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Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board (CNY RPDB)  
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**TITLE OF PROJECT:**

Regional Cooperation and Collaboration

**TIME PERIOD OF PROJECT:**

Ongoing

**PROJECT LOCATION:**

Cayuga, Cortland, Madison, Onondaga, and Oswego Counties

**PROJECT CONTACT:**

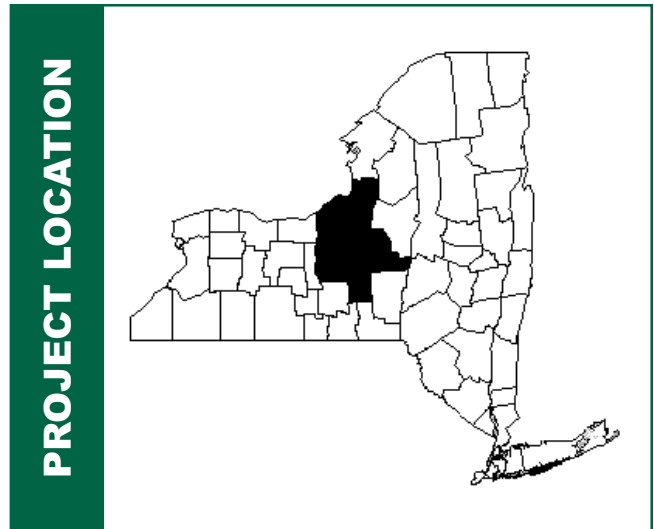
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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION(S):**

Watershed Restoration and Protection Action Strategies: Working on behalf of NYS DEC to assist in the preparation of Strategies for watersheds in the region, including the eastern Finger Lakes, Lake Ontario Direct Drainage, the Oswego River and Oneida Lake.

Regional NPS Water Quality Activities Inventory: Developed a database and GIS inventory of water quality activities in the region to strengthen development and coordination of future regional and local water resource efforts. Expected to be updated annually.

Regional NPS Strategy Meetings: Regularly convening county and regional water quality partners in Central New York to discuss County Water Quality strategies in a regional context, and discuss local and regional priorities. Meetings aim to foster a better understanding of activities and priorities and enact a process toward a unified regional strategy.



**Water Quality Coordinating Committee (WQCC)**

Participation: Regularly participating on WQCCs to strengthen communication and collaboration between county and regional levels of government.

Local Prioritization of Monitoring Needs: Worked with WQCCs to get local input on monitoring needs associated with the State's Priority Waterbody List segments. Effort also collected local input as to how counties would prioritize these needs.

General Collaboration and Cooperation: Working in general to collaborate with and facilitate collaboration and cooperation from water quality players in the region.

Basin Teams: Worked with DEC to establish Basin Teams in Lake Ontario Basin. Convened a meeting of regional partners (DEC-Regional Offices, NRCS Area Conservationists, NYS S&WCC Regional Coordinators, FL-LOWPA and others) around a watershed of common interest to identify water resource issues, the status of work done on them, and the priority of the issues.