



Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council

July 16, 2024, 10:00-11:30 AM

Meeting of the Members

Owasco - Ed Wagner, **Cayuga County**- Aileen McNabb -Coleman, **City of Auburn** – Ginny Kent

- A. Members- Roll call: Owasco-Ed Wagner, City of Auburn-Ginny Kent
- B. Approval of Resolution 01-24, Increase Directorship of the OLWMC with the Town of Lansing. Motion to approve Resolution 01-24 made by Ginny Kent. Resolution seconded by Ed Wagner. Vote was unanimous, resolution passed.

Meeting of the Directors

Owasco – Ed Wagner, **City of Auburn** – Ginny Kent, **Cayuga Co**-Aileen McNabb-Coleman, **Niles** – Joan Jayne, **Lansing**-Joseph Wetmore, **Town of Moravia** – Terry Palmer, **Village of Moravia** –Chris Fulton, **Village of Groton** – Theodore Skibinski, **Summerhill** – Charlie Ripley, **Sennett** – Tom Blair, **Dryden** – Anne Clark, **Locke** – Thane Benson, **Scipio** – Nancy Hart, **Fleming** – Karen VanLiew,

Executive Director- Adam Effler

Presiding: Dr. Adam Effler

- A. Board of Directors – Roll call: Owasco-Ed Wagner, City of Auburn-Ginny Kent, Niles-Joan Jayne, Town of Moravia-Terry Palmer, Dryden-Anne Clark (online), Lansing-Joseph Wetmore (online). Ex-Officio attendees: Carol Sutkus, Michelle Wunderlich, Abby Hai.
- B. Approval of the Agenda-Motion to approve the agenda made by Ed Wagner, seconded by Terry Palmer. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.
- C. Approval of Minutes from May 21, 2024, Board Meeting- Motion to approve the previously distributed minutes made by Ginny Kent. Motion seconded by Joan Jayne. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.
- D. Approval of Resolution 02-24, Meeting Procedural Requirements- Addressing Remote Attendance. This resolution is in accordance with our current practice and in compliance with NYS laws. Motion to approve Resolution 02-24 made by Ginny Kent. Seconded by Joan Jayne. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.
- E. Public to be Heard: None Heard.
- F. Director’s Summary – Adam Effler (distributed for review prior to meeting) For an audio and video of the presentation please visit: <https://www.olwmc.org/news>

Watershed Rules and Regulations

Project Review:

The NYSDOH has discontinued providing monthly project updates for the OLWMC and the greater public. On advice of NYSDOH counsel, NYSDOH is re-evaluating the accuracy of guidance provided to the field regarding the development of Watershed Rules and Regulations. The NYSDOH will provide notification if a decision is made to re-establish a schedule for amending 10 NYCRR 104.1

NYS Tributary Legislation Project Review

Project Review:

On June 6, 2023, the Assembly passed the bill and returned it to the Senate. On November 17, 2023, the NYS Senate Bill (S1725A), which would have added Class C streams to the list of protected streams, was vetoed by Governor Hochul.

Staff, Recognition, Awareness, Education and Outreach Project Updates

- The vacant Division Manager and Lead Watershed Inspector position was filled. Jesse Lloyd will start working for the OLWMC on July 22, 2024.
 - A position description for the second Watershed Inspector position will be posted in the near term.
 - Monthly Watershed Inspection Committee meetings will reinitiate in August, 2024.
- Sponsored by Senator May and Assemblymember Kelles, the NYS Senate and Assembly renewed their annual NYS commemorative resolution, celebrating May Lake Friendly Living (LFL) Awareness Month. The officials presented the resolution and proclamation to the LFL Coalition at the June 14th Finger Lakes Regional Watershed Alliance forum. Copies of the resolution were provided to watershed stewards across the Finger Lakes Region.
 - The OLWMC's staff feature article published with the Citizen on June 28th 2024, spotlighted this NYS government endorsement.
- There were several new Lake Friendly Living pledges by Owasco Lake watershed residents between May-July, 2024.

