

Oak Orchard Watershed Protection Alliance
Minutes
July 18, 2007
Oak Orchard Yacht Club

1. Introductions

- 2. Status of Oak Orchard Watershed Pamphlet:** Judy handed out copies of the updated pamphlet. We made changes to the map and added benefits of streamside protection. A couple more changes to the map were recommended. It was also suggested to add the website to the back of the pamphlet. Drake suggested getting another picture of the Oak orchard Harbor with a place to dock. Dan Schuth will take a new picture.
- 3. Greenway:** Brian Slack reported that he did a presentation for the Glenwood Lake Commission at a summit they held. He hopes that he was able to present the concepts well enough to have them looked at favorably. He reported that the GFLRPC encouraged the Town of Ridgeway to submit grant application for a feasibility study for a trail that would connect Medina and the Erie Canal Path with Glenwood Lake. The application was submitted on time.
- 4. Workshops – Zone Tillage & Orchard Sprayer Technology:** James reported that the SWCD held the zone tillage workshop on June 15. There were 78 people in attendance. The SWCD has also been holding the sprayer workshops at the farms where the new sprayers were purchased. There is one more at Circle R Farms in August. James reported that with our help of showing the new sprayer technology to the NYSSWCC, we may be able to apply for grant funding for the purchase of equipment in the next round of funding opportunities.

5. Status of other grant funded project activities

- A. Innovating and Evaluating Outreach to Great Lakes Basin Absentee Landowners:** Robert reported that we are working with a group out of Iowa that received a grant for innovative outreach. The key is to get the message out to people as to what types of programs are out there for landowners that don't actually physically live at the property. A second mailing has been done to the ones that did not respond the first time. At this time they have received about 40 responses. They are going to narrow the list down from the responses to see which landowners are interested in NRCS programs.
 - B. EPA – Oak Orchard Creek Watershed Restoration:** James reported that the SWCD received notice that the money for this has been set aside. Brockport got approval about a month ago to start the monitoring. The monitor has been set up on the corner of Townline Road and Oak Orchard River Road. There are eight farmers that are interested at this time to purchase zone tillage equipment.
 - C.** James reported that there are five other grant projects being installed. They include 2 Chemical Mixing Facilities, 2 Manure Storages, and a Barnyard Roof Runoff project. There will be 4 or 5 other projects started before the next meeting. Slack asked if there are covers for the manure storages. James reported that one of the projects we will be working on next year will be putting a cover on theirs.
- 6. Southwest Lake Ontario Watershed Action Plan Meeting:** Robert reported that Brian, James and he attended the kick off meeting June 29. The meeting was lead by Jenny Landry a State Wildlife Biologist (Region 8 Bureau of Wildlife, NYS DEC). The meeting was to bring together stakeholders and partners, and recruit a watershed team to develop an action plan for the Southwest Lake Ontario and Genesee River Watershed. The watershed team will participate in the development of the Watershed Action Plan, help set action priorities for the watershed, identify partners to lead on actions, and identify supplemental sources of funding for identified actions. The program is aimed at securing New York's wildlife populations and their key habitats, thereby preventing future listings of species as threatened or endangered.
- 7. Goals and Objectives – State of the Basin Report Review:** David reported that the Water Quality Coordinating Committee has completed quite a bit of this. The next Water Quality Coordinating Committee meeting is scheduled for September 10 and more of this will be gone over at that time.
- 8. Other Items (Open discussion Time):**
- A.** Discussed the proposed Quarry in the Town of Shelby. Robert reported that Wayne Dickinson could not make the meeting tonight, but wanted to present some information to the Alliance. Wayne is concerned that the question of how much water would be produced and where would it go was not answered during the last meeting.

- B.** James asked where the Town of Shelby stands on the Windmills. It was stated that by the survey that was sent out to landowners, people are in favor of it as long as the town would have control over them and they would have benefits from having them.
- C.** David Drake reported that Lyndonville received a grant for updating their sewage treatment plant. He would like to contact the other treatment plants within the watershed to see how we could help them to upgrade their plants.
- D.** Drake asked about Ray Li and if there is any chance of receiving funding for any projects. Robert reported that at this time there is no funding available, but at some point in time Ray would like to do a project within the Oak orchard Watershed.
- E.** Slack asked what the status is with the fishing access with the County Legislature. We will make sure to invite Bill Eick to the next meeting to find out what the status is.
- F.** Drake asked about the Slashbuster. James reported that the SWCD does not have it yet. The money from Senator Maziarz did not come through like was expected. The SWCD only received \$15,000. The District did receive funding from another source to go towards the purchase. James is in the process of placing the order for it. When it is received, it will be hooked up to the County Excavator until a new smaller one can be purchased.

9. Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 19, 2007, Orleans County SWCD