

Membership: Participating In Solutions



NYSFOLA Annual Meeting
May 6, 2017

Linda Vitale – Membership Committee, OWLA



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Lake Algae Bloom



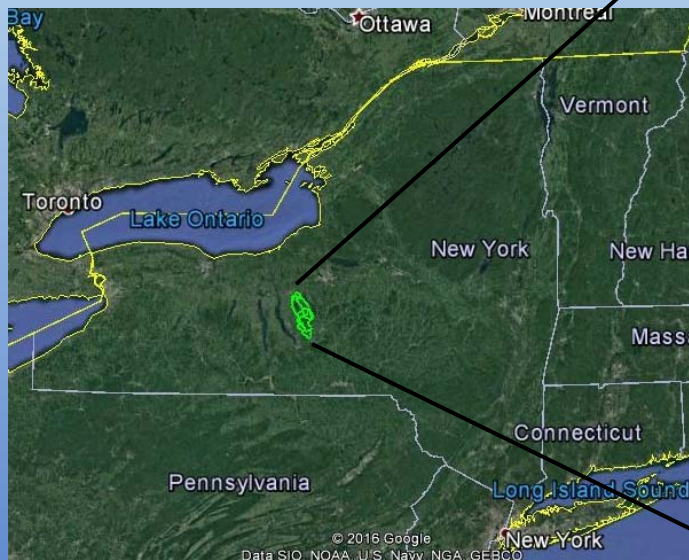
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Owasco Lake And Its Watershed

- A Little Bit About Us
 - Where we are

Finger Lakes Location



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What is the Owasco Watershed Lake Association?

OWLA is a citizen-based association that promotes cooperation and leadership in the comprehensive management of land use, water quality, recreation, agriculture and a host of other issues as they pertain to Owasco Lake and its watershed.

Owasco Watershed Lake Association (OWLA) is a 501 C-3 not-for-profit corporation founded to educate the public on the environmental management, preservation, wise use, and appreciation of Owasco Lake and its watershed.

Next OWLA Meeting

Wednesday
May 3, 2017
Springside Inn
7:00 pm
[Check Here Later For Agenda](#)

Owasco Lake on 2016 DEC 303 list as impaired due to HABs

[Detailed Information](#)
[Click Here](#)

DEC Toll-Free Hotline

A new toll-free hotline to help ensure strict enforcement of environmental laws that protect the State's natural resources.

1-844-DEC-ECOS (1-844-332-3267)

The line is staffed 24/7 and connects callers to a DEC police dispatcher.



Owasco Lake Watershed Inspector
[To contact: Click here](#)

Other information about Owasco Lake at: [Owasco Watershed Network \(OWN\)](#)

OWLA Board of Directors Announces Candidates for 2017 - 2020 Term

[Click Here](#)

[Click Here For Q&A From 2017 March To Lake Day](#)

SAVE THE DATE:

Owasco Lake Day 2017

Sunday, August 6, 2017
Deauville Island at Emerson Park
Family Fun, Boat Rides, Games, Lake Updates and more

OWLA Strategic Plan

[Click here to review the 2016 OWLA Strategic Plan.](#)

The 2017 Plan will be available here for review soon.



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Cove Captain Initiative

Distribution Packets

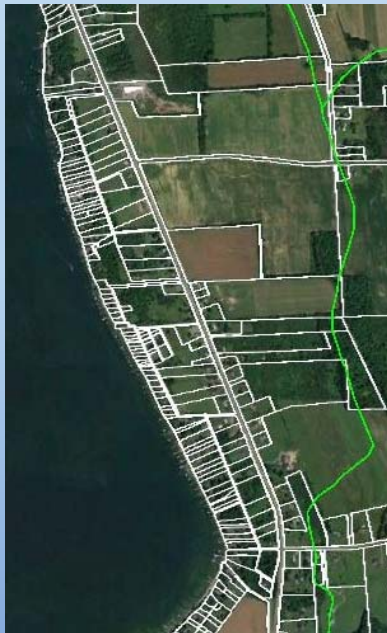
- Reasons To Join OWLA
- Membership Form
- Best Practices to Protect the Lake
- Inspection Report Form
- Owasco Lake Facts
- Owasco Lake Concerns
- Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) Pamphlet
- Warning for Pets