Nine Element Watershed Plan (9EP)

Project Update

During the upcoming July 24, 2024 9E Coordination Committee Meeting, Nick Colus will present on the Soil and Water Assessment Tool (SWAT), the model that was used for development of the 9E Plan and prioritizing best management practices. The committee is interested in how to best use the tool to target watershed projects and guide watershed water quality monitoring as we progress.

Watershed Lake and Tributary Monitoring

2024 Projects Review

The Cayuga County Planning Department developed 2024 lake and watershed monitoring and implementation priorities in the context of annual Finger Lakes Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance (FOLLOWPA) funding. Their overall 2024 workplan, approved by the NYSDEC, included monitoring the tributaries in the Owasco Lake Watershed to collect data that can be used for updating the 9EP SWAT for Owasco Lake. Cornell University ran SWAT scenarios for a 20% reduction in phosphorus loading to the lake to simulate the effects of expanded nutrient management Planning Tier 3 or equivalent, restricted applications of fertilizer and manure in areas that abut streams, and the implementation of cover crops. A MEANSS approach was used to estimate relocating septic systems within 100 feet of surface waters.

Two of the tributary sampling sites are also being used to collect baseline data for the OLWMC's "Owasco Lake Watershed Critical Streams Restoration Project" funded by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation – Sustain Our Great Lakes (SOGL) program.

The following additional details were provided by the Department, concerning their support for 2024 monitoring initiatives:

- *FOLLOWPA funds in 2024 will be used for the installation and implementation of BMPs by SWCD, the O&M for the USGS Owasco Inlet Gage, CSLAP for OWLA, Duck Lake Association and Lake Como Association, OWLA Tributary Sampling Program, Owasco Watershed Data Portal, public outreach and education on invasive species and water quality, aquatic vegetation harvesting, O&M of the boat cleaning station at Emerson Park, support for the septic system inspection program and updating and utilizing the SWAT model.*
 - *The Quality Assurance Project Plan for the OWLA Tributary Monitoring Program funded by the FOLLOWPA and Cayuga County has been approved by the NYSDEC. Training for the samplers occurred on April 10th.*
- *FOLLOWPA funds will also be used for Nick Colas to update and utilize the SWAT Model. The final report from last year's work is available on the 9E Plan website.*
- *Cayuga County will fund the buoy in Owasco Lake. FOLLOWPA funds were used last year to create a data portal that contains the buoy data and historical data from John Halfman. FOLLOWPA funds will be used this year to add more data to that portal.*
- *The County is funding the CSI Tributary Monitoring Program and the CSI HABs Monitoring Program, and contracts are in process.*

The Department has made the Owasco Lake Watershed SWAT Model Report available on their website. Here's a summary of report features:

- *A recommended practice in the Owasco Lake Watershed 9E Plan was to update watershed SWAT Model with new data and information including hydrologic data files. Cayuga County utilized Finger Lake-Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance (FOLLOWPA) funds to enhance and update the Soil and Water Assessment Tool (SWAT) nutrient loading model that provides a quantitative framework for the Owasco Lake Watershed planning process and guides the prioritization of projects for implementation. The model was used to analyze*

three scenarios. These three scenarios were grassed waterways, grade stabilization structures and streambank stabilization. This work was performed in accordance with an approved NYSDEC QAPP.

Tributary Monitoring Project Update

- OWLA's 6th Owasco Lake tributary sampling run of 2024 was conducted on July 8, 2024.

NYS-awarded Drinking Water Source Protection Program (DWSP2)

Project Review:

- Consultants for the City of Auburn's NYS-awarded Drinking Water Source Protection Program (DWSP2) worked with City of Auburn water resource managers and partners to identify potential sources of Owasco Lake water quality contamination and provide recommendations for resource protection. The DWSP2 committee reviewed and edited the draft plan. A refined draft of the City of Auburn's DWSP2 was delivered from the contracted consultant to the City of Auburn and circulated among the project committee. The City of Auburn approved of the plan. The local group awaits final plan approval from NYSDEC and NYSDOH to move forward on plan implementation and associated project(s) proposal(s) development.
- The Town of Owasco received consultant support through NYS to develop its DWSP2. The sixth Town of Owasco DWSP2 group meeting held on October 12, 2023 hosted a final review and discussion among local partners involved in development of the proposed plan. The consultants involved in the project have finalized and delivered the plan to NYS agencies for their review and approval. The local group awaits final plan approval from NYSDEC and NYSDOH to move forward on plan implementation and associated project(s) proposal(s) development.

