



Cayuga Lake Watershed
Intermunicipal Organization

November 19, 2020

Ms. Eileen O'Connor
Cayuga County Department of Health
8 Dill Street
Auburn, NY 13021

RE: RESOLUTION ENDORSING AND SUPPORTING THE ADOPTION OF THE REVISED OWASCO LAKE
WATERSHED RULES AND REGULATIONS

Dear Ms. O'Connor:

Enclosed is a copy of the resolution Endorsing and Supporting the Adoption of the Revised Owasco Lake Watershed Rules and Regulations passed by the Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization at their November 18, 2020 meeting. The resolution received unanimous support.

Many thanks are due the City of Auburn, the Town of Owasco, and Cayuga County for their work engaging the community in updating the rules and regulations. Your efforts are a model for water purveyors and watershed communities working to protect their drinking water sources. Watershed rules and regulations are an important tool in ensuring our communities have safe drinking water into the future and we ask that New York State approve the revised Owasco Lake Watershed Rules and Regulations.

Sincerely,

Tee-Ann Hunter
Chair, Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization
Ithaca Town Board
215 N. Tioga Street
Ithaca, NY 14850

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Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization Resolution

ENDORISING AND SUPPORTING THE ADOPTION OF THE REVISED OWASCO LAKE WATERSHED RULES AND REGULATIONS

Sponsored by Chairperson Tee-Ann Hunter

November 18, 2020

WHEREAS, Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization was formed in 1998 as part of a New York State Department of State watershed management planning process; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization is to bring watershed municipalities together to work collectively and collaboratively on monitoring, protecting, and restoring the health of the watershed,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Health Law Section 1100, the New York State Department of Health adopted Title 10 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations, water purveyors are granted the authority to develop and update Watershed Rules and Regulations; and

WHEREAS, Watershed Rules and Regulations are developed for the preservation of public drinking water sources and their protection from point and nonpoint source pollution; and

WHEREAS, since the original Owasco Lake Watershed Rules and Regulations were adopted in 1984 the lands within the Owasco Lake watershed have witnessed cumulative changes in land use and development; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, as a part of the continued efforts to protect water quality, the City of Auburn, the Town of Owasco and Cayuga County passed resolutions endorsing a project to update and revise the 1984 Owasco Lake Watershed Rules and Regulations; and

WHEREAS, over the last three years, the Owasco Lake Watershed Rules and Regulations Steering Committee has worked diligently and used a very engaged public process with staff representatives, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, and Project Stakeholder groups, in a coordinated effort to create and recommend a revised draft of the Owasco Lake Watershed Rules and Regulations; and

WHEREAS, on October 29, 2020, a final draft of the revised Owasco Lake Watershed Rules and Regulations was endorsed by the City Council of Auburn and the Town Board of Owasco; and

WHEREAS, on October 29, 2020, the City Council of Auburn and the Town Board of Owasco requested that New York State repeal the 1984 Owasco Lake Watershed Rules and

Regulations and replace them with the revised 2020 Owasco Lake Watershed Rules and Regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization does hereby express its appreciation and thanks to the Town of Owasco and City of Auburn for all of the cooperative efforts and time spent in creating the revised Owasco Lake Watershed Rules and Regulations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization does hereby endorse and support the revised Owasco Lake Watershed Rules and Regulations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization does hereby request that the New York State Department of Health repeal the existing 1984 Owasco Lake Watershed Rules and Regulations, which are cited at 10 New York Codes, Rules and Regulations, Section 104.1, and replace the same with the revised Owasco Lake Watershed Rules and Regulations.

MOVED: Roxy Johnston SECONDED: Liz Thomas

AYES: Mike Allinger, Grace Bates, Jackie Cassaniti, Tee-Ann Hunter, Roxy Johnston, Gary Mutchler, Kelly O'Hara, Bud Shattuck, Don Slocum, Stephanie Redmond, Liz Thomas, Tom Vawter

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY