

## Black & Oatka Creeks Watershed Management Plans



Organizational Meeting  
August 10, 2009



## Organizational Meeting Agenda

- Briefly review progress to date
- Provide an overview of the project components
- Project Advisory Committee Sign-up and important next steps
  - Open to questions throughout presentation

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## Progress to Date

- NYS DOS Division of Coastal Resources with funds provided under Title 11 of the EPF announced ~fall 2006
- Contractor/sponsor – Town of Wheatland
- Elected Official's breakfast held in 2008
- Contract approved spring 2009
- Time to begin work...

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## What Has Been Done

- Black Creek Watershed Coalition
- Oatka Creek Watershed Committee
- State of the Basin Reports
  - Black Creek Watershed
  - Oatka Creek Watershed
- Controlling Sediment in the Black & Oatka Creek Watershed Project
- Oatka Creek Watershed Guide
- Sampling and Monitoring
- Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plans
- Oatka Creek Flood Mitigation Plan

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## Watershed Management Plan

- The Plan will have six major components:
  1. Characterization
  2. Sub-watershed Prioritization
  3. Regulatory/Programmatic Evaluation
  4. Identification of Management Strategies
  5. "Phasing Plan" (i.e. Issue Prioritization and Implementation)
  6. Intermunicipal Coordinating Organizations

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## Watershed Characterization

- Description of the Watershed
  - Delineation of Sub-watersheds
  - Demographics, socio-economic characteristics
  - Trends in land use and land cover
  - Local laws, plans and other documents
  - Inventory and describe critical features of the watershed
  - Hydrographic conditions, runoff, pollutant loads
  - Identify and describe potential threats to water quality and ecology

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## Watershed Characterization

- Assessment of Natural Resources
  - Water quality classifications
  - Threats and impairments to water quality and living resources
  - Inventory biota
  - Describe key water and habitat resources warranting special protection or restoration

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## Establishment of Project Advisory Committees

- Role of the Project Advisory Committee(s) is to guide preparation and eventual implementation of the final plans
- Committees shall be representative of project stakeholders and other appropriate agencies
- Subject to DOS review and approval

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## Project Advisory Committees Next Steps

- Distribute Sign-Up Sheets
  - *Who have we missed?*
- Establish date, time and location for next meeting
  - *Tentatively scheduled for August 24<sup>th</sup>*

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## Next Meeting

- Discuss and agree on meeting format
- Begin to Address Near-Term Priorities
  1. Review and Approve the Community Outreach Plan(s)
  2. Address RFP for third party contractor
  3. Begin to develop a Characterization of the watershed(s)

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