Municipal Codes and Ordinances

Project Review:

- Proposed erosion and sediment control ordinances concerning new construction activities were prepared for OLWMC directing municipalities for their independent board review and consideration for adoption.
 - The Village of Moravia adopted the Sediment and Erosion Control Plan, and associated Appendix E, prepared and proposed by the OLWMC for advancing municipal control requirements for new construction activities.
 - The Town of Fleming reviewed the proposed ordinances and concluded that they already have adequate protections in place concerning new construction activities as part of an existing overlay district.

Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) Identification and

Programming Updates:

- The NYS Finger Lakes Hub held its virtual training this year for Finger Lakes HABs Shoreline Surveillance volunteers on Monday, June 10, 2024. The training was recorded for those who couldn't attend the live session. NYSDEC required new volunteers attend either the live training or watch

the recorded version and recommended returning volunteers participate. Surveillance coordinators for each lake attended and discussed any specific questions about a particular lake program. There are no substantial changes to the program this year. The training consisted of HABs identification, NYHABS online program review, and how to submit a report.

- Funding for HABs monitoring, to provide for strategic science and data collection, was included within the 2024 NYS one-house budget. Bill S8356 “Enacting the HAB Monitoring and Prevention Act,” championed by Senator May, passed the Senate and was delivered to the assembly and referred to the Environmental Conservation Committee on May 8, 2024.

Land Holdings

Fillmore Nature Preserve Project Review:

The OLWMC applied for program support for the creation and posting of trails within the Fillmore Nature Preserve; a Cornell University program called Design Connect accepted a request for mapping and identifying trails. They offered two project managers who acted as primary project managers along with a team of 5-10 students.

- Cornell’s Design Connect program team held a field trip at the Fillmore Nature Preserve on February 28 and again on March 16, 2024 to assess the conditions and locations of the existing trail network and gather information for mapping and marking trails. Their team conducted draft mock-ups of color schemes and themes of potential trail signage, and designed panels for the educational kiosk. Cornell’s Design Connect has been actively working with the OLWMC on the trail map and educational kiosk panel revisions. The map and panels are nearly final and ready to print.
- The OLWMC responded to an offer for project support by the Partners for Regional Invasive Species Management (PRISM) and proposed for a plant inventory, including for both terrestrial invasive and sensitive native species, at the Fillmore Nature Preserve. The proposal included a request for plant pictures and blurbs for inclusion on the educational kiosk that will be constructed there.
- The Finger Lakes Partners for Regional Invasive Species Management (PRISM) Crew Assistance Program (CAP) accepted the OLWMC proposal to work on a Fillmore Nature Preserve project this summer. The proposal requested PRISM's support to conduct a 'species of interest' inventory at the preserve and the preparation of associated pictures and blurbs concerning both invasive species and sensitive native species present there. The content will be included on signage for attachment to the educational kiosk. PRISM plans to do their survey work on July 8-July 10, 2024.
- With the help of CC Planning for the submission of an additional application through PRISM, the OLWMC applied for a ‘boot brush station’ to be installed with the educational kiosk to support visitor education and efforts to reduce the spread of invasive species.

Project Updates:

- During the OLWMC's May 25, 2024 Lake Friendly Living public event, approximately 480 feet of the preserve's public access lot perimeter were covered with 12 cubic yards of compost, then seeded with wildflowers. About 14 people, including OWLA members, helped spread the compost and sow the seed.
- From July 8-10, 2024 PRISM conducted the proposed 'species of interest' inventory at the preserve, focusing on the identification of invasives species that may exist there.
- A project manager from Cornell's Design Connect program is collaborating with Auburn's A and M Graphics to finalize Fillmore Nature Preserve signage.

