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Rochester, NY - Congresswoman Louise M. Slaughter (D-NY-28), Chairwoman of the House Committee on Rules, today joined officials from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the recent completion of Charlotte Pier repairs. Rep. Slaughter secured the federal funding to restring the pier's cable railing system and fix the concrete walking surface in the FY08 Omnibus Appropriations bill.

"The completion of these critical repairs is welcome news for all those who fish, boat, visit the summer festivals, or simply enjoy walking along the pier," said Rep. Slaughter. "I am very pleased that our community will be able to continue using this pier to enjoy our region's natural beauty."

The Charlotte Pier repairs included both major and minor resurfacing. Around 2,400 square feet of deteriorating concrete was replaced with new, smooth concrete. An additional 1,700 square feet of concrete was touched up to repair minor cracks and potholes. Lastly, graffiti was washed away and 3,000 linear feet of new cable railing was strung to replace missing or damaged railing.

"Teamwork and partnership at all levels, from Congresswoman Slaughter, to the Corps of Engineers, to Monroe County, to the City of Rochester, is what has made this project a reality," said Jack Rintoul, Deputy District Engineer for Programs and Project Management at the Corps of Engineers Buffalo District.

BACKGROUND

Rep. Slaughter secured \$1.466 million in the FY08 Omnibus Appropriations bill to dredge the Rochester Harbor Channel and repair the Charlotte Pier. The majority of the funding was applied to the dredging activities and \$105,000 was set aside for pier repairs.

Dredging of the Rochester Harbor Channel is expected to be completed this month. The Harbor was last dredged in 2004, using funding secured by Rep. Slaughter in the FY04 federal budget.

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