

**MINUTES**  
**CAYUGA COUNTY PLANNING BOARD**  
**June 7, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm in Town of Summer Hill Town Hall on State Route 90.

**Water Quality Planning Presentation**

Presented by: Michele Wunderlich, Cayuga County Planning

The mission of the Cayuga County Water Quality Management Agency is to protect and improve the quality of water in Cayuga County. Cayuga County is located in the heart of the Central New York's Finger Lakes region. Meets monthly and is open to the public. Membership consists of the County Legislature's Environmental Advisors, representatives of County waterbody associations, and other interested individuals.

Cayuga County Water Quality Management Agency, Owasco Lake Steering Committee, Special meeting on education, Co-sponsor Salmon Creek Forum

Watershed and Stream Management Plans, Watershed Management Plans, A watershed is the total area of land that drains into a stream, river or lake.

Watershed Management Plans, Allows communities in the watershed to take control of the health of the lake and protect its quality. Reflects communities' priorities and concerns. Provides long term protection for the waterbody. Used to pursue grant funds.

**Watershed Management Plans**

Owasco Lake Watershed Management Plan, Duck Lake Watershed Management Plan, Cayuga Lake Watershed Restoration and Protection Plan, Lake Como Watershed Management Plan Process. Two meetings with the Lake Como Association in 2006 to discuss stakeholders' issues of concern.. Website developed. Surveys distributed.

Lake Como State of the Lake Report, Developed the Lake Como State of the Lake Report draft. Available data and research summarized. Discusses issues that affect or will affect the future of Lake Como and it watershed. Information contained is utilized in the development of a watershed management plan that reflects community priorities and recommendations.

Lake Como Watershed Management Plan Process, Develop Lake Como Watershed Management Plan, Lake Como Association meeting June 1<sup>st</sup> to introduce State of the Lake Report draft and outline process. Meetings with interested stakeholders will be held over the summer to discuss possible actions for the management plan. Final plan by the end of the year.

Owasco Lake Tributary Assessment and Management Plan Development, Great Lakes Basin Program for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control grant. Assessed and developed management plans for Veness, Sucker and Dutch Hollow Brooks (Owasco Inlet was done previously by Cayuga County SWCD). Owasco Lake Tributary Assessment and Management Plan Development, areas of stream bank erosion and other problem areas were identified. Management plans were developed and written. Recommendations and estimated costs.

**Owasco Lake Tributaries Plans**

Utilized when County applied for NYSDEC Water Quality Improvement Project Funding. \$5,500 for Veness Brook Streambank Stabilization Project 4 sites identified in the Veness Brook Management Plan. NYSDEC Water Quality Improvement Project Funding \$4,700 for Sucker Brook Streambank Stabilization Project. 4 sites identified in the Sucker Brook Management Plan.

Finger Lakes Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance FLOWPA FLOWPA Funds Administered by Planning Department Funding for 2007 includes: Owasco Lake Tributary Water Quality Monitoring, CSLAP: Cayuga Lake, Duck Lake, Lake Como, Phosphorus Ed and Monitoring: Owasco Lake and Duck Lake, Updating Owasco Lake Watershed Rules and Regs, Stormwater Education, Project WET, Septic System Inspections, Nuisance Aquatic Plant Control , Invasive Species Ed and Control Streambank Stabilization: Sterling Nature Center Geese Management

Stormwater Phase II Rules and Regulations, Federally mandated. Control stormwater runoff and protect waterways. Stormwater Phase II Rules and Regulations  
Applies to:

Small MS4s serving populations >50,000 (Auburn area may become one in 2011). Non-traditional MS4s (ex. County Highways, NYSDOT, Airports, State and Community Colleges, Post Offices, Prisons, etc.). Construction activity disturbing one acre or more.

Small Construction Program, Required to obtain coverage under the SPDES General Permit (GP-02-01) for: Activities with greater or equal to one acre of disturbance. Activities less than one acre if part of a common plan of development or sale that would disturb more than one acre. Certain activities of less than one acre if designated by DEC based on water quality impacts (Little Sodus Bay: 303d).

Small Construction Program: Subdivisions, Developer is responsible for the overall site plan even if phased approach to construction is planned, even if total land disturbance per individual lot is expected to be under one acre, Developer must file NOI and implement approved SWPPP.

Small Construction Program: Subdivisions

Landowners subdividing a parcel of land where the total anticipated land disturbance for the subdivision is greater than one acre, are not required to obtain coverage under GP-02-01 at the time they subdivide the land provided that: Individual lots are for single family homes only, Total anticipated land disturbance for the subdivision is less than five acres, Does not require the construction of roads or common driveways, Does not require municipal sewer and/or water system extensions as part of their local approval, Subdivision will not connect to an existing subsurface storm sewer system, and Owner is not required, as part of their subdivision approval at the local level, to prepare engineering plans showing the individual lot layout.

