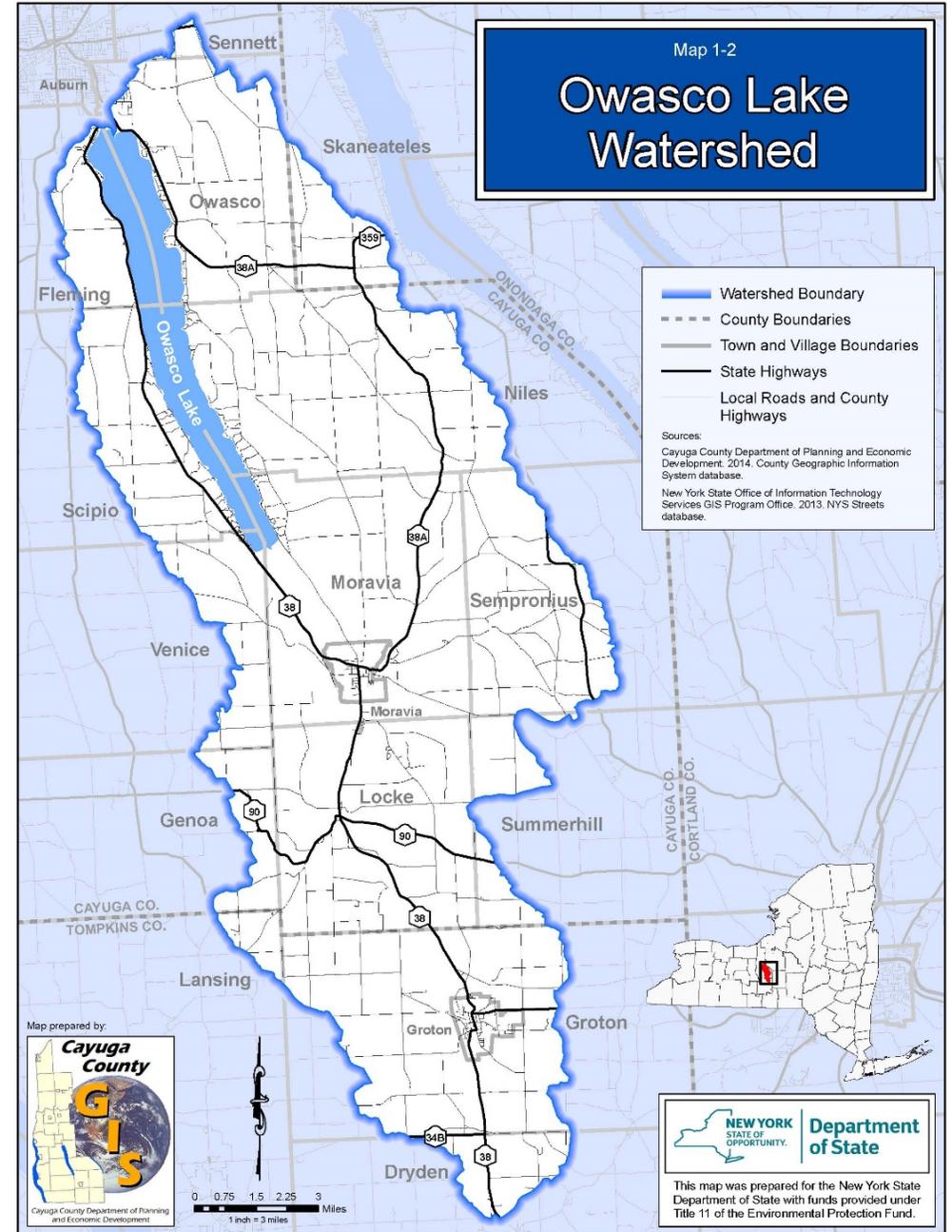


# Owasco Lake Watershed



## Vision: Where Do We Want to Be?

*“The Owasco Lake Watershed is a functioning, dynamic and healthy ecosystem providing natural, spiritual, economic, recreational, and community benefits to current and future generations.”*

Owasco Lake Watershed Advisory Committee

# DRAFT MAIN GOAL

Protect the viability of Owasco Lake as a drinking water source, economic resource, recreational asset and healthy aquatic ecosystem.



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# Draft Goals:

1. Identify, quantify and reduce watershed sources of sediment, nutrients, and other potential contaminants.
2. Build community awareness of how human actions affect Owasco Lake water quality.
3. Increase capacity for collaboration among stakeholders in watershed management.
4. Respond to threats, challenges and emerging issues.
5. Continue water quality monitoring to assess the effectiveness of this plan.
6. Apply adaptive management strategies to improve the Owasco Lake Watershed.

# Non-Point Source Pollution

- Runoff from agricultural lands and residential areas containing fertilizers and pesticides
- Animal waste handling
- Faulty septic systems
- Eroding stream and road banks
- Soil loss from construction activities



# Share your Knowledge

1. Do you know of specific regions of the lake and tributary streams where water quality or habitat conditions are impaired?
2. Do you know the sources/causes of the impairment?
3. What do you perceive as the most serious threats to Owasco Lake and watershed in the future (examples: invasive species, development, climate change, etc.)
4. How would you modify the draft goals?
5. Do you have additional concerns to share?