

Authority Mission Statement and Performance Measurements

Name of Public Authority: **Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council, Inc. (OLWMC)**

Public Authority's Mission Statement:

MISSION

The Mission of the Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council is to coordinate actions for protecting and restoring the health of Owasco Lake and its watershed to ensure that Owasco Lake will serve as a source of public drinking water, a recreational asset, an economic driver, and an important natural resource for the well-being of watershed residents and those who benefit from its protection now and for future generations.

VISION

It is the Council's vision that its membership will eventually be populated by representatives of all of the municipalities within the watershed. As we continue to grow as a Council, we will be able to learn from each other, share ideas, and overcome barriers. Using our collective voices and resources, we will be positioned to obtain grant funding for the implementation of watershed protection projects.

Date Adopted:

List of Performance Goals (If additional space is needed, please attach):

2020 OLWMC Performance Goals

1. Increase participation of additional towns on the Council.
2. Community Outreach
 - a. Increase awareness of the boundaries of the watershed through signage.
 - b. Mobilize an outreach campaign for eventual rollout of Rules and Regulations
 - i. Plan distribution methods for supportive materials for guidance for watershed programs and lines of supportive funding.
 - c. Development of a watershed specific farmer's advisory committee
 - i. Growing membership
 - ii. Determine meeting times and location
3. Continue to look for funding opportunities.
 - a. Advance funding support for project initiatives through collaboration for funding and partnership among agencies

- b. Adaptive strategies for project priorities list based on funding availability
 - c. Seeking watershed support as a line item on the NYS Environmental Protection Fund (EPF)
- 4. Work with the Towns' elected officials and highway superintendents and Cayuga County Soil and Water Conservation District to improve ditching practices.
 - i. Improved communication between highway departments and CCSWCD. Developing prioritized action plan- future priority locations for restoration to be determined by monitoring results.
- 5. Participate in the on-going NYSDEC harmful algal bloom monitoring and surveillance program, the purpose of which is to identify priority areas for health and safety and ultimately develop mitigation strategies for HABs.
 - i. NYSDEC- 2020 sampling plan
 - a. OWLA/NYSDEC/OLWMC collaboration essential
- 6. Continue to revise the Owasco Watershed Rules and Regulations, a working document
 - i. Updates based on recent public meetings and feedback
 - ii. Stakeholder meeting feedback and local governmental review
- 7. Continue to move forward with support for oversight and guidance for the Watershed Inspection Division
 - a. Administrative needs for watershed rules and regulations waivers process
 - i. Staff growth and funding
 - b. Implementable and comprehensive inspections
 - i. Staff growth and funding
 - c. Extension of the division for improved outreach and assistance for funding and guidance for stakeholders
 - i. Staff growth and funding
- 8. Continue monitoring the lake to assess water quality.
 - a. Transferrable datasets between multiple groups, scientists and planners/managers
 - b. Work with the DEC Finger Lakes Hub in reducing nutrient loading and HABs.
 - i. Transitioning from 9E plan information and priority sites or 'hot spots' to target watershed project implementation
 - 1. Presentation of priority information for managers to support priority project implementation

Additional questions:

1. Have the board members acknowledged that they have read and understood the mission of the public authority?

Yes.

2. Who has the power to appoint the management of the public authority?

The Members who hold Directorship on the Council appoint the management of the public authority. The Members group consists of representatives of Cayuga County, City of Auburn, and Town of Owasco.

3. If the Board appoints management, do you have a policy you follow when appointing the management of the public authority?

Yes, management is appointed through an interview process for onboarding staff and through board resolutions for appointing new Directors to the board.

4. Briefly describe the role of the Board and the role of management in the implementation of the mission.

The Directors of the board are representatives from the various municipalities throughout the Owasco Lake Watershed. They are charged with bringing OLWMC initiatives and support back to their respective municipality constituents and with bringing watershed changes with requests for support back to the OLWMC. Further, the board is charged with considering the passage of new resolutions and carrying approvals for standard meeting process documents for monthly meetings (e.g., meetings agendas, previous meeting minutes, monthly financial documents).

5. Has the Board acknowledged that they have read and understood the responses to each of these questions?

Yes.