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RAB ELECTIONS ANNOUNCED

The RAB is holding elections through August 31st on the following nominations to its Steering Committee:

Beverly Van Deusen (Village of Youngstown)
Alphonso Marra Bax (Town of Lewiston)
Timothy Henderson
Sandy Sanger Tuck
Thomas E. Schofield, Esq.
Ann Roberts (former RAB Chair)
Joan E. Gipp (Emeritus)

“We are fortunate to have diverse skills and great community representation on the RAB” said Membership Chair Bill Choboy. Choboy went on to say, “In addition, we are very pleased that Ronald J. Scudato, Ph.D., has agreed to act as a Technical Advisor to the RAB. His credentials and extensive experience working with Army Corps Restoration Advisory Boards will be helpful to the community.”

Dr. Scudato is the former Director of Environmental Research at the State University of New York at Oswego and has served on the New York Superfund Management Board and Great Lakes Protection Fund. He has over 30 years of experience with environmental site characterization and remediation. A geologist, Scudato recently completed a New York State DEC Technical Assistance Grant for Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper regarding the former Air Force Plant 68, located on the LOOW site. Scudato was also a contributor to the Niagara County Health Department’s, “Community LOOW Project” in 2008.

The mission of the Lake Ontario Ordnance Works (LOOW) Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) is to influence the investigation and promote the satisfactory remediation of the entire LOOW site, including all publicly and privately owned parcels. Convened in 1999, the RAB is a forum for the public and all stakeholders for the exchange of information as well as open and independent dialog concerning Army Corps of Engineers environmental investigations and remediation activities at the LOOW site.

The LOOW site consists of approximately 7,500 acres of publicly and privately owned parcels located in the Towns of Lewiston and Porter that were once owned by the federal government and used for military weapons production-related operations started during WWII. It includes the 191-acre Niagara Falls Storage Site, which still houses radioactive waste material from atomic weapons production in the 1940’s and 1950’s.

The public is welcome to join the RAB. Membership requests can be sent to Bill Choboy at: billc313@yahoo.com or call 745-7790.