Other Potential OLWMC Acquisitions Updates:

- On June 14th, NYSDEC announced that New York State, in partnership with The Nature Conservancy, permanently protected two environmentally sensitive parcels of open space in Cayuga County. A 203-acre addition to Fillmore Glen State Park in Moravia and 72 acres of forested wetlands in Venice were preserved. Both projects were funded through the State Department of Environmental Conservation's Water Quality Improvement Project program to protect the water quality in Owasco Lake Watershed.
- TNC has expressed interest in having the OLWMC own and steward two properties poised for preservation within the Owasco Lake watershed. These include:
 1. 72-acre parcel in Venice, dense wetland (now closed)
 2. 100-acre parcel in Groton, mixed farmland
 - On October 4, 2023, OLWMC staff and Board Chair, Ed Wagner, visited the Groton parcel to evaluate the property and prompt discussions about the OLWMC taking ownership of the property at some point in the future.

TNC will present these acquisitions to the OLWMC Board for ownership and stewardship consideration.

Additional Partner Land Acquisitions/Targets Review:

- Under 2023 Round 19 of the Water Quality Improvement Projects (WQIP) Grant, the Fingers Lakes Land Trust, Inc. (FLLT) received \$1,240,000 for Land Acquisition to Protect Owasco Lake. FLLT will work with landowners and partners in the Owasco Lake watershed to permanently protect approximately 500 acres through direct acquisition and the use of perpetual conservation easements. The program will focus on conservation and stewardship efforts to protect Owasco Lake. The proposed program grant will provide FLLT an opportunity to create a new nature preserve on the Sucker Brook wetland, one the largest remaining natural wetlands in the region and conserve additional lands throughout the Owasco Lake Watershed.
 - The FLLT, in its recent testimony to the Joint Legislative Committee on

Environmental Conservation, explained that New York land trusts are currently holding over 100,000 acres of land that was acquired upon the request of the state, with a market value of over \$150 million. This backlog is largely due to two issues:

1. The lack of adequate staffing at the Real Property Bureau and the Office of General Counsel at DEC and within the Real Property Bureau at the Office of the Attorney General;
2. NYS's current approach to property title review that involves a higher standard than is typical in the private sector and does not include the acceptance of title insurance to resolve title issues.

Federal Grant Projects and Funding

SOGL Project Updates:

The project team awaits regulatory approvals from the US Fish and Wildlife Service to submit for project reimbursements and, ultimately, get underway with construction. EA Engineering has developed a computer-aided design (CAD) model for the project. Additionally, they started utilizing a hydrologic model to estimate flow conditions that will inform their project designs. The one-dimensional model utilizes geometry and flow inputs (i.e., using historic USGS gauge data) and will output velocities and water surface elevations. This information will help the engineering firm recommend materials and placements to the Cayuga County Soil and Water Conservation District (CCSWCD), which is contracted for project implementation. The Interim Programmatic project report will be due September 4, 2024. The next project team meeting will be held on August 13, 2024.

NYS Recognition and Relevant Bills Updates

- NYS Senator Rachel May and Assemblymember Anna Kelles honored the Lake Friendly Living Coalition through the presentation of a NYS proclamation commemorating the Finger Lakes' Community Celebration of Lake Friendly Living in May 2024.
- On the morning of June 14, 2024 participants were invited to Ventosa Vineyards, Geneva, to join those from across the region who care deeply about the health of the Finger Lakes and to make connections and learn about proposed NYS legislation aimed at mitigating environmental threats therein. The legislators shared information about the following proposed bills they are cosponsoring to address Harmful Algal Blooms, the discharge of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) into our waterways, and other conservation efforts:
 - The **New York Open Water Data Act (Senate 239E/Assembly 3299A)** would enable better water governance statewide by asking water-related agencies to come together to create a common set of water data standards for the state and a public-facing interface where such data can be shared, viewed, and used by interested parties.
 - The **Harmful Algal Bloom (HABs) Monitoring and Prevention Act (Senate 8356/Assembly 8867A)** would develop and maintain a comprehensive state 'clearinghouse' to bring together existing and new

available statewide cross-sectional and longitudinal data and information on harmful algal blooms, potential and known causes, best practice interventions, expertise, and funding resources. These data and the subsequent report would enable the state to effectively and efficiently administer a grant program supporting data-driven best practices in prevention and mitigation of harmful algal blooms.

