

Summary Report for Owasco Lake Watershed Inspector Activities
March 2008
WQMA Meeting April 3, 2008

Projects that I have Worked on:

Commercial Work

- Spoke with Richard Knaul (Town of Owasco Planning Board Chair) regarding Town of Owasco development and how to bring them into compliance regarding their stormwater plans (3/17/08)
- NYS DEC Ecosystem Management Project on Corrigan Rd, Town of Niles (3/20/08)
 - Both logging sites have been completed
 - Seeding and final stabilization will be done, weather permitting
 - Small retention pond is functioning and keeping sediment from entering ditch

Farms

- Met with Town of Venice farmer to review their Tier I & II of the AEM process (3/3/08)
- Spoke with Town of Owasco farmer that had mud/manure on roadway from spreader (3/14/08)
 - They scraped the road clean of debris
- Spoke with Ryan Cunningham (Watershed Agricultural Resource Conservation Specialist, Skaneateles Lake Watershed Agricultural Program) regarding rip rap permit for Twin Birch Dairy, LLC (3/14/08)
 - He helped owner write permit and provide technical assistance
 - He plans to be on site will project is in progress
 - Will be contacting me before work starts to keep me informed
- Met with Town of Sempronius farmer that is looking to plant cover crop using No Till seeding practice (3/19/08)

Professional Meetings

- Met with Renee Jensen regarding a grant program called “Adopt-a-Shoreline” (3/3/08)
 - Teaches residents how to identify aquatic vegetation with an emphasis on teaching them to distinguish native from invasive species
 - Then they can “adopt” a shoreline and monitor it a few times per year documenting aquatic vegetation species observed on their shoreline
 - Renee and I brainstormed contacts and places of interest around Owasco Lake and what steps we need to take
- SWCD Board of Directors (3/7/08)
- Attended the Water Quality Symposium (3/11-3/14)
 - Drainage Law
 - Basic Hydrology
 - Introduction to Nutrient Management
 - Groundwater in Agriculture
- Watershed Inspector Meeting (3/18/08)
 - Received several design options for watershed logo and gave feedback to designer
- SWCD staff meeting (3/28/08)

- Met with Tompkins County Environmental Health Department and Tompkins County lawyer to discuss implementing Owasco Lake Watershed Rules and Regulations within the county (3/31/08)

Road Kill

- SWCD staff removed deer carcass from lake at Indian Cove (3/19/08)
- Dead deer: Route 38, mile marker 1021 → removed (3/20/08)

Miscellaneous

- Worked on PowerPoint presentation to be given to Westminster Presbyterian Church group on April 24
- “On the Spot” article in The Citizen → Questioned posed: What tangible results have you been able to attain since starting your job as Owasco Lake Watershed Inspector? → in paper on March 6
- Eco-Talk Article: Spring Cleaning for Watershed (3/17/08)
- Worked on Civil Service forms for Seasonal Employees → waiting on response from Civil Service Department (3/18/08)
- Kelly Crossett, Eileen O’Connor, and I met with The Post Standard to discuss a possible article about erosion and sediment, its effects on the environment, and how people can prevent erosion (3/27/08)

Projects that I have Scheduled:

- Septic System Training (April 1 & 2)
- AEM Breakfast to recognize six farms that use the AEM process to improve water quality on their farm and keep clean water clean (April 12)
- Westminster Presbyterian Church group presentation (April 24)