

ANNUAL REPORT ON ACTIVITIES: JANUARY 1, 2007 TO DECEMBER 31, 2007

Oatka Creek Watershed Committee

I. Meetings:

- a. Regularly scheduled OCWC meetings were held on: 01/22/07, 02/26/07, 03/26/07, 06/25/07, 08/27/07, 09/25/07 and 11/05/07.
- b. A Joint OCWC and BCWC meeting was held on 06/25/07 to discuss the EPF grant for watershed planning. David Zorn Executive Director - Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council (G/FLRPC) was present.
- c. Held a working session meeting on 09/07/07 with members of the BCWC, OCWC and G/FLRPC to discuss the scope of work for EPF grant.

II. Outreach Activities:

- a. OCWC newsletter was not issued in this period.
- b. OCWC voted to retain the services of CT Integration Systems to assist with the development of a website. A contract for services not to exceed \$900 was executed on 09/26/07. The website update is a work in process. Member Lisa Compton is working with CT Integration to incorporate previous work, help with the design and obtain documents for posting.
- c. Continued to distribute Oatka Creek Guides at various events.

III. Funding Initiatives:

- a. During the 2006 calendar year, the Town of Wheatland received confirmation of an EPF grant award (+/- \$150,000) for watershed planning in the Oatka Creek and Black Creek watersheds. The Town of Wheatland is the municipal sponsor. This money requires a 50/50 local match. The grant is specifically for development of the Watershed Plan.

During the 2007 calendar year period, the Town received official notification of the grant award. Development of a contract between the Town of Wheatland and Department of State is on going and will be finalized in 2008. The G/FLRPC, with assistance from OCWC and BCWC, will conduct the work resulting in a *Watershed Management Plan*. The local match to the EPF grant is expected to be a combination of monies received through fundraising and In-Kind services. The Town of Wheatland, with support from the Genesee/Finger lakes Regional Planning Council, OCWC and BCWC, spent considerable time planning a fundraising event for local state and federal elected officials. The event was scheduled for November 30, 2007 however it was cancelled due low interest around the holidays. It will be rescheduled in 2008.

- b. OCWC approached the Rochester Area Community Foundation to discuss possible grants that could be used for watershed planning. Received confirmation in October that the Rochester Area Community Foundation (RACF) has awarded the OCWC and

BCWC a \$10,000 grant (\$5000 each). The monies will be used toward the local match of the EPF grant.

- c. OCWC made application to the Wyoming Foundation for a \$2000 grant. The request was denied.
- d. Member Robert Kelley contacted Horizon Wind Energy for consideration of a \$5000. charitable contribution to benefit watershed planning. A letter request was sent December 20,2007.

IV. OCWC Coordination with Other Watershed Initiatives and/or Groups:

- a. OCWC members closely following the Wyoming Soil and Water project for stream bank remediation of the Kennedy site.
- b. Attended NYSDEC planning seminar for Southwest Lake Ontario Action Plan. OCWC made a presentation to a group of about 60 attendees.
- c. Continued to provide input on the G/FLRPC study entitled," Controlling Sediment in the Black and Oatka Creek watersheds". This report is being used to program projects within the watershed basin.

V. General Activities:

- a. Various activities associated with the development of a website. A major effort has been to digitize documents for posting on the website and working with CT Integration Systems to design the website.
- b. Members completed a list of property owners along the creek in Genesee County.
- c. Regarding a proposed Ethanol Plant in Caledonia, OCWC petitioned the Lead Agency (Town of Caledonia) to be an interested agency in the State Environmental Quality Review process. OCWC presented comments at the March 7, 2007 public hearing relative to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Comments were focused on watershed resource protection only.
- d. Participated in Earth Day events in Village of Scottsville (April). OCWC booth was set up.
- e. The OCWC display was set-up at the Genesee River Basin, Mt Morris Conference given by the Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council.

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