

Oneida Lake and Watershed
MUNICIPAL SURVEY
Winter 2002

Please return this survey by **February 22** to:
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PART I – IDENTIFICATION OF MUNICIPAL PRIORITY ISSUES

1. Please rank the importance of incorporating each of the following general actions into the goals of the watershed management plan. Indicate if your municipality considers inclusion of each action to be of high (H), medium (M), low (L) or no concern (NC).

- Economic development
- Open space planning
- Tourism enhancement
- Planning (regional/long term vs. site specific/short term)
- Monitoring tributaries and lake
- Maintenance of water quality standards
- Negotiations with the Oneida Indian Nation
- Review and enforcement of permits and regulations
- Infrastructure planning/development/maintenance
- Watershed education
- Natural resource protection
- Other (please specify) _____

2. Please rank the following IN-LAKE issues for Oneida Lake. Indicate if each issue is of high (H), medium (M), low (L), or no concern (NC) to your municipal board.

Lake water levels:

- Water levels too high
- Water levels too low
- Management and regulation of water levels
- Other _____

Lake water quality:

- Nutrient level in the lake is too high
- Nutrient level in the lake is too low
- Heavy metals and organics, including chemical and petroleum contaminants
- Pathogens and viruses from septic waste
- Sewage discharge to the lake (odor, recreation, and health impacts)
- Other _____

Non-native plants and animals

- Zebra mussels
- Water chestnut
- Other non-native plants and animals (please specify: _____)

Aquatic vegetation:

- Rooted aquatic plants
- Algae
- Decomposing plant materials
- Other _____

Cormorants:

- Impacts of cormorants on fisheries
- Need for long term cormorant population control
- Control methods used
- Other _____

Reduction of fish populations

Boats and jet skis:

- Too many
- Not enough – indicative of need to boost tourism efforts
- Excessive speed
- Excessive noise
- Proximity to shoreline
- Fumes
- Fuel impact on water quality
- Hours of operation
- Intoxicated boat/jet ski operators
- Other _____

Access to Oneida Lake:

- Too much public access
- Not enough public access
- Too much available docking space
- Not enough available docking space
- Other _____
- Sediment deposits impacting fisheries/wildlife habitat/recreation
- Other (please specify) _____

3. What are the most significant UPLAND OR WATERSHED issues of concern in your community? Indicate if each issue is of high (H), medium (M), low (L), or no concern (NC) to your municipal board.

Development:

- Too much shoreline development
- Not enough shoreline development
- Urban sprawl/Rural sprawl
- Loss of open space and diminishing natural habitat including wetlands
- Other _____

Erosion:

- Streambank
- Roadbank
- Lakeshore
- Maintenance of lake and streambank protection structures
- Other _____

Stream management:

- Debris buildup/log jams
- Maintenance of bridges and culverts
- Maintenance of canal structures
- Other _____

Affects of agriculture to surface and groundwater:

- Pesticide use
- Manure storage
- Manure spreading
- Chemical fertilizers
- Sediment loss
- Other _____

___ Affects of runoff from landfills/illegal dumping/hazardous spills to surface and groundwater

Chemical and petroleum affects to surface and groundwater:

- ___ Age of storage systems
- ___ Cost to upgrade existing storage systems
- ___ Location of storage systems (please specify _____)
- ___ Regulations and enforcement
- ___ Other _____

Commercial and industrial affects to surface and groundwater:

- ___ Material stockpiles
- ___ Transport and transfer stations
- ___ Wells
- ___ Mines
- ___ Industrial processes
- ___ Stormwater runoff
- ___ Other _____

Highway maintenance impacts to water quality

- ___ Application of road deicing material
- ___ Storage of road deicing material
- ___ Roadside ditch maintenance practices (causing erosion/increasing velocity/increasing flooding)
- ___ Other _____

Residential affects to surface and groundwater:

- ___ Lawn care products
- ___ Hazardous household waste disposal
- ___ Stormwater runoff
- ___ Other _____

On-site septic systems

- ___ Lack of watershed wide inspection and maintenance schedule
- ___ Improperly sized systems
- ___ Poorly sited systems
- ___ Maintenance/inspection/replacement cost to homeowners
- ___ Other _____

Local laws and regulations:

- ___ Inadequate to protect water resources
- ___ Enforcement of existing laws and regulations is inadequate/inconsistent
- ___ Other _____

___ Groundwater contamination from all sources impacting drinking water supplies (wells)

___ Stormwater runoff from impervious surfaces and roadside ditches impacting surface and groundwater quality

___ Flooding

___ Discharge from wastewater treatment plants

___ Other (please specify) _____

9. Please provide ideas regarding improved communication between municipalities, government agencies and stakeholder groups.

10. If educational workshops are scheduled in your municipality what topics should be addressed?

*PLEASE USE THE SPACE BELOW TO PROVIDE OTHER COMMENTS
USE ADDITIONAL PAGES IF NEEDED*

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