

## August 13, 2008 - Rep. Slaughter Debuts Plans to Protect Albion Water Treatment Plant

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Rep. Slaughter Joins U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Local Officials To Debut Plans To Protect Albion Water Treatment Plant

Waterport, NY - Congresswoman Louise M. Slaughter (D-NY-28), Chairwoman of the House Committee on Rules, today joined local officials and representatives from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to debut plans to protect the Village of Albion Water Treatment Plant and preserve the drinking water of 15,000 Orleans County residents.

"Thousands of residents in Orleans County depend on this water system every day," said Rep. Slaughter. "This water treatment plant is an extremely valuable resource for this region and I am pleased to be part of the effort to ensure that it remains so for years to come."

Unfortunately, erosion has been steadily eating away the shoreline immediately in front of the water treatment plant. If the situation is left unabated, the plant could flood or suffer other serious damage.

Rep. Slaughter secured \$250,000 in federal funding in FY2006 to help finance the Army Corps of Engineers' reinforcement project to construct a 250 to 350 feet breakwater along the coastline next to the treatment plant.

## BACKGROUND

Last month, the Army Corps of Engineers opened up bidding for contractors for the project. The deadline for bids is August 19th. If bids come back within budget, construction is expected to begin this October.

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