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ANNUAL REPORT ON ACTIVITIES: JANUARY 1, 2006 TO DECEMBER 31, 2006

Oatka Creek Watershed Committee

I. Outreach Activities:

- a. OCWC newsletter was issued in November 2006 (Fall/Winter Newsletter). It was sent to Town and Village clerks for distribution to Board members.
- b. Website update is a work in process.

II. Funding Initiatives:

- a. Received EPF grant (+/- \$150,000) for watershed planning in the Oatka Creek and Back 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. Fund raising for the local share will primarily occur in 2007.
- b. Met with RACF (12/18/06) to solicit grant funds that could be applied to the EPF local share. It may be possible to get a \$5000 challenge grant.

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

- a. Wyoming Soil and Water received a Great Lakes Basin grant for stream bank remediation of the Kennedy site (\$40,000).
- b. Investigated an erosion problem caused by beavers felling trees within Oatka Creek Park, Monroe County. The situation was reviewed with County staff and it was determined that this was a natural occurrence that actually had some benefits.
- c. Members provided input to the Town of LeRoy regarding the Rochester & Southern RR erosion site south of Lapp Insulator.
- d. Several members attended seminar hosted by Federation of Monroe County Environmentalists on Local Water Supplies.
- e. OCWC members closely following the development of a study (to be conducted by SUNY Brockport) regarding a sinkhole in the Town of LeRoy.
- f. Continued to provide input on the G/FLRPC study entitled, "Controlling Sediment in the Black and Oatka Creek watersheds".

IV. General Activities:

- a. Lisa Compton finished digitizing State of the Basin report and several other OCWC documents.
- b. Spent considerable time reviewing the concept of establishing regional sub committees. Agreed to give it a try at the October meeting. Three sub committees were developed: lower, middle and upper watersheds. The full committee will meet every third month. Subcommittees would meet the other months.
- c. Spent considerable time reviewing the "Watershed Management Plan Outline" originally prepared by G/FLRPC in 2005. A revised outline was developed and accepted.

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- d. Members are researching the names of property owners along the creek.