

ANNUAL REPORT ON ACTIVITIES: JANUARY 1, 2004 TO DECEMBER 31,2004

Oatka Creek Watershed Committee

- I. Outreach Activities:
 - a. OCWC newsletter was issued in the Spring
 - b. Newspaper interview and subsequent article in the Batavia Daily News
 - c. Festival Booth at Leroy Festival and Scottsville Festival (G. Squires & RTV)
 - d. Completed PHASE II- OUTREACH:
 - i. Finished Village and Town Meetings
 - ii. Secured “Call For Cooperation” resolutions from Municipalities
 - iii. Concentrated on recruiting participants from Municipalities
 - iv. Utilized our March meeting to Familiarize new members w/ the Committee
 - e. Oatka Guide: competed graphics and text w/ assistance from Genesee / Finger Lakes Regional Planning council (G/FLRPC), printed guides and distributed to municipalities and interested parties.

- II. Corporate and Financial Activities:
 - a. Achieved 501(c) 3 Status from IRS
 - b. Received New York State tax exempt status
 - c. First Corporate tax filing (Form 990) by Bob Kelley
 - d. Opened Bank Account @ Wyoming Branch of the Wyoming County Bank and transferred Rochester Area Community Foundation Funds into account

- III. OCWC Coordination with Other Watershed Initiatives and/or Groups:
 - a. Joint meeting of the Black Creek Watershed Coalition& Oatka Creek Watershed Committee on August 23, 2004. Feature speaker Dave Zorn regarding G/FLRPC’s project to study Soil Erosion and Sediment Control on Oatka Creek and Black Creek. OCWC provides input regarding “Development Assessment Matrix” over the course of several months.
 - b. Oatka Stressed Stream Analysis and Report completed by SUNY Brockport. The Study was sponsored by the Genesee and Wyoming County Soil and Water Conservation Districts using Finger Lakes/ Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance (FOLLOWPA)Special Project grant funds. G. Squires presented the report at the September Meeting.
 - c. Grant submissions by others:
 - i. Monroe, Genesee & Wyoming SWCD Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) Grant for Lake Ontario/Genesee River Basin “Best Management Practice”: Implementation Grant
 - ii. G/FLRPC: EPF grant for “Watershed Revitalization – Watershed Management Plan Development” OCWC provides letter of support and Town of Wheatland agrees to be the sponsor.

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IV. Steward Activities (Dave Zorn):

- a. Assisted OCWC to complete Phase II outreach using the remainder of monies under the Genesee County SWCD Special Project FLOWPA Grant
- b. Attended five (5) OCWC meetings
- c. Coordinating with OCWC regarding Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Project on Oatka Creek and Black Creek
- d. Prepared Draft Contract for additional services to help the Committee organize the content and format of the Watershed Protection plan