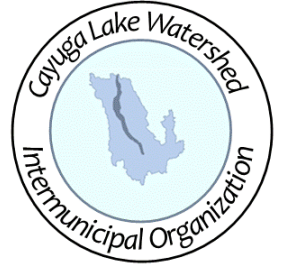




Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization
(CWIO)



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CWIO MEETING SUMMARIES

On 4/19, CWIO hosted Kate (Hogle) Black, with the NYS Department of State (DOS), to hear tips on successful grant applications and management. Now is the time to speak with Kate about project ideas before the consolidated funding application (CFA) opens. Greg Hutnik, Senior Planner & GIS Analyst spoke about how Cayuga County Planning and Development Department assists municipalities with project development, grant writing, and grant administration. [Listen to the presentation](#) (password kQ\$k2ZjF). The Syracuse University Environmental Finance Center has compiled a list of Resiliency Funding

Sources for New York State Watersheds and Water Infrastructure, so if your municipality is considering a grant this year, or has identified a project in need of grant funding, consider reviewing their [Funding Source Guide](#). And as Kate and Greg both shared, a successful tip is to start planning for your project as early as you can.

At the CWIO meeting on 4/26, a team of Cornell graduate students presented their overview of local laws in effect throughout the watershed. We'll be sending out their findings for you to review for accuracy as we see what water protective laws and policies are in effect. In the meantime, if your

municipality is interested in resources that can help assess the municipality's codes and ordinances, the Wisconsin Sea Grant developed a [Community Scoping Workbook and Audit Tool](#). This resource is focused on stormwater management and implementation of green infrastructure – be sure to check out the numerous resources on Tompkins County Stormwater Coalition's [website](#) on green infrastructure, or you can contact your local Soil and Water Conservation District office for more information.

The Rural Communities Assistance Partnership ([RCAP](#)) is available to assist municipalities with drinking and wastewater projects at no cost for municipalities <10,000. Enfield CWIO Representative Becky Sims now works for RCAP and welcomes questions and ideas. This is a great service for smaller municipalities with drinking water or wastewater responsibilities. Contact Becky at bsims@rcapsolutions.org. See more about their services below. Becky will join CWIO at their June meeting to explain more and answer questions.

CWIO approved a [joint letter](#) with our partner organization—the Cayuga Lake Watershed Network (CLWN)—asking the State to finalize the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for phosphorus in Cayuga Lake that we have been awaiting for years.

Because sometimes grant deadlines are short, CWIO adopted a resolution that will allow Erin to help on projects to meet the deadline as long as it aligns with goals or recommendations of specific water protection plans we have for Cayuga Lake and has been approved by the Executive Committee (which meets weekly).

FEATURE

Thurs 5/18 2:00-5 Cayuga Lake Watershed Network (CLWN) Spring Community Conference.

This meeting is open to the public and will be located at 209 Stratton Hall at Wells College. [Register here](#). [See more](#)¹. Featured speakers:

- **Water Quality Patterns in Cayuga Lake:** Looking Backward, Forward, and Upstream - Dr. Dave Matthews, Upstate Freshwater Institute

Lakes are dynamic ecosystems influenced by a variety of factors, including weather, climate, invasive species, and human activities in the watershed. Water quality responses to these factors may range in areas from individual docks to entire watersheds and from hours to decades. This presentation will explore water quality patterns using monitoring data from Cayuga Lake and its tributaries.

- **Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) on Cayuga Lake: 5 Years of Monitoring** - Grace Haynes, Community Science Institute

The Cayuga Lake Harmful Algal Bloom Monitoring Program has been running for five years now. In 2022, the number of blooms reported decreased for the first time since the program began. What patterns does this 5-year dataset reveal and what patterns are still unclear? This talk will explore what the data can tell us.

¹ <https://mailchi.mp/370beod064f1/april-e-news-spring-conference-registration-6267756?e=b368672525>

- **Cayuga County Water & Sewer Authority's Cayuga Lake Protection Plan** - Karl Rindfleisch & Doug Selby, Cayuga County Water & Sewer Authority

The Cayuga Lake Protection Plan project would provide sewer service along the shoreline of Cayuga Lake from the Village of Aurora to the Tompkins County line. The project is a combined effort including, the Village of Aurora, the Town of Ledyard, the Town of Genoa, and the Cayuga County Water and Sewer Authority.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES and FUNDED WORK

No-Cost Technical Assistance Available for Small Water/Wastewater Systems

[RCAP Solutions](#) is the Northeast and Caribbean affiliate of the national Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP) nonprofit network providing comprehensive, on-site technical assistance and training to help small, rural communities build capacity and address their drinking water, wastewater and other community development needs.