Local Responsibility for Stormwater

New York State encourages all localities to manage stormwater through existing land use approval processes. New York State recommends adoption of a stormwater management local law. Stormwater Management Guidance Manual for Local Officials. Available at Region 7 DEC Office or on the internet

Invasive Species Management, Invasive Species Education and Control, Water Chestnut hand-pulling will be scheduled for Cross Lake and Sterling Creek. Education on invasive species.

Finger Lakes PRISM (Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management ). Owasco Lake Watershed Rules and Regulations, Update of the Owasco Lake Watershed Rules and Regulations Presentation will be given in all Towns and Villages in the Owasco Lake Watershed., Propose changes to the Owasco Lake Watershed Rules and Regulations and determine support for these changes.

Monitoring and Education, Phosphorus Monitoring, Monitor tributaries to Owasco Lake. Data used in the past when County worked to require phosphorus treatment at the Groton Wastewater Treatment Plant. Data used to develop a phosphorus loading model. Monitor areas in Duck Lake. Determine if certain areas are adding more phosphorus to Duck Lake. Phosphorus Monitoring and Education Provide education to work to reduce phosphorus inputs to waterbodies. Determine areas that have higher inputs of phosphorus and target education to those areas.

Other Work, Cayuga County Planning and Environmental Health worked to require phosphorus treatment for the Groton Wastewater Treatment Plant. Cayuga County Planning and Environmental Health worked with the City of Auburn and the Town of Owasco to get a watershed inspector for Owasco Lake.

Household Hazardous Waste Events: Fall 2007 Tire Collection Events: June 16, Electronics, Propane Tanks and Fluorescent Bulb Collection Events

### **Local Status Reports:**

T/Victory – Ms. Davis stated the Town is working on a Comprehensive Plan with the Central NY Regional Planning & Development Board. They have gotten some public participation. A proposal for a convenience store at the corner of State Routes 370 and Route 38 is under review. The Town is waiting for approval of a DOT driveway permit.

V/Fair Haven – Ms. LaFrance mentioned that the Village is working on a Joint Comprehensive Plan with the Town of Sterling. They have also started installing the sewers along Main St.

T/Cato – Mr. Lloyd reported that Comprehensive Plan is 9 months behind schedule, but is progressing.

T/Throop – Mr. Vitale shared with the group that the Town is continuing to work with Ms. D'Angelo from the County Planning Department on a Comprehensive Plan. The Town plans on writing a zoning law upon completion of the plan. The Planning Board is also working on comments on the City of Auburn's Landfill expansion.

V/Cayuga – Ms. Komenecki stated the Village was under a Boil Water Emergency for a number of weeks. In addition, the Village is still working on implementation of Comprehensive Plan by making regulation updates. The restaurant on Route 90 is reopening under new management and the Village is planning their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration for August 3, 4 and 5<sup>th</sup>.

T/Locke – Mr. Crandall introduced himself and discussed the Town's establishment a "new" planning board. One of their first tasks will be to finish the Comprehensive Plan started by the previous board.

T/Brutus and V/Weedsport – Mr. Glowacki and Mr. Dziergas mentioned that the Town and Village are starting to work together on a new Joint Comprehensive Plan.

T/Summer Hill – Mr. Amerman stated that the Town is starting to work on a Comprehensive Plan.

T/Conquest – Mr. Powell discussed the problems the Town has had with a racetrack on the Wayne County side of the County line. Residents can hear the announcements all the way to Duck Lake. Savannah doesn't have a lot of laws and this will soon become a legal issue with the residents.

T/Niles - Mr. Edmunds stated the Town is working on a Comprehensive Plan with the Central NY Regional Planning & Development Board. They are in the visioning process now and have good participation.

V/Aurora – Mr. Taylor discussed the changes being made along the streetscape of the Village. Three pocket parks have been redeveloped and the sidewalks to them have been installed. The Post Office relocation project has been tentatively approved. The Village’s Comprehensive Plan has been in the hands of the Village Attorney for 2 years. .

V/Cato – Ms. Sweetman reported that the Village will still have a convenience store and that the steel has arrived to begin construction of the history center. It is estimated that the history center will be completed in 2008.

T/Ira – Mr. Miller mentioned that the Town of Ira now has an interim Town Supervisor. Don Teeter was actively involved in the Comprehensive Plan. The plan is behind schedule and the Town is waiting for the interim director to handle it. The Town is going to have a pharmacy. It is being constructed as an addition onto the medical center on Route 370 near the Village of Meridian.

T/Sterling – Ms. Ouellette stated that the Village of Fair Haven and Town of Sterling are working on a Joint Comprehensive Plan. The community-wide surveys should be going out soon. The Town is currently reviewing two major subdivision applications, including one on the former surplus property. The Town is also reviewing two applications for PDD’s for two pre-existing non-conforming campgrounds.

T/Moravia – Ms. Weaver reported that they are getting public water in some areas and that there have been discussion about getting a Comprehensive Plan done.

**Other Matters:**

None

The next meeting will be on October 4, 2006 at 7:00 pm in the Legislature Chambers on the sixth floor of the County Office Building.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.