inc. considers Sturgeon Point Marina to be a great asset to the community. Besides providing for launch and retrieval of boats for recreation, it also provides critical access for NYSDEC, Homeland Security, Evans Police, and Coast Guard patrols and rescue. The Marina is the only Safe Harbor between Buffalo and Sunset Bay. It is imperative for the safety of our boaters that the wall be repaired as soon as possible and the marina be dredged so that it can fulfill its obligation to the community.

Please provide the funding necessary to complete the above mentioned work and provide a safe waterway for all.

Sincerely,

Susan A. Guenther
President