

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

Investigations

Program	September's Progress	2008 Overall Progress
<i>Agriculture</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 manure spreading investigations
<i>Commercial</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grange Hall Road ditching work completed; hydroseeding of ditches in process 	
<i>Miscellaneous</i>		<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"> • 2 failing septic system investigations • Investigation of tires and leaves dumped on banks of Dutch Hollow Brook 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 investigations lakefront 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"> • Looking into farmers in the watershed that would be interested in secondary fuel containment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installed three secondary fuel containments
<i>Agricultural Advisory Committee</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held 2 meetings
<i>AEM</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked on mission statement, priorities, and goals and objectives for the county's AEM program to be submitted as part of our strategic plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 – Tier I • 2 – Tier II • Watershed map • Recognition Breakfast • 1 – Eco-Talk Article

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"> • Booth at Tomato Fest • Presentation to the Finger Lakes Ski Club • Conservation Field Days 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 – youth presentation • 2 – Town of Fleming Board Meetings • 1 – OWLA meeting • 2 – Homeowners Association meetings • 2 – public presentations • 2 – professional meeting • 2 – public outreach event
<i>Publications</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eco-Talk Article (Leaves and Grass Clippings) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 – television appearance • 2 – radio interview • 6 - general articles in newspapers • 9 – 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"> • Spoke with contractor at new construction site about implementing sediment and erosion control practices • Checking newly developed site for site stabilization with grass and mulch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 – properties implementing sediment and erosion control measures • 1 – grant proposal to have stream stabilization work completed • Fill removed from one property by ACOE and DEC
<i>Stormwater Permitted Sites</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliance inspection by CPESC at Town of Owasco development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 – 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"> • Finished on September 13 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will be working until September 13, 2008 • Seven day a week coverage through the summer • Picture references of shoreline • Driving firelanes • Using boat to document sites • Stream Survey

Upcoming Events:

- OWLA Meeting (October 1)
- Conservation Skills Workshops (October 6-10)
- Agricultural Media Conference (October 14)
- RC&D Presentation (October 28)
- Finger Lakes Land Use Workshop (October 30)