

Oak Orchard Watershed Protection Alliance
Minutes
October 19, 2011
Haines, Pt. Breeze

Present: Judy Bennett, Margo Bowerman, Carol Culhane, David Drake, Doug Gillard, Harry Kelsey, Douglas Kelsey, Heidi Kennedy, Dennis Kirby, Wendi Pencille, Paul Richards, Gerald Scharping, Dan Schuth, Todd Shervin, Brian Slack, Katie Sommerfeldt, George Squires, George Thomas, David Tufts, Robyn Tufts, Lynne Menz, Todd Liffa, Dawn Washington, Nancy Halstead, Jim Halstead

Note: The meeting was held at the Haines' home at Point Breeze, formerly the Barbary Coast Restaurant. The meeting was preceded by a buffet dinner prepared by Penna's Catering of Elba, NY.

I. Introductions

II. Watershed Planning Process Outcomes and Benefits: Brian Slack, Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council

- A. Discussed the "Inter-municipal Planning in the Black and Oatka Creek Watersheds" project
- B. Reviewed accomplishments in these two watersheds to date
- C. Discussed the merits of working under an "official" watershed planning framework

III. Watershed Tools: SWAT Model – Paul Richards, SUNY Brockport

- A. Discussed topography, muck lands, and wetlands (INWR)
- B. Looked at the profile of the Oak Orchard River.
- C. Discussed the use of the Soil Water Assessment Tool (SWAT) Model
- D. Discussed the areas of concern
- E. Talked about the conclusions

VI. Open Public Comment Period (Open Discussion Time):

- a. Drake reported that we would like everyone's participation. Our next meeting is December 14. The State of the Basin Report is online or if you would like it on a CD Judy will get it to you.
- b. Schuth reported that in 2009 the Soil and Water applied for a grant through the great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI). About a month ago we received notice that they have approved our application. This means that Soil and Water will have \$67,000 to use toward the development of grassed waterways and filter strips in Orleans County.
- c. Schuth also reported that NYS Ag & Markets announced Round 18 of the NYS Non-Point Source Pollution grants. At this point the Soil and Water is looking at submitting two grant applications.
- d. Schuth reported that there is a public meeting next week Wednesday at Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension being put on by the Center for Environmental Information to show the results of their studies regarding the Upper Oak Orchard River. At this point in time they are looking for public input on their report.

VII. Next Meeting – Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at 7:00 pm