Technical, managerial, and financial assistance is provided at no-cost to communities to assist with drinking water and wastewater projects, including: project planning and development, regulatory compliance oversight and assistance, board member training and development, vulnerability or needs assessments, asset management planning, and funding application assistance. Water and wastewater systems serving <10,000 people are eligible for assistance; those serving low-moderate income communities are prioritized.

Becky Sims (formerly of Tompkins County Environmental Health, Town of Enfield, and Community Science Institute) is a Community Specialist with the RCAP Solutions New York team. Contact Becky at bsims@rcapsolutions.org for more information or to explore project assistance. Learn more about RCAP Solutions and [see project locations and examples](#)².

5/12: Water Quality Management Planning Grants

The DEC is accepting applications for the 2023 Clean Water Act Section 604(b) Water Quality Management Planning grants. Eligible applicants are regional public comprehensive planning organizations and interstate organizations. Applications must be completed and submitted through the New York State [Grants Gateway Grant Opportunity Portal](#) by 3:00 PM on May 12, 2023.

View DEC's [Water Quality Planning Grants webpage](#) for more details, including the list of eligible applicants, and to view the Request for Applications.

6/1 Federal Funding Available for Urban and Community Forestry

The [USDA Forest Service Urban & Community Forestry Program](#) is a technical, financial, and educational assistance program, delivering nature-based solutions to ensure a resilient and equitable tree canopy where more than 84 percent of Americans live.

This program assists State Forestry agencies and partner organizations in addressing and applying nature-based solutions to chronic and emergent economic, social, and environmental challenges in communities across the United States by providing direct funding to communities and especially to communities experiencing low urban tree canopy, dead and hazardous tree conditions, extreme heat and severe flooding, and limited awareness of or access to green job workforce to help them:

- Become more resilient to climate change

² <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/a9d63ad81c6c4daea7072643647cc423>

- Combat extreme heat with the cooling effects of increased urban tree canopy
- Experience improved forest health conditions and safer access to tree benefits
- Attain broadened exposure and access to environmental career pathways.

State and local entities, non-profit organizations, community-based organizations, and public institutions of higher education are eligible to apply. All proposals must be received by June 1, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. EDT. For more [information and to apply](#).

6/8/23 8:30 – Water Quality Improvement Program (WQIP)

Learn more about the Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) program. The WQIP program is a competitive, reimbursement grant program that funds projects that directly improve water quality or aquatic habitat, or protect a drinking water source. View the [2022 Round 18 WQIP Award List](#) to see the awarded projects in your county. For details about the most recent round, view the [WQIP Round 18 Program Overview](#).

7/28 EFC Accepting Applications for \$425 Million in Grants for Critical Water Infrastructure Projects.

The New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) announced the application period is open for \$425 million in state grants made available for critical water infrastructure projects that protect public health and the environment. Bolstered by the first spending under the Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022, this infusion of funds will continue to help make water infrastructure investments more affordable for local governments, strengthen resiliency, combat climate change and create jobs in the manufacturing, engineering, construction, plant operations, and related industry sectors.

Local units of government are eligible to apply for funding for:

- Water Infrastructure Improvement (WIIA) grant awards for critical wastewater projects.
- WIIA grant awards for projects that address emerging contaminants above the State determined Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL).
- WIIA grant awards for other drinking water projects.
- Intermunicipal Grant (IMG) awards for joint wastewater or drinking water projects undertaken by two or more communities to consolidate services.

Complete eligibility information and application materials are available on EFC's website at www.efc.ny.gov/wiia, where you may also register for a May 16 webinar to learn more about this round of funding. Grant applications and required supporting documentation must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Friday, July 28. [Read the full press release](#).

Funding Available for Local Waterfront Planning

Looking to bring new life into your community's waterfront? If so... competitive matching grants supported by New York State's Environmental Protection Fund are available to municipalities to develop and [implement Local Waterfront Revitalization Programs \(LWRP\)](#) and Watershed Management Plans to revitalize communities and waterfronts.

The LWRP supports community planning efforts to evaluate local resources, develop goals and strategies, and identify ways in which the community can reduce risk to community assets to ensure successful and sustainable revitalization. Eligible applicants are villages, towns, cities, and counties (on behalf of eligible municipalities) located along New York's coasts or inland waterways designated pursuant to Executive Law, Article 42.

