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Save Our Shoreline Holds Successful Organizational Meeting in Traverse City

BAY CITY, Michigan – August 26, 2002 – Save Our Shoreline, Inc. announces that on Sunday, August 25, 2002, the group held a successful organizational meeting at the Grand Traverse Resort near Traverse City, Michigan, attended by approximately 400 people. "We were extremely pleased by the large turnout, especially considering that it was held on a Sunday afternoon late in the summer," said Ernie Krygier, President of the group of over 1,300 members. The group was invited by local organizers, including resort owners, who have been told by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that they cannot maintain their beaches.

Attendees at the meeting included several local and state elected officials who spoke in support of Save Our Shoreline and the rights of beachowners to groom and maintain their shorefront property. As a result of the meeting, Save Our Shoreline expects to substantially expand its membership into the Grand Traverse Bay region. "In our original organizational documents, we indicated that we would expand as far around the state as our common interests take us," said SOS President Ernie Krygier. "We have found that beachowners around both the Saginaw Bay and the Grand Traverse Bay have common interests in protecting our beaches, which in turn will serve to protect area tourism, property values, public health, and the enjoyment of our state's natural bounty, our beautiful beaches, for the benefit of private owners and the public alike," he said.

Founded in 2001, Save Our Shoreline is a nonprofit membership basis corporation committed to the preservation of beaches and waterfront areas, and to the protection of rights to maintain beaches and waterfront areas. Those interested in Save Our Shoreline can find more information at http://www.saveourshoreline.org/ or by calling (989) 667-2910. For more information about this press release, contact Ernie Krygier at (989) 793-3711.