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3/16 4:30 CWIO Public Meeting - Project Identification for Implementation

The Cayuga Watershed Intermunicipal Organization (CWIO) will host an online public meeting to discuss progress on the Cayuga Lake Watershed Restoration and Protection Plan’s recommendation to identify projects for implementation.

2017 Plan recommended that CWIO identify specific water quality improvement projects in the watershed and prioritize the first round of implementation projects. In cooperation with the city, counties, towns, villages, and Soil and Water Conservation districts in the Cayuga Lake Watershed, impactful projects have been identified and prioritized. This grant also partially funded a review of the CWIO organizational structure. This public meeting is your opportunity to hear what projects have been proposed in the watershed and learn about future efforts to protect and improve Cayuga Lake’s water quality.

This effort is led by staff at the Central NY Regional Planning and Development Board and funded by a grant held by the Town of Ithaca through the New York State Department of State. [See more and get link.](#)¹

¹ http://www.cayugawatershed.org/documents/March_16_2022_Public_Meeting_Announcement.pdf

Summary of the Recent CWIO Meetings.

- 11/21 and 12/21 CWIO made their annual appointments of officers, committee members, Associate and Ex Officio members, as well as adopting a work plan for 2022 and budget.
- The new dues structure will begin in 2022. Invoices were mailed in January and due by June 30.
- The newly formed Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will be evaluating the current list of prioritized projects to see which looks promising for implementation. Ian Smith analyzed data from the draft TMDL to help identify problem areas of the watershed. The TAC will be reviewing the project list and deciding how and when projects can be added to the list. They are aware of the lack of identified projects in both Cayuga and Seneca counties.
- Working together with many others, the Bell Stations land just south of the Town of Genoa, in the Town of Lansing will be preserved.
- Presentations:
 - In November, Nathaniel Launer from the Community Science Institute gave a report on the most recent HABs data CSI has compiled and helped interpret the trends.
 - In January, representatives from all the Soil and Water Conservation Districts attended the CWIO meeting to report out on their annual accomplishments for municipalities throughout the watershed.
- Actions:
 - CWIO submitted a letter to numerous representatives and stakeholders urging the State to assist in the preservation of Boy Scout Camp Barton in the Town of Covert just north of the Town of Ulysses and Village of Trumansburg.
 - CWIO continues to build closer ties with other watershed organizations such as CSI and the Cayuga Lake Watershed Network (CLWN) as well as others within the watershed. Thanks to CLWN Chair, David Wolfe and Watershed Steward, Hilary Lambert for attending the November CWIO meeting and updating CWIO on their work.
 - Both grant applications Ian Smith submitted in the Cayuga Lake watershed were approved for funding. Thanks Ian for your help!
 - CWIO will continue to pay for some hours of Ian Smith's time to assist with implementation of funded projects and grant applications, as well as serving on the CWIO Technical Advisory Committee.
 - CWIO submitted comments to the DEC on their draft Environmental Conservation Law (ECL) State Pollution Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) General Permit GP-0-22-001.
 - CWIO submitted comments to the DEC responding to the Clean Water Act section 303(d) list of impaired waters that delists specific waters within the Cayuga Lake due to silt and sediment, and lists others based on iron and pH.
- The Park Foundation approved the CWIO grant submission requesting funds to hire a Watershed Manager over the next 2 years. Action is on-going in the hiring process with a target date of advertising the position sometime in spring after finalizing where to house the new position.

- Work to redesign the CWIO website is underway with a target launch by the beginning of July.
- The outcomes from the survey done by students at Cornell Institute of Public Affairs resulted in the following recommendations:
 - Municipalities would benefit from CWIO providing model laws and regulations
 - Education of municipal officials and the public is important
 - Provide clear guidance of what CWIO hopes to achieve.
 - Coordinate work between municipalities
 - Have subsequent student groups continue this work to look more in depth at regulations that are already in place
 - Comprehensive plans are very important and can be the foundation for future actions to preserve water quality.

FUNDING AWARDS AND OPPORTUNITIES

4/11/22-DEC Buffer in a Bag Program is Accepting Applications

The Buffer in a Bag program provides organizations and private landowners with free tree and shrub seedlings to help establish or improve a stream buffer on their property. The 2022 application period is open from **February 10th until April 11th**.