The 2022 LWRP Request for Applications (RFA) can be referenced [here](#)³ on the Department of State (DOS) website. DOS can provide technical assistance to communities before the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) opens for 2023, contact irene.holak@dos.ny.gov or fred.landa@dos.ny.gov.

TRAINING and WATERSHED PLANNING

5/11 Breakfast Webinar 8:30 - Drinking Water Source Protection Program

Join the Hudson River Watershed Alliance for their May breakfast lecture focusing on NYS DEC's Drinking Water Source Protection Program (DWSP₂). This program is a locally led, state-supported program that empowers municipalities to take action to improve and protect their public water sources and surrounding environment. The program offers free technical assistance to develop and implement community-specific drinking water source protection plans. DWSP₂ is designed to build off previous work, help align priorities, and fill gaps within a municipality's current and future source water protection efforts. [Register here](#)

5/17/23 3:00-4:00 – EPA Tools and Resources Webinar: National Nutrient Inventory

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Much of the air and water quality degradation we observe in the United States is tied to nitrogen and phosphorus pollution. EPA researchers have developed nutrient inventories to track how the likely sources of nutrient pollution from farms, natural areas, and cities are evolving through time across the US. These inventories are publicly available and are being used by federal agencies, states, and local communities to guide watershed prioritization efforts and nutrient reduction strategies. They are also being used as communication tools to highlight successes in reducing nutrient pollution and to communicate ongoing and emerging challenges. [Register for the webinar](#)⁴

Learn more:

- [National Nitrogen Inventory](#)
- [National Phosphorus Inventory](#)
- [Chesapeake Bay Nutrient Inventory](#)
- [Considerations When Using Nutrient Inventories](#)

5/18/23 1:00-2:15 - Best Practices for Adopting Conservation Inventories and Plans

The newly developed guide—Best Practices for Adopting Conservation Inventories and Plans—provides legal guidance and best practices for adopting and implementing Natural Resource Inventories (NRIs), open space inventories and plans, and critical environmental areas. The publication explores three options—policy statements in resolutions, comprehensive plans, and local laws.

Learn more about this publication by joining their webinar. [Register here](#). Confirmation of attendance for 1.25 hours of municipal training credit will be available.

This work was done by the DEC's Hudson River Estuary Program and Cornell University to provide guidance for municipalities to advance local conservation goals, developed in collaboration with Pace Land Use Law Center.

³ <https://dos.ny.gov/2022-2023-local-waterfront-revitalization-program>

⁴ https://usepa.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_xK5NRaNNR42eUvoYcv45tQ

Use the Riparian Opportunity Assessment in Project and Resiliency Planning

The [Statewide Riparian Restoration Opportunity Assessment](#) is a comprehensive mapping tool that can be used to analyze watershed conditions (such as water quality, riparian forest cover, floodplain complexes, erosion risk, and more) and inform conservation projects across watersheds statewide, down to the catchment level.

Watershed 101 Overview – For Chief Elected Officials

Designed with elected officials and municipal staff in mind, [this video](#)⁵ gives an overview of watershed principles suited for anyone in municipal or regional government including code enforcement. Made by the Buffalo Niagara Waterkeepers with funding from the Lake Erie Watershed Protection Alliance and the NYS DEC Environmental Protection Fund.

Watershed 101 Overview – For Planning, Zoning, and Town Boards.

[This video](#)⁶ is similar to the previous but describes tools that board members can use to address water quality issues.

Highway Ditch Maintenance

[This video](#)⁷ describes roadside ditch maintenance practices and “replumbing”. David Orr, PE from Cornell University’s Local Roads Program discusses their survey of ditch management practices in NYS and gives an example of a watershed “replumbing” project. Great for highway departments and those looking to understand how drainage ditches function. Courtesy of the [Upper Susquehanna Coalition and Otsego County Conservation Alliance](#).

Saturated Buffers Can Reduce Nutrients in Water When Used in Rights-of-Ways.

If your municipality has room in the road Right-of-way, or can work with landowners near tile drain outlets, consider installing a saturated buffer to improve water quality.

A saturated buffer is an area of perennial vegetation between agricultural fields and waterways where tile outlets drain. Tile lines connect to an underground control structure, which distributes water laterally along the buffer. As water drains into the buffer, the living roots of perennial vegetation absorb water and nutrients, like nitrate-nitrogen. According to the Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy, a saturated buffer has the potential to remove 50% of nitrate-nitrogen from water that is diverted through the buffer. [Read more about this study](#) that shows use of saturated buffers

- Decreases in nitrate-nitrogen being deposited in waterways.
- Decreases turbidity and volume of water in waterways.
- Stabilizes stream and ditch banks.
- Provides wildlife habitat.

