

Black Creek Watershed Coalition

2010 Annual Report

- ◆ Meeting dates: January 28, 2010; March 2, 2010; March 31, 2010; April 29, 2010; June 29, 2010; July 22, 2010; August 30, 2010; September 29, 2010; October 21, 2010; November 30, 2010.
- ◆ Monroe and Genesee SWCDs presented on Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) planning efforts in the watershed.
- ◆ The Coalition worked on by-laws for the organization. Final coalition by-laws were adopted at the June 29th meeting.
- ◆ A study, that includes water quality monitoring, for Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) designation for phosphorus is taking place in the Upper and Lower Black Creek Watershed. The study was initiated by DEC and is being done by Lake Ontario Coastal Initiative (LOCI) with grant funding. Coalition members received a fact sheet on the project. SUNY Brockport students are conducting the water quality monitoring. NYSDEC was awarded grant funds (\$305,000 from GLRI) during the year for additional TMDL work in the watershed.
- ◆ A Great Lakes Basin Commission Erosion and Sediment Control grant application was submitted for Black and Oatka Creek Watersheds (jointly). The original amount of funding requested to allow SWCDs to do erosion and sediment control projects on agricultural land was \$800,000. The grant was awarded to Wyoming County SWCD in the amount of \$536,000. Monroe, Genesee, and Wyoming County SWCDs will coordinate the work to be done.
- ◆ The Coalition began a discussion of the possibility of re-printing the map guide. A decision was made to dedicate remaining FL-LOWPA grant funds toward re-printing map guides.

- ◆ The Coalition received information on the watershed planning effort for Black and Oatka Creek watersheds that is coordinated by Genesee/ Finger Lakes Regional Planning through a Department of State grant. Coalition members served on the project advisory committee (PAC). A private consultant was hired (EcoLogic, LLC) to complete a significant portion of the watershed characterization for the plan.
- ◆ The watershed display appeared at Cool Kids EcoFest on Saturday April 17th at Genesee Community College, Churchville Arbor Days – April 23-25, WNY FL-LOWPA meeting – June 14, Mill Seat Landfill (Waste Management) open house – July 29, and the Watershed Symposium – October 28.
- ◆ A watershed symposium for both Black and Oatka Creek watersheds was planned and held on October 28th with 101 people in attendance.
- ◆ The Coalition planned and carried out a project to re-connect with watershed municipalities.
- ◆ An update on the status of the Black Creek Park wetland mitigation project was presented by Rochelle Bell.
- ◆ The Coalition continued to maintain the website (<http://www.blackcreekwatershed.org/>).
- ◆ Information was received that \$500,000 in funding through the USDA-NRCS was made available by Congressman Chris Lee to do water quality monitoring in several Genesee River Basin watersheds including Black and Oatka Creeks. SUNY Brockport is doing the monitoring.
- ◆ Jenny Landry from NYSDEC Region 8 presented on a Freshwater Mussel Survey of Southern Lake Ontario Watersheds (including Black and Oatka).