Anyone who owns or manages lands in New York State with at least 50 feet along a stream or waterbody is eligible for a free bag of 25 tree and shrub seedlings for planting near streams, rivers, or lakes to help stabilize banks, protect water quality, and improve wildlife habitat. [For more information and to apply](#)².

4/13/22 Community Forest Conservation Grants

This grant program funds municipal land acquisition for community forests, which are vital for wildlife habitat, flood mitigation, recreational opportunities, mental health, air quality, water quality, and to meet the obligations outlined in New York's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. [See more information](#)³

4/15/22 NYS Pollution Prevention Institute Community Grant.

The New York State Pollution Prevention Institute (NYSP2I) is accepting applications for the 2022-2023 Community Grants Program. Eligible applicants can receive up to \$20,000 to fund their project.

NYSP2I provides an important funding source for community-focused pollution prevention initiatives. Proposals are solicited from community organizations, **municipal** departments, and other public sector and not-for-profit entities for projects that raise awareness and understanding of pollution prevention practices and lead to implementation at the local level. The application deadline is **5 p.m. EDT on April 15, 2022**. For questions, contact Ambika Walker at apwgis@rit.edu or (585) 475-2399.

² <https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/77710.html#Bag>

³ <https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/124345.html>

4/22/22 Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Program (Cayuga watersheds are within the Lake Ontario watershed)

For more than 30 years, the Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Program has provided grants to reduce nutrients and sediments entering the Great Lakes. This year's program will focus on helping nonfederal units of government, tribes, or incorporated nonprofit organizations reduce phosphorus contributions to waters within the Great Lakes basin and other efforts to achieve measures of progress under the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Action Plan III. Applicants are invited to submit proposals for sediment and nutrient reduction activities associated with one of three project types: 1) agricultural non-point; 2) stormwater; and 3) Great Lakes shoreline or streambanks.

The due date for applications is **5:00 p.m. EST on April 22, 2022**. Application instructions can be found [here](#)⁴. For more information, contact Nicole Zacharda at nzacharda@glc.org or (734) 396-6084.

A webinar for applicants will be offered on **March 24, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. EST**. Register for the webinar [here](#)⁵. For more information, contact Hannah Reynolds hreynolds@glc.org or (734) 396-6061.

\$272 Million for Water Quality Improvement Projects Across the State

In late 2021, Governor Kathy Hochul announced that more than \$272 million is being awarded to 179 projects to protect and improve water quality across New York State. These awards are in addition to the \$196 million awarded through Round XI of the Governor's Regional Economic Development Council Initiative announced last week. The \$272 million awarded through the State's Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) program will help significantly improve water quality, combat contributors to harmful algal blooms, and update aging water infrastructure in communities across the State. The announcement is the largest-ever awarded through the Water Quality Improvement Project program.

WQIP grants fund projects including municipal wastewater treatment, non-agricultural nonpoint source abatement, land acquisition for source water protection, salt storage construction, aquatic habitat restoration, and marine habitat restoration. [See a full list of awarded WQIP projects.](#) Congratulations to award winners in the Cayuga Lake watershed: Village of Union Springs and Cayuga County.

Awards for Round XI of NYS Regional Economic Development Council 2021 Funded Projects

[See a list of water quality related projects](#) funded in 2021 through the NYS regional Economic Development Councils:

Cayuga County

- **\$20,245** The Cayuga County Soil and Water Conservation District will assess road/stream culvert crossings in the Cayuga Lake watershed using the North American Aquatic Connectivity Collaboration framework. The report will identify the culverts needing replacement to reduce erosion of sediment and improve aquatic connectivity

⁴ <https://www.glc.org/work/sediment/apply-2022>

⁵ <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qf-2gqT4oHdJl-D2ag8aWX7vzm4NzmuAf>

