

Owasco Lake Watershed Inspection Program Work Plan, 2008 December 2008 Activities

Investigations

Program	December's Progress	2008 Overall Progress
<i>Agriculture</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 agricultural related investigations
<i>Commercial</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydreseeding of 2 miles of ditches on Grange Hall Road completed
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completing the Emerson Park Goose Management Report for summer 2008 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three investigations
<i>Oil Spills</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three reported fuel spills within the Owasco Lake Watershed
<i>Residential</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with landowner on drainage and flooding issues • Working with landowner concerned about past flooding from stream running adjacent to their property – <i>sent letter and will be further investigating the wetland in the spring</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 investigations of lakefront properties • 2 investigations of watershed properties • 5 investigations of possible violations of the Owasco Lake Watershed Rules and Regulations

Agriculture – increase cooperation with the watershed agricultural community through programs and technical assistance

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<i>Priority Farm List</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One farm previously working with SWCD • Tier I and II completed for one farm; waiting for funding • Exclusion fencing to keep livestock out of wet area placed on one farm • Water sampling parameters set and in the process of sampling on one farm
<i>Secondary Fuel Containment</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiting for approval of FL-LOWPA Special Projects for secondary fuel containment (5-6 Owasco Lake Watershed farms) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installed three secondary fuel containments
<i>Agricultural Advisory Committee</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning next meeting for early 2009 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held 2 meetings

<i>AEM</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked with SWCD staff on producing application for Round XV Agricultural Non-Point Source Abatement Grant (due January 5, 2009) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 20 Prescribed Grazing Systems ○ 1 Barnyard Runoff Management System ○ Barnyard Runoff and Milkhouse Waste System ○ Grassed Waterway ○ 3 – Solid Manure Stacking Pads ○ Temporary Manure Storage ○ Heavy Use Area for Ag Silage Bag Storage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 – Tier I • 2 – Tier II • Watershed map • Recognition Breakfast • 1 – Eco-Talk Article • 1 – Media Workshop • Completed Strategic Plan
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Community Outreach – increase public knowledge, understanding, and respect for Owasco Lake and its watershed

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<i>Community Events</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented to the Supervisors of the towns bordering Owasco Lake <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meeting was very helpful and another meeting has been planned for the spring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 – youth presentation • 2 – Town of Fleming Board Meetings • 2 – OWLA meeting • 2 – Homeowners Association meetings • 2 – public presentations • 4 – professional meeting • 2 – public outreach event
<i>Publications</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eco-Talk Article (Septic System Maintenance) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 – television appearance • 2 – radio interview • 6 – general newspaper articles • 12 – Eco-Talk Articles
<i>Increasing Program Awareness</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decals have been placed on vehicle • GPS unit received • Felt pop-up display board for public presentation received

Stormwater – reduces the effects of stormwater and sedimentation to Owasco Lake through implementation of erosion and sediment control methods

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<i>Residential Erosion Control</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 – properties implementing sediment and erosion control measures • 3 – grant proposal to have stream stabilization work

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> completed • Fill removed from one property by ACOE and DEC
<i>Stormwater Permitted Sites</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3- CPESC reviews

Miscellaneous

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<i>Giant Hogweed</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Giant Hogweed was confirmed in Owasco Flats → DOT has eradicated it from the site
<i>Seasonal Watershed Inspector Positions</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bruce Natale is speaking with Emerson Foundation on possible funding for next year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked June 23 through September 13 • Seven day a week coverage through the summer • Picture references of shoreline • Drove firelanes • Used boat to document sites • Stream Survey

Upcoming Events:

- Attending Nutrient Management Class (January 12, 2009)
- Presenting to the Tompkins County Board of Health about the Owasco Lake Watershed Rules and Regulations (January 13, 2009)
- Completing the Owasco Lake Watershed Annual Report (Due January 30, 2009)