



Watershed Inspection Committee (WIC)

June 16, 2025, 1:30-3:00 PM

Join In-Person:

6073 W Lake Rd, Auburn, NY 13021, USA (OLWIPD Office)

Join Remotely (Zoom Meeting):

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87683971647?pwd=oHpQDriboaC7PCunuXS7vh0ZTuNhAb.1>

Meeting ID: 876 8397 1647

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Agenda

1. Communications (AE)
 - a. 9E Coordination Committee Meetings
 - i. Next Meeting- Wednesday, June 25, 2025 1-3PM
2. Approval of meeting minutes from the May 19, 2025 WIC meeting (AE)
3. Watershed Inspector's Report (new findings and follow-ups from ongoing activities)
 - a. May-June Summary (JL)
 - i. WIC discussion of ongoing and new watershed issues of concern (see previous meeting minutes and monthly inspection report spreadsheet for sites with specific follow up inspections requested by the WIC)
 1. Action Items/Follow Ups
 - ii. Pending Violations/DOH discussions and enforcement activities (AF)
 1. Action items/follow ups
 2. Enforcement status
4. Issues of Concern (AE)
5. Schedule next meeting for the Watershed Inspection Committee (AE)
 - a. Monday before the third Tuesday of July (standing OLWMC BoD meetings) will be the 14th
 - i. Standing meeting time (1:30 PM)
 - ii. Location –OLWIPD Office/Zoom integrated

2025 Owasco Lake Watershed Inspection and Protection Division Objectives

- 1.** Make regular, thorough inspections of the watershed to ascertain compliance with the 1984 Owasco Lake Watershed Rules and Regulations.
- 2.** Submit monthly summary reports to the Owasco Lake Watershed Inspection Committee and the Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council (OLWMC).
- 3.** Provide educational information and perform public outreach to the watershed community on land use issues, including drainage, erosion, septic systems, use of fertilizers, yard and pet waste issues, road salt and invasive species
- 4.** Visually monitor the watershed for runoff impacts during precipitation events to assess water quality impacts of adjacent land uses.
- 5.** Review site plans for residential and commercial construction projects throughout the watershed, make comments on plans, and attend municipal Planning Board meetings when possible. Contact partners with jurisdiction when required if extra permitting appears necessary (NYSDEC, USACE, code enforcement, etc.) and to enforce ordinances.
- 6.** Draft and publish monthly articles which spotlight the implementation of Lake Friendly Living practices within the watershed, and/or educate the public on watershed conditions to relevant media outlets.
- 7.** Further develop and foster positive relationships with the agricultural community, and act as a liaison to County Soil and Water Conservation Districts for assistance when possible.
- 8.** Prepare an annual report by the end of February each year that will be incorporated into the OLWMC's annual report, and in the City of Auburn's year-end water report. Circulate to watershed stakeholders, and work with municipal offices to include reports and project outcomes on their websites and on social media.
- 9.** Assist the NYSDEC, the CCDOH, OWLA, and lakeshore residents with HABs identification and reporting.
- 10.** Grow staff capabilities to allow for better monitoring of the watershed, utilizing monitoring devices, sondes, and drone imagery.
- 11.** Work with partners to collaborate on grant funding opportunities, and assist where needed.
- 12.** Assist with OLWMC's annual inspections of land acquisitions, and develop brief reports outlining potential ownership challenges and the overall condition of the landscape.
- 13.** Provide technical support for the City of Auburn's Owasco Lake HUC12 Stream Corridor Assessment project and the development of updated City objectives for protecting Owasco Lake water quality.
- 14.** Inspect watershed locations in the context of updated NYSDEC wetlands protections.