- **\$400,000** Working with local highway departments, the Cayuga County Soil and Water Conservation District will identify and stabilize 10 miles of road ditches using erosion control best management practices, and 100 miles of road ditches by hydroseeding.
- **\$200,000** The Cayuga County Soil and Water Conservation District will reduce erosion caused by stormwater runoff by installing stormwater best management practices. Practices include installing grassed/lined waterways and water and sediment control basins to reduce peak flows to nearby streams and roadside ditches. The program will improve water quality in the Finger Lakes.
- **\$600,000** The Cayuga County Soil and Water Conservation District will survey approximately 72 firelanes and private roadways surrounding Owasco Lake and install stormwater and erosion control practices where needed. Installation of recommended best management practices will reduce the amount of sediment and nutrients entering Owasco Lake
- **\$4,480,000** The Village of Union Springs will improve the village's Wastewater Resource Recovery Facility to reduce the phosphorus entering Cayuga Lake. The project will also increase energy efficiency and resiliency at the facility.
- **\$80,000** Ontario County Soil and Water Conservation District will improve the water quality of Honeoye Lake by implementing multiple stormwater best management practices. The program includes stabilizing four ditch locations in the Town of Canadice using a combination of erosion control material and vegetation to reduce nutrient and sediment loading to Honeoye Lake.

Ontario County

- **\$187,500** The Town of Gorham, in partnership with the Town of Canandaigua and the City of Canandaigua, will implement the 2014 Comprehensive Update of the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Management Plan by piloting a sustainable winter road management program. The goal of the program is to decrease chloride loading to the watershed. The program will measure and assess current practices, utilize new sensors and equipment, and train highway staff.

Seneca County

- **\$168,750** The Town of Fayette will partner with the Seneca and Cayuga Watershed Intermunicipal Organizations, the Seneca County Soil and Water Conservation District, and fellow watershed municipalities in Seneca County to complete road drainage assessments to advance the Seneca and Cayuga Lake Watershed Management Plans. The partnership will develop and execute an assessment methodology, design BMPs in priority locations, develop a database, and share information to promote future expansion.
- **\$1,250,000** The Village of Interlaken's current Wastewater Treatment Plant is operating with aging critical system components and, is experiencing excessive inflow and infiltration. Additionally, the Village is in proximity to Cayuga Lake which is currently under evaluation for total maximum daily loads of pollutants in the lake. The Village will use \$1,250,000 in NYS CDBG funding to replace the existing Wastewater Treatment Plant and upgrade the existing collection system. The total project cost would be \$5,332,131 and include \$1,020,533 in WIIA grant funds and \$3,061,598 in CWSRF loan funds. The project would benefit 753 persons of whom 394, or 52%, are to low-to-moderate income.

Tompkins County

- **\$377,609** The Town of Newfield will make general improvements to its wastewater collection system including enhanced flow metering and manhole construction.
- **\$1,250,000** The Town of Dryden will use \$1.25 million in CDBG funding to make improvements to its consolidated sewer district in the Hamlet of Varna. The project will rehabilitate aging infrastructure, reduce infiltration and inflow into the system, as well as increase capacity in the region.
- **\$30,000** The Town of Ithaca will complete an engineering and design report to restore segments along an unnamed tributary flowing directly into Ithaca's drinking water reservoir. Projected climate change impacts will be considered to provide longterm resiliency. The project will reduce nutrients entering Cayuga Lake.
- **\$750,000** The Town of Lansing will make improvements to Myers Park. The improvements will enhance the existing public space by constructing a unisex ADA- and familyaccessible restroom facility, add an ADA-compliant kayak launch, upgrade playing courts, upgrade the boat launch, upgrade the septic system to reduce runoff, and make improvements to parking and campsites. The park's infrastructure upgrades will assist supporting the Cayuga Lake Blueway Trail and Cayuga Lake Scenic Byway

EPA Announces \$22 Million WIFIA Loan to Modernize Water Infrastructure in Erie County, N.Y.

Nationally, the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014 (WIFIA) loans are financing over \$26 **billion** in water infrastructure upgrades. [See the article](#)⁶ for more on accessing these funds.

Financing Announced for Wastewater and Drinking Water Projects

Governor Kathy Hochul has announced the Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) Board of Directors approved \$41 million in funding that includes low-cost loans and previously awarded grants, enabling the recipients to access these loan and grant funds and move their water and sewer infrastructure projects forward. [See the announcement](#)⁷.

Free Technical Assistance to Help Municipalities Protect Public Drinking Water Sources.

Earlier this year, DEC and Department of Health, in collaboration with the Departments of Agriculture and Markets and State, announced the new Drinking Water Source Protection Program (DWSP2) to assist municipalities with proactively protecting their drinking water sources. The State is now seeking communities to work with a technical assistance provider (TA provider), free of charge, to develop and initiate implementation of a drinking water source protection program.

