

Town of Ogden Dunes

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Restore the Shore

Dear Neighbors,

Ogden Dunes needs your help!

We know lake levels are at an all-time high, but this community also suffers from a man-made crisis that was predicted before the Burns Harbor Complex was built. Unless we take action, our entire beach will be lost, many homes threatened and our utilities interrupted. This will impact town-wide property values.

To defend our town, we have created **Restore the Shore**, a community-wide effort to promote three achievable solutions:

1. Near-term, on-beach sand restoration to return the beach to a more natural state.
2. Maintain and enhance our shore protection systems so that we can survive worsening conditions.
3. US Army Corps of Engineers long-term solution that will help to maintain a more natural beach over time.

It is important to remember that after previous high lake cycles our beach only returned because the Burns Waterway was dredged and sand was placed directly on the Portage Lakefront Beach. The Burns Harbor structure prevents sand from reaching our beach naturally.

The Federal and State governments caused the situation and now the National Park Service is interfering with our ability to protect our Town. They have refused to issue permits to maintain and enhance our seawall even though all applicable State agencies have issued the necessary permits.

After extensive contact with Federal and State authorities to resolve this situation, officials remain unresponsive. The Town must engage legal representation to strengthen negotiations with the Federal and State governments and for possible further actions.

We are a small town of limited means. The Town has allocated \$50,000 to this effort. But, we need additional funding to achieve our goals.

Restore the Shore is our collective voice. We ask everyone to contribute as they can. The following are recommended contribution levels.

- \$2,500 for North Shore Drive homes
- \$1,000 for South Shore Drive homes
- \$300 for all other homes

We must move quickly and request contributions, if possible, before December 20, 2019.

On **December 9th, 2019 from 7-8pm** we will hold a town meeting at the Fire Station to detail the full problem and discuss intermediate and long-term solutions that the Town is working on. Please join the conversation and the campaign to **Restore the Shore**.

We are confident we can solve this crisis-together.

Sincerely,

Town Council

Scott Lehmann, Carolyn Saxton, Nate Ball, Mike Webber, Doug Cannon

P.S. This is your community. Let's work together to Restore the Shore!

Donations

There are two easy ways to make a tax deductible charitable gift donation to **Restore the Shore**:

- By US mail:
Town of Ogden Dunes
115 Hillcrest,
Ogden Dunes, 46368
- Drop off your check at the drop box marked "Water Bills" on the west side of the town hall.

** Please make the check payable to the **Town of Ogden Dunes** and reference **Restore the Shore** on your donation.*

You're DUNE GOOD with a gift to Ogden Dunes Restore the Shore!