

Minutes of the Oatka Creek Watershed Committee for the August 23, 2004 Joint Meeting with the Black Creek Watershed Coalition

Present were: Dorothy Borgus, Rick VenVertloh, David Zorn, Larry VerWeire, Pat Tindale, Bob Wilkins, Robert Remillard, Caroline Myers, Esther Leadley, Mike Marley, Jerry Davis, Whitney Autin, Charlie Knauf, Lisa Compton, George Squires, Bob Kelley, Mike Grasso, William Gick, Dave Reckahn, and Don Hoyt

Welcome and Introduction

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Oatka Creek Watershed Committee for July 26, 2004 were approved as written.

Presentation of Great Lakes Basin Program for Soil Erosion/Sediment Control

Dave Zorn presented an outline of activities for soil erosion and sediment control in the Black and Oatka Creek Watersheds. He explained each task and noted target dates for completion of each task.

This document can be found at:

<http://www.gflrpc.org/Planning/WQ/greatlakescom.htm>

The document contains:

Goals, Objectives and Methods

Task 1 – Erosion and Sediment Control – Municipal Meetings (Black Creek)

Task 2 – Erosion and Sediment Control – Identification and Analysis of Riparian Corridor

Task 3 – Erosion and Sediment Control – Assessment and Analysis of Federal and State Laws and Regulations and Municipal Local Laws, Ordinances and Practices in municipalities in the Black and Oatka Creek Watersheds (Two supporting documents were handed out as a template for guiding activities under this task. One was a form to assess local laws, ordinances and practices relating to water resources, developed by the New York Department of State and Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council. The second was a Municipal Law Review Chart that was also developed by the GFLRPC during work on the Finger Lakes Water Quality Project (LLPFLWQ).)

Task 4 – All water quality/resource issues identification and prioritization (sic)

Task 5 - Assistance to Municipalities in Revising Local Laws

There followed discussion of a variety of issues. Dave Z. asked that any comments by members to the plan be made fairly quickly, ideally within the next couple of weeks (Sept 1).

George noted that recreation use and assessments need to be addressed. Also industrial assessments?

Other comments suggested septic controls/regulations should be considered.

Dave indicated that municipalities that are interested with the evaluation and revision of their laws would be given assistance.

There were questions about outreach. Dave directed Black Creek Coalition members to refer to a sheet he had provided that was an outline of the second phase municipal outreach done by the Oatka group. There were also questions about the Oatka display and the watershed signs.

The Oatka group had questions about more communication to municipalities/stakeholders.

Charlie requested that anyone who knows sites of concern on private land along the Oatka (in Monroe County) to let him know. He also stressed that it was important to determine the difference between natural and accelerated erosion. He also talked about existing monitoring stations and efforts to expand them on the Black and Oatka Creeks.

September meeting

The next meeting is September 20 at the LeRoy Municipal Building for the Oatka group. Agenda items suggested: Stressed Stream Analysis results also municipal meeting follow-up. * Lisa will arrange for the meeting room.