- The **PFAS Discharge Disclosure Act (Senate 227B/Assembly 3296)** would require those proposing to discharge pollutants into New York's waterways disclose whether their existing or proposed discharges contain PFAS.
- The **Biosolids Spreading Ban (Assembly Bill A8317)** would prohibit the sale or land application of biosolids from wastewater treatment facilities unless such biosolids are treated and tested to not exceed the maximum contaminant levels established in the public health law.

Updates From NYS:

- *On June 26, 2024 New York State Departments of Environmental Conservation (DEC), Agriculture and Markets (AGM), and the 11 Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) in the Eastern Finger Lakes, announced \$1.2 million in funding for the Eastern Finger Lakes Coalition to accelerate watershed protection and restoration measures to improve water quality and combat harmful algal blooms (HABs). This key investment into the Eastern Finger Lakes Coalition to build professional capacity and accelerate agricultural and resiliency-related projects – specifically providing necessary capital investments that will galvanize implementation of the plans and programs developed to address on-the-ground actions necessary to address HABs. The capital infusion will also include support for farmers to invest in more cover crops, improve culverts to reduce runoff, and other investments to improve soil health and reduce water quality impairments in the region. The Eastern Finger Lake watershed covers more than 30 percent of the Lake Ontario drainage basin and contains seven of New York's Finger Lakes and their watersheds: Canandaigua, Keuka, Seneca, Cayuga, Owasco, Skaneateles, and Otisco lakes.*

The county Soil and Water Conservation Districts in the Eastern Finger Lakes (Cayuga, Chemung, Cortland, Onondaga, Ontario, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Tompkins, Wayne, and Yates) have planned for, written, and implemented hundreds of millions of dollars of competitive grants to protect and improve water quality in the region. However, there remains a substantial need for increased program support and funding to implement DEC-approved clean water plans, HABs Action Plans, and Strategic Agricultural Environmental Management plans specific to the Eastern Finger Lakes. Established in 2023, the Eastern Finger Lakes Coalition are the 11 SWCDs working to protect and improve water quality and critical natural resources in the watershed. The lakes and waterways serve as public water supplies, provide recreational opportunities, are key habitats for fish and wildlife, and are important for local

economies via tax bases, agricultural production, and tourism.

In 2018, DEC convened four regional summits to examine the causes of HABs and develop sustainable solutions to reduce impacts. DEC worked with State and local partners to develop and implement [HABs Action Plans](#) for 12 high priority waterbodies, including several in the Eastern Finger Lakes. New York State supports the Eastern Finger Lakes Coalition as another action to aggressively combat HABs.

To date, New York State awarded more than \$428 million in grants for projects designed to reduce the frequency of algal blooms by targeting phosphorus and nitrogen pollution, factors that trigger HAB occurrences. Supporting SWCD programs aligns with recommendations from the Action Plans and with the regional protection/improvements priorities as described in the Finger Lakes and Great Lake Action Agendas, Lake Ontario Lakewide Area Management Plan, and other initiatives.

Kathy Hochul and legislative leaders maintained the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) at \$400 million, the highest-ever level of funding in the program's history. Under the EPF Open Space line, \$1.2 million was made available for the Eastern Finger Lake Coalition, fulfilling a promise Governor Hochul made in the 2024 State of the State.

