

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.**

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

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