MONITORING and RESEARCH

5/11 at 8:00 p.m. – Bloom: The Toxic Threat to the Finger Lakes

Over the course of the past year, the Finger Lakes Land Trust has been assisting WCNY on the production of a half hour film about the issue of harmful algal blooms. It will premiere at 8 pm on May 11th. [See the trailer](#)⁸.

⁵ https://youtu.be/UNI8o_Ow6fY

⁶ <https://youtu.be/agNazlhYrK8>

⁷ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7aD1VftLm8w>

⁸ <https://www.fllt.org/events/bloom-the-toxic-threat-to-the-finger-lakes/>

5/30/23 at 2:00 EPA's Small Drinking Water Systems Webinar: Harmful Algal Blooms and Algal Toxins
EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD) and Office of Water (OW) host this free webinar series to communicate the latest information on solutions for challenges facing small drinking water systems. The series is designed for state, and territory, and tribal personnel responsible for drinking water regulations compliance and treatment technologies permitting, water system operators, technical assistance providers, local government personnel, and others in the drinking water sector. [Register](#)

NEWS AND SUCCESS STORIES

Cayuga Lake Watershed:

5/18 2:00-5:00 The Cayuga Lake Watershed Network's Spring Community Conference

The Cayuga Lake Watershed Network will host their Spring Community Conference on 5/18 at Wells College in Aurora, NY. Among other important watershed discussions, CSI's own Cayuga Lake HABs Monitoring Program Coordinator, Grace Haynes, will be giving a presentation on the Cayuga Lake HABs patterns observed in 2022. [Register here](#). [See more](#)

Town of Ithaca Conducting an Infiltration and Inflow Study

The Town of Ithaca is conducting a study of its sanitary sewer system to identify infiltration and inflow deficiencies. Deficiencies identified from the study will be evaluated for future replacement/rehabilitation in conjunction with its Capital Improvement Plan. The study will help identify unaccounted for water within the wastewater system. Large quantities of unaccounted for water are costly to treat and also take vital capacity within the system that should be used to convey sanitary sewage.

Owasco and Skaneateles

Village of Moravia Adopts Sediment and Erosion Control Plan

The Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council (OLWMC) reported that the Village of Moravia has adopted a Sediment and Erosion Control Plan to advance municipal control requirement for new construction activities.

Owasco Watershed Lake Association (OWLA) – Voice of the Lake Newsletter

This [newsletter](#)⁹ includes articles on

- The Bob Brower Symposium
- A rain garden expansion program
- The ditch remediation project in Scipio
- And more!

OLWMC Closes on Property Transfer of Fillmore Nature Preserve

The Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council (OLWMC) closed on the property transfer of the Fillmore Nature Preserve from The Nature Conservancy on January 10, 2023.

5/20/23 at 10:00 – Lake Friendly Living - Emerson Park Rain Garden Expansion Project

The Owasco Watershed Lake Association and the Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council are partnering with the Cayuga County Parks and Trails to expand the Emerson Rain Garden. Rain

⁹ <https://mailchi.mp/c146ed5be0d2/voice-of-the-lake-newsletter-may-2023?e=b5f594ac5b>

gardens us native plants in shallow basins to capture runoff and reduce sediment and nutrient pollution. [Read more about this effort and join in!](#)

Ditch Remediation Project in Scipio

The Town of Scipio is working with Cayuga County Soil & Water Conservation District on a ditch remediation project that will reduce nutrient and sediments from finding their way to Owasco Lake from roadsides and fields. 75% of this project is covered by grants through SWCD with the Owasco Watershed Lake Association contributing 25%, and the town Highway Department helping with field work.



Skaneateles Lake Association News

This issue of news from the Skaneateles Lake Association includes information on:

- No mow May
- Congratulations to the Village of Skaneateles for being named a Tree City USA
- Lake levels
- Lake Friendly Living announcements
- Shorelines Matter education series
- SLA Annual Meeting announcement
- And more...[Read it all](#)

Seneca and Keuka Watershed

Ontario County Soil and Water Conservation District Newsletter - April 2023

Check out the projects underway by Ontario SWCD and others in their [April Newsletter](#)

- Naples Creek Stabilization Project
- “Live” stakes or “cut” stakes are an affordable and easy way to grow shrubs that stabilize streambanks and shorelines.
- Silver Fly Release to Help Hemlock Trees
- Ontario County SWCD Completes Final Waste Storage & Transfer Program Project - installed a 3.4 million gallon waste storage system on a dairy farm in the Town of Hopewell. This storage is a large concrete box structure with two bays that serves as a full collection system for all runoff from the silage bunk storage pad, as well as providing 6 months of manure storage for the farm.
- The Ontario County SWCD was awarded \$610,000 through the WQIP Round 18 Grant for the Genesee River Watershed Roadside Stabilization Program (before and after photos of a ditch stabilization project below)



- Stormwater Coalition - A healthy lawn can improve water quality by filtering, purifying, and reducing stormwater runoff including tips to keep our lawns and waterways healthy.
- Underwater Management of Our Local Drinking Water Intakes
- And much more...