- *DEC has announced an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rule Making (ANPRM) to solicit public input toward DEC's Triennial Review of Water Quality Standards (WQS). The Clean Water Act includes requirements for states to perform a formal regulatory review of WQS every three years, known as the Triennial Review. It provides an opportunity for DEC to integrate the best available science and methods into WQS to protect the waters of the State. Regulations subject to Triennial Review are any that direct the water quality standards, waterbody classification, and antidegradation policies and actions of the State. The effort may result in amendments to water quality standards found in 6 NYCRR Parts 700-706. [View the ANPRM document](#) on DEC's website. You can submit input and feedback in response to the ANPRM through **November 4, 2024**. Find more information in the [May 8 Environmental Notice Bulletin](#)*
- *DEC's Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar has announced the [finalization of DEC's Division of Environmental Permits Policy "Permitting and Disadvantaged Communities"](#)(DEP-24-1) to implement environmental justice provisions of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (Climate Act). The policy provides guidance in DEC's permitting processes for considering impacts and existing burdens on New York's most vulnerable communities. Find the [full text and pdf printable version of this policy](#) on DEC's website.*

Relevant NYS Funding

- *\$166 million in announced WQIP grants are available to support municipal wastewater treatment upgrades, polluted runoff abatement and control, land acquisition projects for drinking water protection, salt storage construction, aquatic connectivity restoration, and marine habitat restoration. Water Quality Improvement Project program applications are being accepted through **July 31, 2024**. More information on how to apply is available on the DEC's WQIP website.*
- *Applications are being accepted for the inaugural round of a Green Resiliency Grant (GRG) program. The new program will provide grants to flood-prone communities and help them undertake innovative green infrastructure projects such as green roofs, green streets and permeable pavement. GRG is being administered by the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC). Applications are due **August 16, 2024**.*
- *Governor Kathy Hochul announced the availability of \$7.34 million in Environmental Justice Community Impact Grants to help communities most vulnerable to the impacts of pollution and climate change address environmental concerns and legacy pollution. Grants will support community-based organization projects that engage their communities around environmental justice issues and deploy community-driven solutions. The deadline to submit applications is 3 p.m. EST on Aug. 7, 2024. For a complete list of guidelines and more information, contact DEC's Office of Environmental Justice at 518-402-8556, justice@dec.ny.gov, or online at DEC's Environmental Justice webpage.*
- *Applications Now Open for DEC's Municipal Zero-Emission Vehicle Rebate Program. On Thursday, April 25 2024, NYSDEC announced the next round of its Municipal Zero- Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Rebate Program with \$750,000 available for municipalities to purchase or lease all electric, plug-in hybrid, and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles for their municipal fleets. Municipalities can apply for funding, which is available on a first-come, first-served basis through Sept. 27, 2024. Rebates are available to municipalities across the State that purchase or lease for a minimum of 36 months an eligible vehicle placed into municipal service at a dealership in New York State between Sept. 30, 2022, and Sept. 27, 2024. More details can be found in the Request for Applications (RFA) posted on the DEC website. Applications are available through the New York State Statewide Financial System Grants Management System. Of the funding awarded to date, \$1.2 million went to municipalities that contain disadvantaged communities, as identified by the Climate Justice Working Group's final criteria. Under the Climate Act, New York is required to direct at least 35 percent with a goal of 40 percent of the benefits of investments on clean energy and energy efficiency programs toward disadvantaged communities. Since its inception in 2016, the ZEV Rebate Program has awarded a total of more than \$1.5 million toward the purchase or lease of 114 plug-in hybrid vehicles and 182 all-electric vehicles. More information about DEC's*

Municipal ZEV Rebate Program, as well as

Municipal ZEV Infrastructure Grants, is available on DEC's website. For questions regarding the program, email ZEVrebate@dec.ny.gov or call DEC's Office of Climate Change at 518-402-8448.

