

# Oneida Lake and Watershed Management Planning and Implementation Project



## 2001 YEAR IN REVIEW

CNY RPDB  
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PRIMARY PARTICIPANTS

CNY Regional Planning and Development Board (Program Coordinator, Executive, Land Use, Technical, and Education Committees)

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (Executive Committee, Technical Committee, Grant Review Committee)

Herkimer Oneida Counties Comprehensive Planning Program (Executive Committee, Land Use Committee, CNY RPDB subcontract)

NYS Soil & Water Conservation Committee (Executive Committee, Land Use Committee, Agriculture Committee)

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Onondaga County (Education Committee, CNY RPDB subcontract)

Cornell Biological Field Station (Executive Committee, Technical Committee, Grant Review Committee, monitoring program, CNY RPDB agreement)

Oneida Lake Association (Executive Committee)

Madison County Planning Department (monitoring program, grant recipient)

Onondaga County Health Department (monitoring program)

Oswego County Soil & Water Conservation District (monitoring program)

Oneida County Soil & Water Conservation District (monitoring program; CNY RPDB subcontract)

Project Watershed (CNY RPDB subcontract)

Life Science Laboratories (CNY RPDB subcontract in progress)

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The following **Committees have met** throughout the year in support of Oneida Lake watershed management planning projects:
  - Oneida Lake Task Force Executive Committee
  - Oneida Lake Task Force Land Use Committee
  - Oneida Lake Task Force Education Committee
  - Oneida Lake Task Force Technical Committee
  - Agricultural Committee
  - Grant Review Committee
  
- Many organizations that have contributed research, data collection, and writing for the **State of the Lake and Watershed Report**.
  
- **Municipal recruitment** has been approached as a partnership between the CNY RPDB, the HOCCPP, and CCE of Onondaga County.
  
- A **“Resolution to Participate”** was written and distributed to all watershed municipalities.
  
- The **Watershed Advisory Council** was created – Executive Committee members defined the organizational structure and prepared the draft by-laws. A total of 19 people (county, municipal, and stakeholder representatives) are being selected to serve on the Board of Directors.
  
- CCE of Onondaga County, HOCCPP, and CNY RPDB compiled a **Municipal Survey** and distributed copies to representatives from each municipality in the Oneida Lake watershed. The survey is designed to identify and prioritize key water resource issues of concern. The responses will help to determine what issues need to be addressed in the Oneida Lake Watershed Management Plan.
  
- The third annual **Oneida Lake Task Force Conference** was held on November 14, 2001. 68 municipal officials, state and county agency representatives, and non-profit representatives attended the daylong event.
  
- **Workshops and PowerPoint presentations** were given throughout the region.
  
- Two **newsletters** titled, “Project News” were distributed to 250 watershed groups and elected representatives throughout the watershed.

- **Articles about the management plan** were printed in several local publications (FL-LOWPA, etc.) and were reproduced on websites for several organizations in the Oneida Lake watershed.
- The December issue of *Clearwaters* (published by the Water Environment Association) featured Oneida Lake and its watershed and included several articles written by the Cornell Field Station, OLA, the Canal Corporation, and USGS. CNY RPDB contributed articles and photographs, and coordinated the additional articles from the other organizations.
- Several **project updates** were sent to state and federal elected officials throughout the year.
- An Oneida Lake watershed **tabletop display** was set up at the FL-LOWPA and Oneida Lake Association and Task Force annual meetings.
- Hundreds of **fact sheets and GIS maps** were distributed throughout the region.
- Oneida Lake watershed **2002 calendars** were prepared and distributed as a project promotion.
- HOCCPP took responsibility for Geographic Information Systems (GIS) **mapping and regional GIS coordination**.
- CNY RPDB developed a **computer website** for the Oneida Lake project (to be released in March 2002).
- Two “request for proposals” for the **Watershed Improvement Grant Program** were written and distributed throughout New York State by CNY RPDB with assistance from the Executive and Land Use Committees.
- An Oneida Lake **Agricultural Watershed Resource Specialist** was secured. Responsibilities were defined as a group effort between the Soil & Water Conservation Districts and the Soil & Water Conservation Committee. CNY RPDB provided the funding for this two-year, part-time position.
- Proposals for **non-agricultural projects** are currently being reviewed.
- **Grant support letters** and editorial review were provided to Project Watershed, Madison County WQCC, CCE of Onondaga County, and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.
- A “**request for proposals**” (RFP) was distributed statewide to locate a water testing lab for the tributary monitoring program. Life Science Laboratories was selected following a committee review process.

