

Village of Cleveland, Oswego County

The Village of Cleveland is situated on the north shore of Oneida Lake. The Village encompasses 1.13 square miles of land area and lies completely within the Oneida Lake watershed. Cleveland's population total was 758 people during the 2000 Census and had experienced a 3% population decrease between 1990 and 2000. The median age in 2000 was 36 years and the average household size was 2.7 persons. Median household income was \$32,313. There were 310 housing units in the Village, 7% of which had been built between 1990 and 2000.

Assessment Results

Village of Cleveland	Full or Partial Implementation	Not Applicable
1. Development - total 1a. Existing 1b. New and substantial redevelopment	24 of 42 (57%) 9 of 20 (45%) 15 of 22 (68%)	3 2 1
2. Forestry / Agriculture - total 2a. Forestry 2b. Agriculture	9 of 12 (75%) 9 of 10 (90%) 0 of 2 (0%)	3 1 2
3. Waterways / Wetlands - total 3a. Modified waterways 3b. Wetlands and Riparian Area Mgmt/Restoration	15 of 16 (94%) 10 of 10 (100%) 5 of 6 (83%)	0 0 0
4. Marinas - total 4a. Existing Marinas 4b. New Marinas 4c. Existing and New Marinas	0 of 48 (0%) 0 of 20 (0%) 0 of 18 (0%) 0 of 10 (0%)	0 0 1 0
5. Roads and Bridges - total 5a. New Roads and Bridges 5b. Existing Roads and Bridges 5c. New & Existing Roads & Bridges	10 of 26 (38%) 5 of 6 (83%) 11 of 13 (85%) 4 of 7 (57%)	0 0 0 0
6. OWTS	0 of 7(0%)	7

Cleveland is located in the Town of Constantia. New York State Route 49 runs through the area parallel to the north shore of Oneida Lake. The northern boundary runs through the southern edge of the Tug Hill Plateau. The town is primarily residential, with some light industry in Bernhards Bay and Cleveland. The Village of Cleveland provides water and sewer districts. Cleveland has a public sewer system that was completed in 1992 and all homes are on municipal sewer and public water supply system. The municipality's 70-foot well yields 150 gallons per minute from an aquifer in the Tug Hill region. The remaining Oswego County municipalities located within the Oneida Lake watershed rely on individual or non-municipal community wells for drinking water.

Cleveland's Land Development Law of 1997 includes provisions for site plan reviews, SEQ, water supply stormwater drainage, and subdivision regulations, but no zoning. Cleveland follows the required separation distances from wastewater system components. Black creek, with a native population of Brook and Brown Trout, flows through the village into Oneida Lake. The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation fish hatchery is located down the road.

Summary and Recommendations

Most of the management practices identified by the NYS DOS to protect water resources are being followed in the Village but local control for these measures are not addressed in local zoning laws. Based on the local law assessment process, CNY RPDB recommends that Cleveland develop zoning laws as a means of providing an important component of water resource protection at the local level. The Tug Hill Commission is currently working with Cleveland on their local laws. Zoning is the most common and extensively used technique for regulating land use and development and is often used as an effective way to implement the goals that are defined in a comprehensive plan. A good example of a model zoning law can be found in Appendix G and additional information on this topic is available in the Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council resource titled, "Protecting Water Resources Through Local Controls and Practices: An Assessment Manual for New York Municipalities."

Municipalities have authority and primary responsibility for local roadway, bridge, and drainage maintenance. The CNY RPDB recommends that municipalities continue to implement stormwater controls and provide educational opportunities to update highway and public works department staff on current road, bridge, and drainage BMPs. Additional recommendations are found in a section titled "Road, Drainage Way, and Bridge Recommendations" (IV B) of the introductory narrative.

Municipal Contacts

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Local Laws Reviewed

- Village of Cleveland Land Development Law (1997)
- Site plan review and subdivision regulations
- Constantia Comprehensive Plan Draft #3 for public hearing