- G. Board of Directors/Municipality Representatives Feedback: Anne Clark had questions regarding funding for electrical vehicle charging stations for municipalities. Ed Wagner reported that the Town of Owasco received funding for charging stations and discussed additional costs. NY Regional Planning will assist municipalities with Climate Smart Communities designation to procure funding for charging stations. Joseph Wetmore had questions regarding PFAS and runoff from firefighting training activities from practice with burning vehicles with untreated runoff. Discussion regarding need for further research on best practices and check with local fire departments.
- H. Treasurer's Audit and Finance Report
- I. May 2024 Financials Approval – Joan Jayne
 - i. Joan Jayne reported as of May 31, 2024 -Total current assets \$249,599.42, Total Liabilities and Equity 313,023.85. Motion to approve the May financial report made by Ginny Kent, seconded by Ed Wagner. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.
 - ii. June 2024 Financials Approval – Joan Jayne reported as of June 30, 2024- Total current assets \$227,891.47, Total Liabilities and Equity \$290,647.71. Motion to approve the June financial report made by Ginny Kent, seconded by Terry Palmer. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.
- J. Lake Level Report – John West was unavailable, but members can request email updates- he has reduced water flow to bring lake elevation to <712.5 ft and backed off this morning. He is monitoring the forecast. Ed Wagner reported that John is constantly monitoring the lake elevation and maintaining lake level according to Army Core of Engineers recommendations.
- K. NYSDEC FL Hub Update – Tony Prestigiacommo-unavailable. Adam reported he has worked hard to secure DEC funding programs for water quality.
- L. Owasco Watershed Lake Association Update – Carol Sutkus, new president of OWLA- for a video/audio of the presentation please visit <https://www.olwmc.org/news>

OWLA participated in the development of a Raingarden at Fillmore nature preserve, the annual meeting was well attended, stream sampling is underway, in October the woolly adelgid treatment program will begin.
- M. Cornell Cooperative Extension Update – 4H youth fair in August 1-3 at Union Spring Fire Department, Manure Expo at Patterson Farms happening this week. Cooperative extension will have a presence at the NYS fair.
- N. Communications: Manure Expo at Patterson Farms this week.
- O. Issues of Concern: Terry Palmer has concerns about tax dollars lost by town from lands put into conservancy. Looking for guidance about best avenue for towns to pursue this.

- P. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 20, 2024
- Q. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Joan Jayne and seconded by Terry Palmer.
Motion carried with a unanimous vote.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Vivian Cunningham

OWASCO LAKE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COUNCIL, INC. RESOLUTION

A meeting of the Members of the **Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council, Inc.** was convened on **July 16, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.** at City of Auburn Council Chambers, 24 South Street, Auburn, NY 13021 and the following resolution was duly offered and seconded to wit:

Resolution No. 01-24

RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND FILL THE NEWLY CREATED DIRECTORSHIP WITH THE TOWN OF LANSING

MOTION BY: Ginny Kent

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1411 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law (“N-PCL”, and hereinafter referred to as the “Act”), and a Certificate of Incorporation (the “Certificate”) filed with the New York Secretary of State on the 23rd day of February, 2011, the **Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council, Inc.** (the “Corporation”) has been established as a not-for-

profit, local development corporation to relieve and reduce unemployment, promote and provide for additional and maximum employment, improve and maintain job opportunities, instructing or training individuals to improve or develop their capabilities for such jobs, carrying on scientific research for the purpose of aiding a community or geographical area by attracting new industry to the community or area or by encouraging the development of, or retention of, an industry in the community or area, lessening the burdens of government and acting in the public interest, including undertaking programs and activities in furtherance of managing, monitoring and protecting the water resources of Owasco Lake and the water resources within the Owasco Lake Watershed for the well-being and benefit of the residents of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lansing, in a Resolution passed by the Town Board of Lansing on June 26, 2024, has declared its intent to become a Director of the Corporation and authorized and appointed Town Board Liaison, Joseph Wetmore, to represent the Town of Lansing as a Director of the Corporation; and

WHEREAS, the By-Laws of the Corporation pursuant to Article III, Sections 2 and 4, allow that the size of the Board of Directors may be increased and newly created directorships may be filled by approval of the Members;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Members of the Corporation that the Board of Directors of the Corporation is increased from thirteen (13) to fourteen (14) Directors, and that the newly created directorship is filled by the Town of Lansing represented by Joseph Wetmore of the Town of Lansing.

SECOND BY: Ed Wagner

Dated: July 16, 2024

Owasco Lake Watershed
Management Council, Inc.