- The Oneida Lake **tributary monitoring program** was designed. Twelve sampling sessions (six “event” and six “non-event”) are anticipated at 11 sites. The program is a partnership between CNY RPDB, NYS DEC, Cornell Biological Field Station, SUNY Brockport, and agencies in the four counties that border Oneida Lake (Onondaga County Health Department, Madison County Planning Department, Oneida County SWCD, and Oswego County SWCD).
- An extensive **quality assurance form** was completed to fulfill State requirements. Draft copies were sent to eight sampling partners that are involved in the program and all groups agreed on the contents. The document was then sent to the Albany NYS DEC office for review.
- NYS DEC and US EPA contracts were executed and **grant reporting requirements** are being met.
- **Subcontracts and agreements were executed** with the following organizations: Cornell Biological Field Station, J. Makarewicz, Project Watershed, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Onondaga County, Herkimer Oneida Counties Comprehensive Planning Program, Madison County Planning Department, and the Oneida County SWCD. A contract with Life Science Laboratories is in progress.
- **Over \$25,500 was generated** for this project in in-kind support.

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GOALS FOR 2002

State of the Lake and Watershed report

- Draft copy completed and distributed for review
- Chapters put on website for public review and comment
- Public comment meetings held throughout the region
- Editorial comments incorporated
- Final report completed and distributed in CD and hard copy format

Tributary monitoring program launched

- Continued regional participation
- Stream prioritization based on test results
- Phase II program designed – Stressed Stream Analysis on high priority streams

Watershed Advisory Council

- 19 Board members selected
- Meetings held on regular basis with active Board member involvement
- Municipal Survey responses collected and summarized
- Municipal Agreements signed

Education Programs

- Regional workshops and the 4<sup>th</sup> Task Force annual conference held
- Presentations given to local groups
- School participation through Project Watershed
- Two newsletters distributed

Agriculture Programs

- Continued support of the Agricultural Watershed Resource Specialist
- Agricultural Advisory Group formed with local farmers/producers
- AEM data collection and farm prioritization
- Agricultural education programs presented
- Grant writing

Non-Agricultural Programs

- Proposals reviewed
- Projects selected, funded, and implemented

Geographic Information Systems

- Regional coordination of GIS services
- Maps provided for educational purposes and SOLW report

*GOALS for 2002, continued*

Collection of State and Local Laws

Municipalities surveyed  
Summary provided

Administrative Services

Staff support provided for Task Force committees  
Staff support provided for Watershed Advisory Council  
Website maintained  
Continued communication with regional partners and elected officials  
Program presentations provided at meetings and conferences  
Subcontract services provided  
State and Federal grant requirements met

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### CNY RPDB - MEETINGS ATTENDED WITH ONEIDA WATERSHED PROJECT PRESENTATIONS OR DISCUSSIONS

- 1/3/01 Cooperative Extension meeting
- 1/5/01 R. Kaplewicz, Executive Committee
- 1/16/01 Oneida Lake Task Force Executive Committee meeting
- 1/18/01 Oneida Lake Task Force Education Committee meeting
- 1/24/01 Oneida Lake Task Force Land Use Committee meeting
- 1/25/01 Onondaga County Council on Environmental Health
- 1/30/01 LEAP municipal training program at Cornell University
  
- 2/5/01 HOCCPP strategy meeting
- 2/7/01 Cooperative Extension
- 2/13/01 Meeting with G. Hayes and B. Meyer
- 2/15/01 Tributary monitoring meeting
- 2/26/01 Oneida Lake Task Force Education Committee
  
- 3/13/01 Madison Co. WQCC meeting
- 3/14/01 Oneida Lake Task Force Executive Committee meeting
- 3/22/01 Cortland County WQCC meeting
- 3/26/01 Meeting with HOCCPP
- 3/29/01 Oneida Lake Task Force Education Committee meeting
- 3/30/01 County Planning Director's meeting
  