TA providers will help municipalities develop community-specific DWSP2 plans that they can implement by exploring and ultimately accessing numerous resources available to protect their source of public drinking water.

The DWSP2 is open to all community public water supplies in New York. Selected municipalities must be prepared to work with a TA provider throughout the DWSP2 process and to implement their programs.

⁶ <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-announces-22-million-wifia-loan-modernize-water-infrastructure-erie-county-new>

⁷ <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-hochul-announces-41-million-approved-clean-water-systems-and-local-drinking-water>

To apply, visit the [Drinking Water Source Protection Program](#)⁸ (DWSP2) website and complete an electronic application (PDF). Direct questions to the DWSP2 Team at source.water@dec.ny.gov.

The USDA Expands Partnerships for Conservation Through Its Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) is a part of the country's largest private-land conservation program leveraging federal and non-federal funds to target specific State, regional, or nationally significant conservation concerns. In exchange for removing environmentally sensitive land from production and establishing permanent resource conserving plant species, landowners are paid an annual rental rate along with other federal and non-federal incentives as specified in each CREP agreement.

Enrollment for producers is available year-round as signups are ongoing. [See more](#)⁹

SWCD Funded Projects in the Cayuga County

Congratulations to the staff at Cayuga County SWCD for their success in funding the following projects through the NYS DEC Water Quality Improvement Program (WQIP):

#1) Owasco Lake Firelane Drainage Management - SWCD will survey approximately 72 firelanes and private roadways around Owasco Lake and install stormwater and erosion control practices as needed to reduce sediment and nutrients entering the Lake.

#2) Road Ditch Stabilization - Working with local highway departments, SWCD will identify and stabilize 10 miles of road ditches utilizing best management practices (BMPs) (often including large rocks) and 100 miles by spraying green hydroseed.

#3) Stormwater Detention and Conveyance - SWCD will reduce stormwater caused erosion by installing BMPs to include grassed/lined waterways and water and sediment control basins (WASCOBs - fields with a berm and standpipe drain) to reduce peak flows to nearby streams and roadside ditches.

TRAININGS and EDUCATION

3/19 9:00-12:00 Bob Brower Symposium

In “Plain English” – The Human Factors Affecting Owasco Lake.

- Status of Owasco Lake – Dr. John Halfman
- Salinization of Adirondack Waters by Road Salt – A Statewide Issue – Dr. John Kelting
- Our Owasco: Using Behavioral Science to Protect Owasco Lake – Dr. John Pickering and Toneya McIntosh
- Lake Water Level Management – Seth Jensen
- Hemlock Management – Caroline Marschner

[See more and register.](#)

⁸ https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/115250.html#Free_Technical_Assistance

⁹ https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/conservation-programs/conservation-reserve-enhancement/index?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

3/23 1:00-2:30 Conservation Overlay Zoning.

Conservation overlay zoning is a tool used by many communities to protect sensitive local environmental features. Overlay zoning creates a special zoning district in which an additional set of regulations or incentives is added on top of the primary zoning district rules. Overlays may be applied to regulate development in stream corridors and drinking water watersheds, and other environmentally sensitive areas. This webinar will provide an introduction to overlay zoning, discuss the process to delineating an overlay zone and defining protected features, selecting an appropriate regulatory structure to protect target resources, zoning adoption, and enforcement. We will also introduce a new guide to Creating Conservation Overlay Zoning, and an opportunity for in-depth training and assistance. [Register for the webinar here](#)¹⁰.

Conservation and Land Use Webinars

[See past webinars](#)¹¹ on land use and conservation practices that affect water quality.

2022 Stormwater Training Series

Practical training for those involved with stormwater management.

- 4/6 8:30-1:00 SEQRA and the Development Process
- 4/27 8:30-1:00 Stormwater Filtration and Infiltration Practices
- 5/18 8:30-1:00 Updates for the MS4 Permit
- 6/8 8:30-1:00 SWPPP Preparation and Review

[See the details.](#)

10/23-28, 2022 National Symposium on Harmful Algae to be Held in New York.

The 11th U.S. Symposium on Harmful Algae will be held **October 23 - 28, 2022**, in Albany, NY. The theme is "Science to Support Solutions from Shore to Shore", and the intended audience is water managers, researchers and government officials. From freshwater to marine systems, the prevalence of harmful algal blooms (HABs) is a national environmental challenge, and solutions are needed. Mark the dates on your calendar now if you are interested in attending this event.

