

**ANNUAL REPORT ON ACTIVITIES: JANUARY 1, 2008 TO DECEMBER 31, 2008**

**Oatka Creek Watershed Committee, Inc.**

I. Meetings:

- a. Regularly scheduled OCWC meetings were held on: 02/19/08, 04/07/08, 05/05/08, 06/02/08, and 07/07/08.
- b. Three Joint OCWC and BCWC meetings were held on 10/30/08 and 11/18/08. David Zorn Executive Director - Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council ( G/FLRPC) was present to facilitate. The purpose of the meetings were to start to organize the watershed planning process in anticipation of EPF grant monies being available. Two committee's are envisioned: one for elected officials and one for individuals with technical expertise (Technical Advisory Committee)

II. Outreach Activities:

- a. OCWC newsletter (Spring 2008) was issued in this period. It was distributed via mail to municipalities in the watershed and state elected officials.
- b. The website update and redesign was completed in 2008. The committee worked with CT Integration to assist in the design and development of the OCWC website. Considerable effort from member Lisa Compton was instrumental in helping to achieve success. This was a major accomplishment for the OCWC
- c. Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council held a Black Creek and Oatka Creek Watershed elected officials breakfast on February 29, 2008. A follow-up letter was sent by G/FLRPC to those elected officials that were not able to attend. The OCWC helped author the letter.
- d. Continued to distribute Oatka Creek Guides at various events.
- e. Sent a variety of geology related materials to an interested individual named Mark Wade.
- f. Sent welcome packets to two individuals: Todd Gadd, Wyoming County Superintendent of Highways and Maureen Leupold, Genesee Community College. Maureen has become an active member of the committee.

III. Funding Initiatives:

- a. Submitted grant application to Wyoming Foundation on April 12, 2008. The grant was not awarded to OCWC.
- b. The EPF watershed planning grant for OCWC and BCWC was NOT received during this period. When it is received, the EPF grant (+/- \$150,000) will provide for watershed planning in the Oatka Creek and Black 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.

- c. The Rochester Area Community Foundation had previously committed to provide a grant to the OCWC and BCWC in the amount of \$10,000 ( \$5000 each). It is anticipated the monies will be used toward the local match of the EPF grant, presumably in 2009 when the EPF grant is finally received.

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

- a. Held two joint meetings with BCWC that were facilitated by G/FLRPC. The purpose was to begin coordinating activities once the EPF grant money is received and the watershed planning process is underway.

V. Corporate Activity:

- a. Board of Directors officially decided (at the June OCWC meeting) to reduce the number of Directors from 9 to 7.

VI. General Activities:

- a. OCWC members spent a day helping to clean up Oatka Creek ( Genesee Country Museum property) as part of the Coastal Clean-up initiative. Maureen Leupold organized the event

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