

## ANNUAL REPORT ON ACTIVITIES: JANUARY 1, 2018 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018

### Oatka Creek Watershed Committee, Inc.

#### I. Meetings:

- a. Regularly scheduled OCWC meetings were held on: January 22, February 26, March 17, April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15, November 19 and December 17.

#### II. Corporate Activity:

- a. Held *Annual Meeting of the Corporation (2017)* on 1/22/18
- b. Approved Budget for 2018 at the 1/22/18 meeting.
- c. Developed a *Work Plan* for 2018 at the 1/22/18 meeting.
- d. Updated “Municipal Contact” and “Mailing lists”.
- e. Held a Joint OCWC/BCWC workgroup meeting on 9/21.

#### III. Advisory Agency Interaction:

- a. NYSDEC - Storm Water Management training workshops: At a regularly scheduled OCWC meeting, Jayme Thomann presented design recommendations for storm water management in the Village of LeRoy that were developed at training workshops as part of the DEC’s Lake Ontario Action Agenda project.
- b. NYSDEC – Printing outreach materials: The DEC began to print individual Town/Village “outreach packettes” for use at municipal outreach meetings.
- c. NYSDEC - Survey of the fish population: Pete Lent attended the annual DEC fish shocking event held on Spring Creek to survey fish populations.
- d. NYSDEC – T4T Program: Pete lent participated in the *Trees for Tribs* grant gateway webinar on August 25.
- e. NYSDEC –Planning for Municipal Outreach: A conference call on July 10<sup>th</sup> was organized by Shannon Dougherty with members of the BCWC and OCWC. The purpose was to discuss goals, specifically the formation of an Intermunicipal Organization (IO) and to begin planning for joint municipal outreach meetings to present recommendations in the WMP.
- f. G/FLRPC Fall Municipal Workshop: Pete Lent attended two sessions regarding Green Infrastructure Retrofits for commercial businesses and municipalities.
- g. NY Association of Conservation Districts Conference: Maureen Leupold attended the late October conference.
- h. Freshwater Future – Continued membership in Freshwater Futures.
- i. NYS Urban Forestry Council's ReLeaf Conference @ RIT (July 26-28): Pete Lent led a group from the conference on a workshop/tour of the Oatka Creek Park T4T planting sites.
- j. Trout Unlimited: OCWC wrote a letter of support for the TU Habitat Improvement project in Oatka Creek Park.
- k. Western NY Soil Health Alliance: Maureen Leupold attended a workshop in Batavia on December 19<sup>th</sup>.

IV. Education/ Outreach Activities:

- a. Website: Several website updates by Lisa & John Compton.
- b. Genesee County Envirothon: Maureen Leupold gave an aquatic presentation.
- c. Municipal WMP Presentations: Planning began for the first two joint OCWC/ BCWC presentations to the Town of Wheatland and Village of Scottsville. These meetings are being planned for early 2019.
- d. LeRoy Oatka Festival: Participated in the festival with a display booth on July 14 and 15th.
- e. Municipal follow up with Town of LeRoy: Pete & Maureen met with the LeRoy Town Board to discuss opportunities for collaboration.
- f. WAVE: Pete Lent conducted some training of Trout Unlimited members in Mumford.
- g. Guest Rich Tetrault, Village of LeRoy: Trustee Tetrault attended the December meeting to discuss Village initiatives including the Gatehouse repair associated with the spillway at the dam at Rte. 5 and the \$9 million grant for upgrading the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- h. Facebook: The OCWC is investigating ways to include PayPal on Facebook.

V. General Activities:

- a. Trees for Tribes (T4T) Program: On April 28<sup>th</sup> and June 7<sup>th</sup> members of the OCWC checked/ maintained trees previously planted trees in Oatka Creek Park and on the Balonek Farm/Genesee County Village & Museum properties.
- b. Storm Drain Marking in Village of LeRoy: Lisa & John Compton reviewed the status of the drain medallions and members of the OCWC completed installing about 120 additional medallions on 9/22.
- c. Inter-municipal Agreement (IMA): A draft Oatka Creek Watershed IMA was authored using the Black Creek IMA as a template. Members of the OCWC began coordinating with County representatives so that it can ultimately be adopted in Monroe, Genesee, Wyoming and Livingston Counties.
- d. Amazon Smile: Set up a “smile” account for OCWC.
- e. Parks Clean-Up: OCWC members participated in a “Clean-up the Park” event in Oatka Creek Park in April.
- f. Document Printing: Jim Seiler printed a complete copy of the *Watershed Management Plan* for the Woodward library.
- g. Potential Spring Creek Restoration project: Members of the OCWC had discussions with Trout Unlimited and Garbutt Club about a possible stream restoration project on Spring Creek.
- i. T4T event, Town of Caneadea: Pete Lent participated in a tree planting event on the Mallard Dairy Farm in Allegany County.
- j. WAVE: A WAVE stream assessment of Stoney Creek was conducted on 9/16 by Pete Lent.
- k. Mill Street Park, Village of LeRoy: The OCWC began discussions regarding coordinating with the Village for a project to clean up the area.

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