New York

6/14/23 - Draft New York State Solid Waste Management Plan - Comment Period is Open

The New York State Solid Waste Management Plan (Plan) is open for comment. [Read more about the plan and how to submit comments.](#)¹⁰

The Plan has six major Focus Areas with goals and action items :

- Waste Prevention, Reduction, and Reuse
- Recycling and Recycling Market Development and Resiliency
- Product Stewardship and Extended Producer Responsibility
- Organics Reduction and Recycling
- Toxics in Products
- Design and Operation of Solid Waste Management Facilities and Related Activities

Adirondack Highway Crews Tackle Road Salt Reduction

Road managers from around the Adirondacks are mixing brines, piecing together improved equipment and trying to track every pound of salt they drop on roads – even as they hope for more state leadership on highways. These town and county managers say that they’re using new strategies to reduce their road salt use, maintain roads more effectively and save money to reinvest in refining their approaches.

The nonprofit worked with the Adirondack Watershed Institute to map each community’s road network and share sodium and chloride monitoring data. The group plans to identify a benchmark stream or waterbody in each community and continue monitoring salt levels.

The project used Lake Champlain Basin Program funding this year to establish [the Clean Water, Safe Roads Network](#)¹¹, a group of highway departments sharing strategies and resources to minimize salt

¹⁰ <https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/41831.html>

¹¹ <https://www.adkaction.org/project/reducing-road-salt/>

use, which is fouling Adirondack waterways and drinking sources. Read the [whole story](#)¹² from the Adirondack Explorer

Federal News

EPA Invests \$41 Million in New Technical Assistance to Help Communities Address Wastewater Challenges

The U.S. EPA announced \$41 million in new technical assistance funding under America's Water Infrastructure Act to help communities address urgent wastewater challenges. The new funding, awarded to nine technical assistance providers across the country, will primarily help rural, small, and Tribal communities assess water needs, identify solutions, and access funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and other federal programs.

Communities can request assistance by visiting the agency's [Water Technical Assistance webpage](#)¹³.

FOR RESIDENTS & LANDOWNERS— Public Service Announcements to Share.

Wed 5/31 6:30-8:30 p.m. – Lake Friendly Living – Rain Gardens 101

Join the Cayuga Lake Watershed Network at Vince's Park Pavilion or by zoom for a talk by Ryan Staychock, Environmental/Natural Resources Educator for Cayuga, Schuyler, & Seneca Cornell Cooperative Extension to learn about how to start a rain garden for your home. This talk will cover how to choose a site for your rain garden, how to plan and build a rain garden and recommended plants to use based on the volume of water in your garden!

Join in person or by zoom. [Register here](#). For more Lake Friendly Living Awareness Month events, visit: WWW.FLRWA.ORG/LAKE-FRIENDLY-LIVING

EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

US Dept of Agriculture – Natural Resource Conservation Service - Soil Conservationist

[This position](#) provides assistance in the development, planning, contracting and application of land conservation practices and programs consistent with Natural Resources Conservation Service policy and procedures. Locations will be Negotiable: Applicants interested in locations not specifically listed on the announcement are encouraged to communicate/negotiate location availability during the interview stage.

Help Find Aquatic Invasive Species

The Macrophyte Survey Program provides community scientists with the information and supplies needed to sample for invasive aquatic plant species in waterbodies near them. Participants attend a training prior to the start of the program to learn how to identify aquatic plants and report findings using a phone or tablet. We provide identification guides that cover a wide range of species but we focus on three high-priority invasive species: Hydrilla, Starry Stonewort, and Water Chestnut.

[See more information](#)¹⁴ or contact aslentz@hws.edu.

¹² <https://www.adirondackexplorer.org/stories/towns-road-salt>

¹³ <https://www.epa.gov/water-infrastructure/water-technical-assistance>

¹⁴ <https://fingerlakesinvasives.org/invasive-survey/>