

Who Manages/ Has Oversight of the Honeoye Lake Watershed?

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NEW YORK STATE

Dept. of Environmental Conservation (DEC):
Regulatory oversight of air, water, soil and fisheries. Owner of lands at south end of Honeoye. More regulatory authority than any other agency

FEDERAL - Army Corps of Engineers -
Issues permits related to construction in the lake and adjacent streams/wetlands (Clean Water Act). Permit approvals done in conjunction with the DEC

Office Of General Services (OGS):
Regulatory oversight of use of bottom lands, anything below mean high water (ie marinas, geo-thermal loop permit)

Dept. of Parks and Recreation:
Oversight of Navigation Law and Marine Park (boat launch)

Department of Health
Oversight of Public Health Emergencies (such as toxic algae blooms)

ONTARIO COUNTY

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Town Boards (Bristol, South Bristol, Canadice, Naples, Richmond, Springwater)

Oversight of zoning and planning boards, code enforcement, maintenance of highways, ditches, erosion control

Town of Richmond designee on HLWTF (see box below): Steve Barnhoorn

Honeoye Lake Watershed Task Force (HLWTF)

Voluntary organization of the supervisors (or their designees) of the watershed towns and one member from the HVA (voting members) who, with advisors from NYSDEC, Nature Conservancy, FLCC and OCSWD discuss/provide guidance to the town boards related to watershed-wide issues.

Collaborated with consulting firm Princeton Hydro to develop Watershed Management Plans.

HLWTF financials: maintained by the OCSWD

CITIZEN GROUPS

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Honeoye Valley Association (HVA)- involved in various activities related to the watershed; participates in the initiatives of the HLWTF

NYSFOLA (NYS Federation of Lake Associations) - a consortium of NY lake associations sharing information and solutions about issues impacting their lakes

CSLAP: The Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program - volunteer lake monitoring and education program managed by the DEC and NYSFOLA

OTHER



Nature Conservancy - not-for-profit, preserves the forests, lakes streams and wetlands of the Western Finger Lakes ecosystem using various land and wetland protection tools, including conservation easements and acquisition of environmentally significant properties. Purchased 2200 acres of Mueller land later transferred to NYSDEC

Finger Lakes Community College - operates Muller Field Station, conduct surveys and monitors watershed under the direction of Dr. Bruce Gilman.

Finger Lakes Institute (Hobart and William Smith College) dedicated to the promotion of environmental research and education. In collaboration with regional environmental partners and state and local government offices, the Institute fosters environmentally-sound development practices throughout the region, and disseminates accumulated knowledge to the public.

Additional Information

Please refer to the websites maintained by each agency/ group for additional information! Partial Listing below:

Ontario County Soil and Water District: <http://www.ontswcd.com/>

HVA: <http://hva.wildapricot.org/>

NYSFOLA: <http://www.nysfola.org/>

CSLAP: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/81576.html>

Misc. links: <http://www.canadice.org/honeoye-lake-watershed-task-force.html>