- 4/4/01 OLA meeting with Board members – formal presentation given
- 4/5/01 SWCD meeting
- 4/5/01 Oneida Lake Task Force Land Use Committee meeting
- 4/11/01 Oneida Lake Task Force Executive Committee
- 4/12/01 NPS Strategy Meeting – formal presentation given
- 4/24/01 Oswego Co. WQCC meeting
- 4/25/01 OLA meeting
- 4/26/01 NYS Environthon
- 4/30/01 Oneida Lake Task Force Education Committee
  
- 5/2/01 Education Committee Meeting
- 5/2/01 NYS DEC RIBS Workshop
- 5/5/01 Oneida Lake presentation given at the NYSFOLA Annual Conference
- 5/9/01 Oneida Lake Task Force Executive Committee meeting
- 5/10/01 Oneida Creek Subwatershed Working Group – formal presentation given
- 5/18/01 FL-LOWPA Spring Workshop – tabletop display
- 5/22/01 Education Committee/municipal outreach meeting
- 5/24/01 Meeting with Matt Fidler, Living Schoolbook
  
- 6/1/01 Isaac Walton League Conference
- 6/4/01 CNY RPDB staff meeting
- 6/6/01 Oneida Lake Task Force Land Use Committee



6/7/01 RFP Review Committee meeting  
 6/12/01 Madison County WQCC  
 6/13/01 Oneida Lake Task Force Executive Committee meeting  
 6/14/01 Tributary monitoring training  
 6/19/01 Oneida Lake Task Force Land Use Committee meeting  
 6/26/01 Oneida Lake Task Force Education Committee  
 6/27/01 Madison County Planning Committee – formal presentation given  
  
 7/11/01 Oneida Lake Task Force Executive Committee meeting  
 7/18/01 Sullivan Town Board meeting  
 7/23/01 Tug Hill meeting – formal presentation given  
  
 8/8/01 Oneida Lake Task Force Executive Committee  
 8/9/01 Madison County Farm Bureau – formal presentation given  
 8/13/01 OLA meeting  
 8/14/01 Madison County Mayors and Supervisors meeting – formal presentation given  
 8/15/01 Clearwaters editors meeting  
 8/20/01 Conference Planning meeting  
 8/21/01 Northern Region Workshop – formal presentation given  
 8/22/01 Board EMC - presentation given  
 8/30/01 NYS Canal Corporation  
  
 9/13/01 Contract meeting with Cooperative Extension  
 9/17/01 Oneida Lake Task Force Executive Committee  
 9/18/01 Oswego County WQCC  
 9/19/01 Onondaga County Council on Environmental Health – formal presentation given  
 9/20/01 CCE Urban Workshop – formal presentation given  
 9/25/01 Oneida County WQCC meeting  
 9/27/01 Cooperative Tug Hill Council annual meeting – formal presentation given  
  
 10/4/01 Ag Working Group  
 10/9/01 Oneida Lake Task Force Executive Committee meeting  
 10/15/01 Oneida Lake Task Force Education Committee meeting  
 10/16/01 Tourism Advisory Council – formal presentation given  
 10/17/01 Agricultural Working Group  
 10/23-10/24/01 FL-LOWPA Conference  
 10/24/01 CNY RPDB Board meeting – PowerPoint presentation  
 10/25/01 Oneida Lake Task Force Land Use Committee meeting  
  
 11/10/01 Agricultural Working Group  
 11/14/01 Oneida Lake Task Force Conference  
 11/15/01 Madison County SWCD Board meeting  
 11/19/01 Website development meeting  
  
 12/3/01 User Survey meeting  
 12/7/01 CNY RPDB staff meeting  
 12/10/01 Municipal Outreach meeting  
 12/10/01 Oswego WQCC  
 12/10/01 Oneida Lake Task Force Executive Committee meeting  
 12/11/01 CNY RPDB Annual Meeting  
 12/11/01 Madison County WQCC

12/12/01 Agricultural Working Group  
12/19/01 Municipal Outreach meeting

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