

SAVE OUR  
SHORELINE, INC.

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**OUR MISSION:**

“To organize waterfront property owners and those with similar interests consistent with the goals of the organization; to preserve and maintain riparian rights, including the right to maintain safe recreational beaches and waterfront areas, both public and private; and to preserve and maintain a proper balance for the coexistence of man and nature upon and near waterfront property.”

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Officers and Directors

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| Ernest Krygier, Jr. | President      |
| George Killeen      | Vice President |
| Neal Tiernan        | Secretary      |
| Robert E. Harvey    | Treasurer      |
| John M. Dwan        | Director       |
| F. Peter Frauson    | Director       |
| William Lutz        | Director       |
| David L. Powers     | Director       |
| Francis W. Whalen   | Director       |

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**ANSWERS**

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## Questions and Answers

- Q Who is Save Our Shoreline?
- A Save Our Shoreline is a newly formed association organized as a nonprofit membership basis corporation of owners and residents of waterfront property, and those with similar interests, who are committed to preservation of our beaches and waterfront areas, and the right to maintain our beaches and waterfront.
- Q What is the Purpose of the organization?
- A According to our Articles of Incorporation adopted on July 31, 2001, our purpose is as follows:
- To organize waterfront property owners and those with similar interests consistent with the goals of the organization; to preserve and maintain riparian rights, including the right to maintain safe recreational beaches and waterfront areas, both public and private; and to preserve and maintain a proper balance for the coexistence of man and nature upon and near waterfront property.
- Q Who is in charge?
- A The members have the ultimate control of the association. To get the association going, the organizers have appointed nine shoreline owners and residents from Bay City area residential beaches as directors. They include Ernest Krygier, Jr.; George Killeen; Neal Tiernan; Robert E. Harvey; John M. Dwan; F. Peter Frauson; William Lutz; David L. Powers; and Francis W. Whalen. Our initial membership drive has been targeted to the beaches from Bay City north to AuGres. We anticipate expanding our membership to as far around the Great Lakes as our mission and purpose may take us.
- Q What will Membership in Save Our Shoreline do for me?
- A If you have previously been attending beachfront owner meetings regarding the beach weeds and your ability to maintain your beach; if you have

followed the debate with interest; or if you are interested in preserving your right to maintain your beach or shoreline, this is the organization for you. Your support will provide the organization with necessary funds to advance its goals; it will allow us to keep you informed by newsletters and other means; and we will be able to speak with a common voice. Perhaps most important, however, is the strength we will acquire from having a large and active membership. By joining together, we believe we can successfully reassert the right to maintain our beaches.

- Q But my beach is beautiful, and I have had no trouble with the DEQ and the Corps of Engineers. Why should I join?
- A The fact that you have had no trouble so far is no guarantee that you will not in the future. The DEQ has asserted through various means that it, and not the riparian owner, owns the portion of the beach below a point 579.8 feet above sea level. Further, current legislation says that below that point, you may not “in any manner alter or modify” any part of the beach. Under this language, the DEQ could argue that if you pulled a single weed or buried a single dead fish, you broke the law. Further, the beaches are in a continuing state of transition, and you cannot always predict your situation from year to year. Inroads gained by the government now may affect you in the future.
- Q If I join, will the DEQ or the Corps of Engineers target me or my property?
- A One of our most jealously protected rights in the Bill of Rights is the freedom of assembly. Further, your board has no intention of making our membership list public.
- Q What does it cost to join?
- A The cost to join Save Our Shoreline is \$50.00, which represents an entrance fee of \$25.00 and annual dues of \$25.00. Make your check payable to “Save Our

Shoreline.” If you would like to mail your check, please mail it to:

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- Q Will that be enough money to fight the DEQ and the Corps of Engineers in court?
- A Probably not. But it will be enough to help us communicate with our members and get our message out to legislators, governmental officials, and the public. If we determine to go to court, we will consider a number of ideas for funding such a battle. We may have to come back to our members for that funding, but it is too early to tell if that will be necessary.
- Q Who can join?
- A Waterfront property owners or residents may join as voting members. Other persons interested in the goals of the organization may join as nonvoting associate members.
- Q What if I want more information, or I want to get involved?
- A Contact any officer or director, or write us at the address on the cover.

