

**Owasco Lake Watershed Management and Waterfront Revitalization Plan
Implementation-Incorporation of the EPA Nine Key Elements
Cayuga County, New York**

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Public Participation Plan

Purpose: The public participation plan identifies a variety of forums and outreach mechanisms to engage interested persons in the modification of the Owasco Lake Watershed Management and Waterfront Revitalization Plan for Cayuga County, New York. This plan is a guide to involving the community in the inter-municipal planning process. It is not a checklist of required actions. Some elements of this plan may prove unnecessary or inappropriate as the planning process unfolds. Other opportunities for public engagement, not identified in this plan, may be identified.

Elements:

- Watershed Advisory Committee Meetings
- Technical Committee Meetings
- Identified Agencies/Other Interest Groups
- Community Outreach, Workshops and Meetings
- Consultations, Discussions and Reporting

Partners:

- Cayuga County Legislature
- Town of Owasco
- City of Auburn
- Towns of Niles, Moravia, Sempronius, Locke, Summerhill, Genoa, Venice, Scipio, Fleming, Sennett, Skaneateles, Groton, Lansing and Dryden.
- Villages of Moravia and Groton
- Onondaga and Tompkins Counties
- Cayuga County Department of Planning and Economic Development (CCDPED), Soil & Water Conservation District, Environmental Health Division, Buildings and Grounds (includes Parks and Trails), Water Quality Management Agency
- Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cayuga County
- Cayuga County Farm Bureau
- Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board
- Finger Lakes Institute
- New York State Department of State (NYSDOS) Office of Planning and Development
- New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC): Region 7 and Finger Lakes Water Hub
- Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council
- Owasco Lake Watershed Inspection Program
- Owasco Watershed Lake Association
- Save Owasco Now
- EcoLogic, LLC.
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I. WATERSHED ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Purpose: The Watershed Advisory Committee will advise the participating communities on the elements and content of the plan and related documents. The Watershed Advisory Committee is the primary group guiding the preparation of the plan.

Membership: Identified by the participating communities and the NYSDOS.

Public Participation: All meetings are open to the public.

Notification: E-mail/Phone call from the Michele Wunderlich in her role as coordinator.

Schedule: Updates will be provided during the Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council monthly meetings and work may also be done as needed. Additional meetings may be scheduled to monitor progress and review interim and final documents.

II. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Purpose: The Technical Committee will advise the County and the Consultants on the necessary technical elements of the modeling and plan development. This Committee will ensure that the final plan is consistent with the nine key elements established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in order to receive NYSDEC approval.

Membership: County representatives, Consultants, and NYSDEC/NYSDOS personnel.

Notification: Notification will be provided by email prior to any Technical Committee meetings. Each member will receive notice at least one week prior to the scheduled meeting.

An email list will be created so the Technical Committee can discuss technical aspects as they arise.

Schedule: Once established, the Technical Committee will meet as least once in person. Work can be conducted by email and phone with in person meetings as needed.

III. IDENTIFIED AGENCIES/OTHER INTEREST GROUPS

Purpose: Ensure broad understanding of the purpose of the plan and solicit diverse input from affected stakeholders.

Membership: Identified by the participating municipalities, Watershed Advisory Committee, NYSDOS and appropriate others.

Public Participation: Members of this list are invited to attend all public meetings.

Notification: E-Mail List Serve managed by CCDPED. Content provided by consultant team

Preliminary Contact List May Include:

1. Local Town and Village Municipal Boards and Supervisors/Mayors
2. City of Auburn Mayor and City Council
3. Local Planning Boards
4. Cayuga, Onondaga and Tompkins Counties Planning, Economic Development, and Recreation Agencies
5. Watershed and Lake Groups
6. Chambers of Commerce and related business associations
7. Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board
8. Tourism Organizations
9. Environmental Organizations: public and nonprofit
10. Local farming and agriculture organizations
11. Youth camps
12. Regional offices of NYS agencies (DEC, DOT, etc.)

IV. COMMUNITY OUTREACH, WORKSHOPS AND MEETINGS

Purpose: Three public participation/outreach meetings will be facilitated by the consultant. If the communities desire to conduct additional workshops the consultant will provide information as needed to facilitate this process. Obtain input from the participating communities as appropriate, regarding the elements and content of the plan and related documents as necessary and appropriate. This input may be gained through public participation/outreach meetings and periodic update reports. This input will be shared with the Watershed Advisory Committee members.

Participants: All members of the public, including interest groups identified above and individuals, neighborhood associations, other community groups as appropriate.

- Notification:** Methods include:
- Announcements on local community Web sites
 - Press releases to local print media including The Citizen, The Moravia Republican Register and The Lakeshore News (Wayuga)
 - E-mail
 - Announced at and coordinated with “March to Lake Day” and “Lake Day”.
 - Content developed by consultants; distribution of notices handled by CCDPED.

Schedule: Three public participation/outreach meetings facilitated by the consultant anticipated for this project. Other workshops and meetings may occur throughout the planning process as necessary to ensure broad community involvement and awareness.

V. CONSULTATIONS, DISCUSSIONS AND REPORTING

Purpose: Regular ongoing formal and informal communication between the project sponsor, funders and consultant for monitoring and smooth flow of all planning tasks related to the plan and related documents.

Participants: CCDPED Project Manager, NYSDOS, EcoLogic, LLC

Notification: E-mail and phone calls among participants

Schedule: As needed; will reflect project milestones and deliverables