

The Mannik & Smith Group and the Frenchtown Charter Township Resort District Authority received an Engineering Excellence Merit Award at the 2012 American Council of Engineering Companies of Michigan (ACEC/M) annual Engineering and Surveying Excellence Awards Banquet in Kalamazoo, Michigan on February 25, 2012. The engineering excellence award was for the Frenchtown Township Seawall Rehabilitation Project, Phase 1. This project was the culmination of years of work to develop a Master Plan and engineering plans for the rehabilitation and replacement of the old, deteriorated and structurally deficient Lake Erie shoreline flood protection system with a new or rehabilitated system. The Master Plan was developed to prioritize the phasing of the projects based upon the areas of greatest need. Detailed engineering plans were prepared, which included steel soldier piles with precast concrete walls and other structural rehabilitation techniques. The Phase 1 (Zone 1) project included over 5000 feet of seawall construction at a cost of approximately \$4.9 million.