For information about the event, visit [NEIWPCC's website](#). For general questions about attending, sponsoring, or exhibiting at the 11th U.S. Symposium on Harmful Algae, contact Maryann Dugan mdugan@neiwpc.org.

Lake Level Situation on Cayuga Lake

On December 16, the Cayuga Lake Watershed Network organized a presentation to help understand the flooding that occurred in summer 2021. [See the video](#). Presenter: Bill Kappel, USGS scientist emeritus.

¹⁰ <https://meetny.webex.com/meetny/onstage/g.php?MTID=e751ae08234baf21ead788e9e5d15f23>

¹¹ <https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/120539.html>

WATERSHED PROJECTS, PLANS, and MODEL LEGISLATION

Enfield Local Drinking Water Protection Law

The Town of Enfield recently enacted a Local Drinking Water Protection Law as part of its site plan review with a goal of protecting both surface and groundwaters. See the [article](#).

Cayuga County Agenda for Action for Manure Management

The Cayuga County Legislature adopted a plan entitled “Improving Manure Management: A Fourteen-Point Countywide Agenda for Action.” The plan outlined actions the County can take to foster improvement of manure management practices and minimize the potential negative environmental impacts of manure runoff. While County officials are aware that it is necessary to examine all of the many possible sources of nutrient pollution, the adoption of the plan underscored the Legislature’s desire to focus attention on matters relating to manure as an important immediate step in reaffirming its commitment to water quality. One of the tasks discussed in the Agenda for Action involves developing a set of specific manure management guidelines for the County to promote. The task of developing the guidelines was assigned to the Cayuga County WQMA. The guideline document created presents the results of the efforts of a working group of the WQMA to formulate guidelines intended to encourage progress through expanded voluntary use of proven, cost-effective methods, technologies, and techniques rather than force changes through legislation or rule-making.

[See the guidelines](#)¹²

RESEARCH

Harmful Algal Bloom Update sponsored by the Finger Lakes Institute

[See the YouTube of the webinar on Harmful Algal Blooms](#) held on 10/28/21

2021 Water Quality Monitoring Report, Owasco Lake

This thorough research project provides monitoring data, interpretations, conclusions, recommendations and remediation strategies for the watershed. [See the full report](#)¹³ and a [presentation](#)¹⁴ of the report.

Study Looks at How Washing Machine Filters Keep Microfibers Out of Lakes.

When we wash our clothes, they shed up to hundreds of thousands of microfibers, some of which will enter our waterways. Now a two-year-long study into washing machine filters in an Ontario community shows something can be done. [Read the full story by Great Lakes Now](#)¹⁵.

Researchers Say Road Salts Are Damaging Lake Erie

Road salt is affecting everything in Lake Erie, including suppressed reproduction, low survival rates, and reduced growth rates of fish and macroinvertebrates. [Read the full story](#)¹⁶.

¹² <https://www.cayugacounty.us/DocumentCenter/View/1507/Cayuga-County-Water-Quality-Management-Agency-Manure-Management-Guidelines-PDF>

¹³ <http://people.hws.edu/halfman/Data/Halfman%202021%20Owasco%20Water%20Quality%20Report.pdf>

¹⁴ <http://people.hws.edu/halfman/Data/Halfman%20OwascoLakeWatershedManagementCouncil%201-18-22.pdf>

¹⁵ <https://www.greatlakesnow.org/2021/12/study-washing-machine-microfibers/>

¹⁶ <https://www.13abc.com/2021/12/14/researchers-say-road-salts-damaging-lake-erie/>

NEWS AND REPORTS

Cayuga Lake Watershed Network – Embrace the Lake Cleanups

Annual cleanups are scheduled in various locations around the lake. For more information, contact programs@cayugalake.org or hlamberto@gmail.com to find out more.

Community Science Institute News – Fall Issue

Included in [this issue](#)¹⁷ are:

- CSI's role in the development of the Seneca-Keuka 9 Element Plan.
- Monitoring E. coli in Canandaigua Lake watershed.
- Monitoring Cayuga's west shore for septic pollution.
- Widespread blooms increase the annual count of HABs.

