ANNUAL REPORT ON ACTIVITIES: JANUARY 1, 2009 TO DECEMBER 31, 2009

Oatka Creek Watershed Committee, Inc.

I. <u>Meetings:</u>

- a. Regularly scheduled OCWC meetings were held on: 05/11/09, 06/15/09, 07/27/09, 10/05/09.
- b. Meetings were held as part of the watershed planning process being conducted by the Genesee /Finger Lakes Planning Council for the development of watershed plans for Oatka Creek and Black Creek. Funding is provided through it an environmental protection fund grant. Meetings were held on: July 6, August 10, August 24, September 21, October 20, November 23 and December 17.

II. Outreach Activities:

a. OCWC newsletter (summer 2009) was issued in this period. It was distributed via mail to municipalities. The newsletter included articles entitled, Message from the Chairman, Oatka Creek Watershed Management Plan Commences, Proposed Cleanup at Lapp Insulator, and Oatka Creek Cleanup News.

III. <u>Funding Initiatives:</u>

a. The EPF watershed planning grant for Oatka Creek and Black Creek was received and executed by the Town of Wheatland during this period. The Genesee /Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council will be conducting the work. The Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council has petitioned the Department of State for a time extension since a significant amount of time was lost before it was executed by the state. As of the date of this report, the Department of State has not acted on the time extension request. The Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council anticipates that the extension will be granted.

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

- a. Oatka Creek Watershed Committee members participate on the Project Advisory Committee for the watershed planning process being conducted by the Genesee /Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council. Seven meetings were held during this period(see dates above). These meetings focused on: organizational matters, developing an outreach plan, developing a communications plan and developing a *Request for Proposal* for consultant services.
- b. OCWC members complied a summary of In-Kind services from October 2007 to June 2009.

V. <u>Corporate Activity:</u>

a) None to Report

VI. General Activities:

- a. A Coastal Clean-up initiative was organized by Maureen Leupold . The cleanup was held in Oatka Park in Monroe County. The event was held on September 26, 2009.
- b. R.VenVertloh attended first meeting of the Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council project entitled, *Blueway Analysis*.

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