Hon. Aileen McNabb Coleman, Cayuga County Legislator Member,
ex officio

Hon. Edward Wagner, Supervisor, Town of Owasco Member, ex
officio

Ginny Kent, Councilor, City of Auburn
Member, ex officio

CERTIFICATION

I, Ginny Kent, the undersigned, Secretary of the **Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council, Inc.** (the “Corporation”), do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the Members of the Corporation, including the Resolution contained therein, held on **July 16, 2024**, with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original and of such Resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that (A) all members had due notice of said meeting; (B) said meeting was in all respects duly held; (C) pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the “Open Meetings Law:”), said meeting was open to the general public, and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with such Open Meetings law; and (D) there was a quorum of the members present throughout said meeting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, as of the date hereof, the attached Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or rescinded.

Date _____

Secretary _____

OWASCO LAKE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COUNCIL, INC.

RESOLUTION

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the **Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council, Inc.** was convened on **July 16, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.** at City of Auburn Council Chambers, 24 South Street, Auburn, NY 13021 and the following resolution was duly offered and seconded to wit:

Resolution No. 02-24

Meeting Procedural Requirements- Addressing Remote Attendance

MOTION BY: Ginny Kent

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WHEREAS, changes to the NYS Open Meetings Law and videoconferencing, which took effect as a part of the 2022 Enacted State Budget, outlines requirements for permitting videoconferencing during meetings;

WHEREAS, according to new requirements under the Open Meetings Law, a quorum of the public body must be physically present on location for public meetings;

WHEREAS, the local body must adopt a local law or resolution, which authorizes the videoconferencing that applies to

- a. Itself and its committee or subcommittees OR
- b. Specifying that each committee or subcommittee may make its own determination;

WHEREAS, the public body must adopt written procedures governing member and public attendance consistent with the Open Meeting Law and post those procedures;

WHEREAS, members of the public body must be physically present at the meeting unless the member(s) is(are) unable to be physically present due to extraordinary circumstances, which include disability, illness, caregiving responsibilities, or any other unexpected factor or event which precludes the member's attendance. Members may only attend by videoconference at the discretion of the public body.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors that the Corporation recognizes and will adhere to the required changes under the Open Meetings Law;

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Directors that the Corporation recognizes the value that videoconferencing provides to participants (both Directors and members of the public) who would otherwise have to commute over long distances or are otherwise unavailable to join in person;

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that Directors who participate in the meetings, who choose to do so remotely, will not be able to vote on meeting business;

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that a quorum (i.e., three Directors) must be present in person to vote on any meeting business;

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that a Director, who is unable to be physically present due to extraordinary circumstances (which include disability, illness, caregiving responsibilities, or any other unexpected factor or event which precludes the member's attendance), to be eligible to vote, must submit a brief explanation of those extraordinary circumstances to the Chair, or in their absence, the Vice Chair, prior to the meeting;

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors recognizes that this resolution will represent the Corporation's procedural commitment to allow for the continuation of an integrated (both in-person and videoconference) meeting forum for the benefit of maximizing participation from all parties interested and willing to participate;

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors will allow for committees of the Corporation to make their own determination regarding their meeting forum in the context of new requirements under the Open Meeting Law.

SECOND BY: Joan Jayne

Dated: July 16, 2024 **Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council, Inc.**

Hon. Aileen McNabb Coleman, Cayuga County Legislator Member, ex officio

Hon. Edward Wagner, Supervisor, Town of Owasco Member, ex officio

Hon. Ginny Kent, Councilor, City of Auburn Member, ex officio

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF CAYUGA

I, Ginny Kent, the undersigned, Secretary of the **Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council, Inc.** (the “Corporation”), do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the Members of the Corporation, including the Resolution contained therein, held on **July 16, 2024**, with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original and of such Resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that (A) all members had due notice of said meeting; (B) said meeting was in all respects duly held; (C) pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the “Open Meetings Law:”), said meeting was open to the general public, and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with such Open Meetings law; and (D) there was a quorum of the members present throughout said meeting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, as of the date hereof, the attached Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or rescinded.

Date

Secretary

