



Owasco Lake Watershed Inspection Program

Monthly Activities Report

March 2010

Investigations of Possible Violations

- Investigated manure spreading complaint – No Violation of Watershed Rules and Regulations
- Continuing to work on issues with landowner with cleared bank along lakeshore – landowner continues to have issues with runoff and erosion from site. Working with SWCD, landowner, and contractor for permanent measures to stabilize the site.
- Complaint about animals having access to tributary – already working with farmer. Had installed temporary fence along stream, except for small section where animals water. Waiting to be incorporated into Agricultural Non-Point Source grant to have permanent fencing with other watering solutions. Site has significant improvements by limiting access to the stream by the livestock with regards to erosion of the banks.
- Investigating and keeping close eye on manure spreading activities near a tributary – farmer spreads greater than 75 feet from the tributary, making this outside of the jurisdiction of the Owasco Lake Watershed Rules and Regulations, but is spreading manure in the floodplain. SWCD has tried to work with farmer to change practices at site (not spread manure here except for dry times of the year, plant in permanent hay, etc), but farmer is reluctant to change. Will continue to monitor site for any changes.
- Issued letter requesting more information for farmer with animals having access to tributary – waiting for response.

Community Outreach

- Eco-Talk Article – Owasco Watershed Network
- Updated and designed new brochures for watershed residents for coming season
- Career Day at Tyburn Academy

Other Tasks

- Continued to work on installation of watershed signs
- Worked on completing firelane road survey

Upcoming Events

- Appearance on Guy Cosentino's show, "Inside Government"