

ANNUAL REPORT ON ACTIVITIES: JANUARY 1, 2010 TO DECEMBER 31, 2010

Oatka Creek Watershed Committee, Inc.

I. Meetings:

- a. Regularly scheduled OCWC meetings were held on: 02/22/10, 3/22/10, 05/10/10, 07/01/10, 07/19/10, 08/16/10 and 11/29/10.
- b. Meetings were held as part of the watershed planning process being conducted by the Genesee /Finger Lakes Planning Council (G/FLRPC) for the development of watershed plans for Oatka Creek and Black Creek. Funding is provided through it an environmental protection fund grant. Joint OCWC/BCWC meetings were held on: 03/08/10 and 10/21/10.

II. Outreach Activities:

- a. OCWC newsletter (Fall 2010) was issued in this period. It was distributed via mail to municipalities. The newsletter included articles entitled, *Message from the Chairman- The Development of a Watershed Plan For Oatka Creek Has Begun* , *Outreach Program Schedule*, *Watershed Symposium - Black Creek & Oatka Creek*, *Oatka Creek Cleanup*.
- b. The Committee developed a short 15 minute Powerpoint presentation over the course of several months. The presentation was intended to reintroduce the OCWC to Towns and Villages in the watershed as well as inform the municipalities regarding the watershed planning being conducted by G/FLRPC. Committee members gave the presentation to the following communities:
 - Town of Warsaw, August 9, 2010, 7:00 PM
 - Town of Gainesville, August 9, 2010, 7:00 PM
 - Village of Leroy, August 25, 2010, 7:00 PM
 - Town of Leroy , August 26, 2010, 7:00 PM
 - Town of Middlebury, September 8, 2010, 8:00 PM
 - Town of Pavilion, September 9, 2010, 7:30 PM
 - Town of Bethany, September 13, 2010, 7:30 PM
 - Town of Stafford, September 13, 2010, 7:30 PM
 - Town of Covington, September 14, 2010, 7:30 PM
 - Village of Warsaw, September 20, 2010,7:30 PM
 - Village of Caledonia, October 5, 2010, 7:00 PM
 - Town of Wheatland, October 7, 2010, 7:00 PM
 - Town of Wethersfield, October 11, 2010, 7:00 PM
 - Village of Scottsville, October 12, 2010, 6:30 PM
 - Town of Perry, October 13, 2010, 7:15 PM
 - Town of Caledonia, October 14, 2010, 7:00 PM

- Town of Orangeville, November 4, 2010, 6:00PM
- Village of Wyoming, November 9, 2010, 7:00 PM

III. Watershed Planning – G/FLRPC Project:

- a. A time extension was granted by the Department of State for the EPF watershed planning grant for Oatka Creek and Black Creek. The end date for the project is now September 30, 2012. OCWC members R. VenVertloh, E. Leadley, L. Compton and M. Leupold, G. McKurth and G. Squires participated on the Advisory Committee. Tasks conducted during the 2010 calendar include:
- Consultant Selection (EcoLogic was selected)
 - Developing Watershed Characterizations (G/FLRPC and EcoLogic)

IV. Corporate Activity:

- a) None to Report

V. 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 25, 2010.
- b. A *Watershed Symposium* was held on October 28, 2010. It was organized by Monroe County and members of the Black Creek Watershed Coalition. It is made possible by a grant from the Finger Lakes-Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance. The Symposium’s agenda was designed to introduce the concept and benefits of watershed planning and to share information about the Black and Oatka Creek Watersheds. Speakers presented information on trout fishing, the Bergen Swamp, stream bank restoration, the Agricultural Environmental Management Program and a grant from the New York State Department of State Environmental Protection Fund to create a watershed plan for Black and Oatka Creeks. R. Venvertloh was a presenter.
- c. OCWC participation (Informational Booth) at ECO-Fest (April 17th) held at Genesee Community College.

Submitted By: _____

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