The CSI board and staff of the Community Science Institute announced that Grascen Shidemantle will assume the duties of Executive Director in July 2022. Grascen will begin her work at CSI February 7 as Executive Director in-training on a part-time basis while she finishes her Ph.D. in Ecology, Evolution and Behavior at Binghamton University. Grascen possesses the knowledge, skills and vision to lead CSI on the next stage of its journey of community-based, data-driven stewardship of water resources. Outgoing Executive Director Steve Penningroth will remain active on the CSI Board.

Cayuga County Water Quality Management Agency 2021 Report

Lots of action in Cayuga County. Great job! [Read on](#)¹⁸.

Seneca County Soil and Water Conservation News

The 2021 Year in Review in this [newsletter](#)¹⁹ includes highlights of projects such as

- Livestock heavy use area runoff management system,
- Manure composting facilities
- Stormwater ponds and sediment control basins
- Streambank stabilizations
- Hydroseeding
- Aquatic plant harvesting
- Public outreach

Congratulations to Seneca County for receiving funding for Climate Resilient Farming, Cover Cropping.

SWCD Annual Report from Schuyler County

[See the annual report](#)²⁰ on water quality work done by SWCD in Schuyler County including a huge number of projects for municipalities to stabilize ditches and streambeds, right-size culverts, hydroseeding ditches after cleanout, retention ponds, and much more.

SWCD News from Ontario County

[See the many highlights](#)²¹ of water quality related work being done in Ontario County.

¹⁷ <http://www.communityscience.org/2021/12/21/the-fall-2021-water-bulletin-water-quality-data-in-action/>

¹⁸ <http://cayugacountywater.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/2021-WQMA-Year-End-Report.pdf>

¹⁹ https://www.senecacountyswcd.org/_files/ugd/8cea40_b862bccb45fa4ee9b9a0fb5636d197a9.pdf

²⁰ http://www.schuylerwcd.com/uploads/1/1/5/2/11520284/2021_annual_newsletter.pdf

²¹ https://www.ontswcd.com/_files/ugd/e6fc30_58b65a3b78d64851be474f42b01d5f5b.pdf

Governor Hochul Announces Agreement Between Finger Lakes Land Trust and the New York State Electric & Gas

The agreement enables the Finger Lakes Land Trust to purchase lands from NYSEG to secure future protection of the 470-acre Bell Station parcel--the largest privately-owned shoreline parcel along Cayuga Lake. [See the press release](#)²².

Finger Lakes-Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance (FOLLOWPA).

[See highlights and success stories from different counties](#)²³ within the watershed are doing with FOLLOWPA funding.

EPA and Department of the Army Take Action to Provide Certainty for the Definition of Waters of the United States (WOTUS)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and U.S. Department of the Army announced a proposed rule to re-establish the pre-2015 definition of “waters of the United States” (WOTUS) which had been in place for decades, updated to reflect consideration of Supreme Court decisions. This action advances the agencies’ goal of establishing a durable definition of WOTUS that protects public health, the environment, and downstream communities while supporting economic opportunity, agriculture, and other industries that depend on clean water. This proposed rule would support a stable implementation of “waters of the United States” while the agencies continue to consult with states, Tribes, local governments, and a broad array of stakeholders in both the implementation of WOTUS and future regulatory actions. [See the full story](#)²⁴.

EPA Advances Science to Protect the Public from PFOA and PFOS in Drinking Water

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is asking the agency’s Science Advisory Board to review draft scientific documents regarding the health effects of certain Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS). EPA is committed to science-based approaches to protect public health from exposure to Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS), including by quickly updating drinking water health advisories with new peer-reviewed approaches and expeditiously developing National Primary Drinking Water Regulations for these contaminants. [See more](#)²⁵.

²² <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-hochul-announces-agreement-protect-pristine-cayuga-lake-waterfront-property#:~:text=Governor%20Hochul%20in%20September%20announced,parcel%20and%20maximize%20public%20access>

²³ <http://www.followpa.org/Documents/ffund2021.pdf>

²⁴ <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-and-army-take-action-provide-certainty-definition-wotus#:~:text=On%20June%209%2C%202021%2C%20EPA,agricultural%20activity%2C%20and%20economic%20growth.>

²⁵ <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-advances-science-protect-public-pfoa-and-pfos-drinking-water#:~:text=EPA%20is%20committed%20to%20science,developing%20National%20Primary%20Drinking%20Water>