



Owasco Lake Watershed Inspection Program

Monthly Activities Report

July 2010

Investigations of Possible Violations

- Received call from the Town of Fleming Highway Superintendent. Lakefront homeowner was concerned about the amount of water seeping through the bank on his lakeshore. Worked with the Highway Department to have sewer line checked. Found a couple holes in line and a rock that had completely fallen through and crushed the sewer line. Section was repaired. Will be monitoring lakeshore to see if this solves the issue.
- Inspection of lakefront rental homes found one failing septic system. Spoke with property owner and showed her where the system was failing. Also contacted the Health Department who will be working with the property owner to have it repaired. Health Department has ordered her to have the tank pumped out as often as needed until it is repaired.
- Inspected and researched information about filling activity near the Owasco Flats. All information showed that the activities being performed were not regulated activities.
- Worked with lakefront property owners in the Town of Scipio with drainage concerns after a large runoff event. Walked bank and worked to determine cause.
- Worked with contractor at home remodel and excavation of the lawn and banks in the Town of Scipio to implement and maintain sediment and erosion control practices at the site.
- Worked with landowner in the Town of Fleming concerned about bank on neighboring property eroding and causing issues
- Worked with contractor at lawn/landscaping project on lakeshore at home in the Town of Owasco. Silt fence was in place and lawn area had been seeded and mulched and home owner was watering the area. Now, lawn is coming in with very even distribution of grass. Homeowner will be able to mow the area soon.
- Construction of new lakefront home in the Town of Scipio – spoke with the contractor. Silt fence in place and site fairly stabilized with retaining wall construction.

Updates

- Construction has begun on excavated bank in the Town of Scipio. Retaining wall which was suggested by SWCD staff has been placed and backfilling and vegetation to begin.

Community Outreach

- Presented at Owasco Lake Day (July 1)
- Eco-Talk Article – Invasive Species – Fishhook Water Fleas

Other Tasks

- Completed 2011 budget for the City of Auburn and the Town of Owasco
- Met with the Lakefront Supervisors and toured the lake from a boat
- Water Sample Pick-ups were completed by AmeriCorps staff on July 6 and July 20

Upcoming Events

- Water Samples to be collected on August 3, 17, 31