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Sen. Goeff Hansen
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Re: Senate Bill 215 and 243

Dear Senator Hansen:

I am writing on behalf of Pentwater's Harbor Research Committee, which I chair. I know that you have already received letters of support from Juanita Pierman, our Village President. I strongly support her recommendations.

Pentwater formed the Harbor Research Committee to address the need for dredging of the channel connecting Pentwater Lake to Lake Michigan. This channel has been dredged by the federal government since the 1870's. For example, they dredged it 30 times since 1960. The US Army Corps of Engineers no longer has funds for this activity.

Our committee was formed to address this problem. The committee consists of about 30 volunteers from a wide variety of backgrounds. We have:

1. Developed equipment and processes to map the depths of the channel and adjacent waters of Lake Michigan, and have done this 10 times between March 2012 and January 2013.
2. Established a fund through the Oceana County Community Foundation to solicit private donations.
3. Worked the Village of Pentwater and Pentwater Lake Improvement Board to secure funding for dredging. The combination of private and public funds were used to successfully dredge the channel in July 2012.
4. Worked to develop innovative ways to address the channel shoaling issues.

There is no question that navigability of our channel is key to the continued success of our community. We strongly support the efforts embodied in Senate Bills 215 and 243 to help alleviate this problem.

Thank you.



David Roseman