Cove Captain Packets

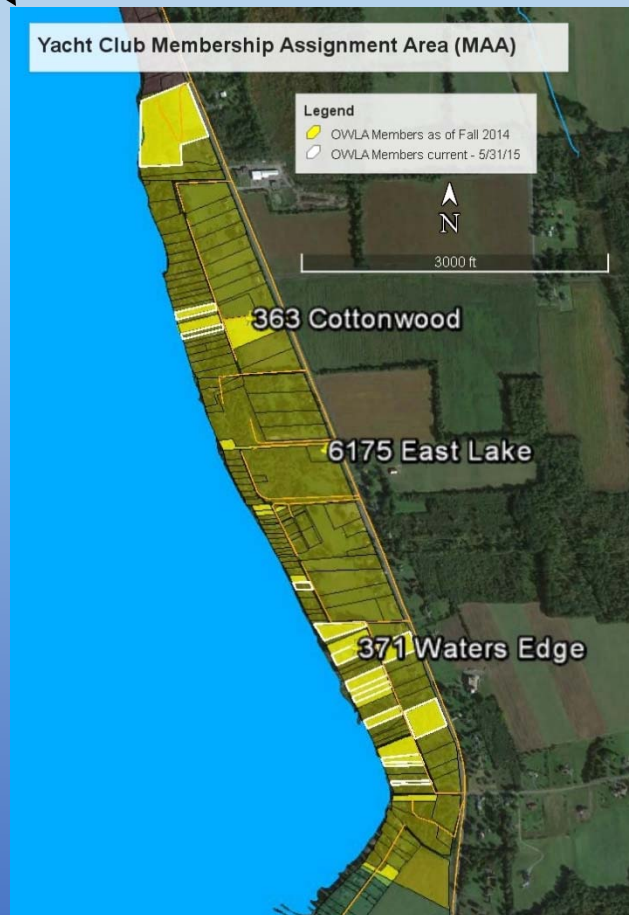
- Dutch Hollow Brook Status Summary
- Restoration Actions Overview
- Water Sampling Schedule
- Map Of Sampling Points
- General Lake Information
- Names and Addresses
- Introduction Suggestions

Locating Members and Non-Members

Cayuga County Tax Parcel
Data (GIS)

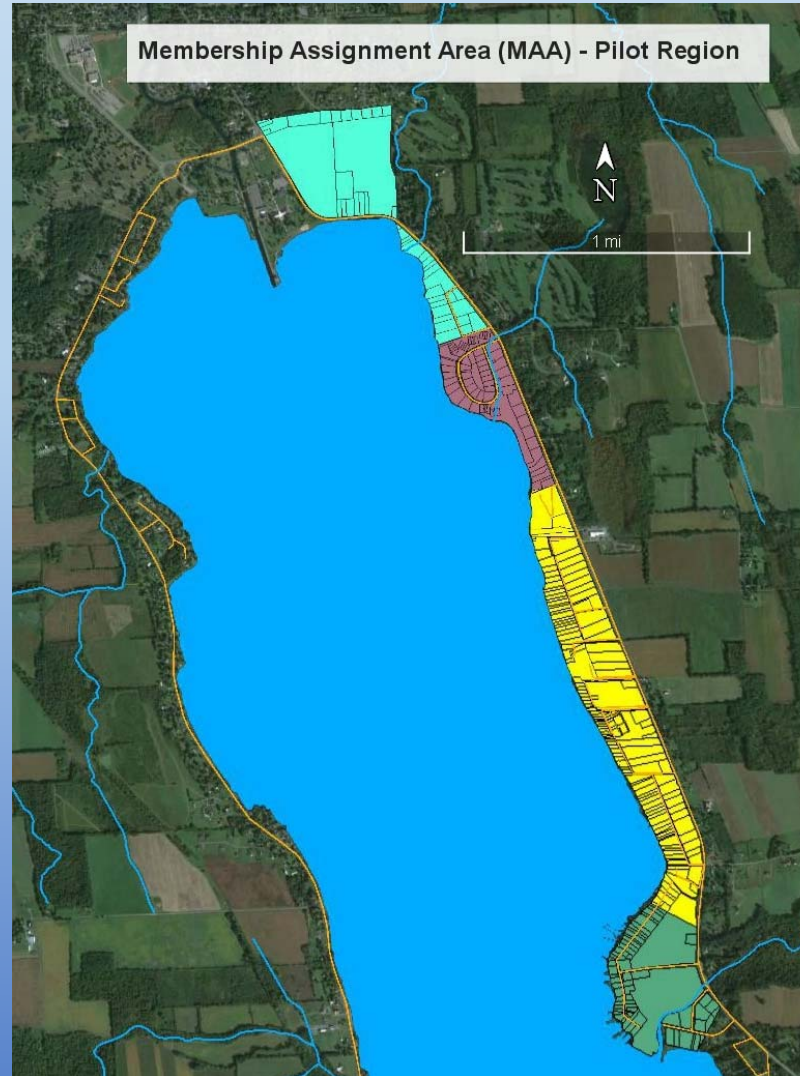


Field Maps

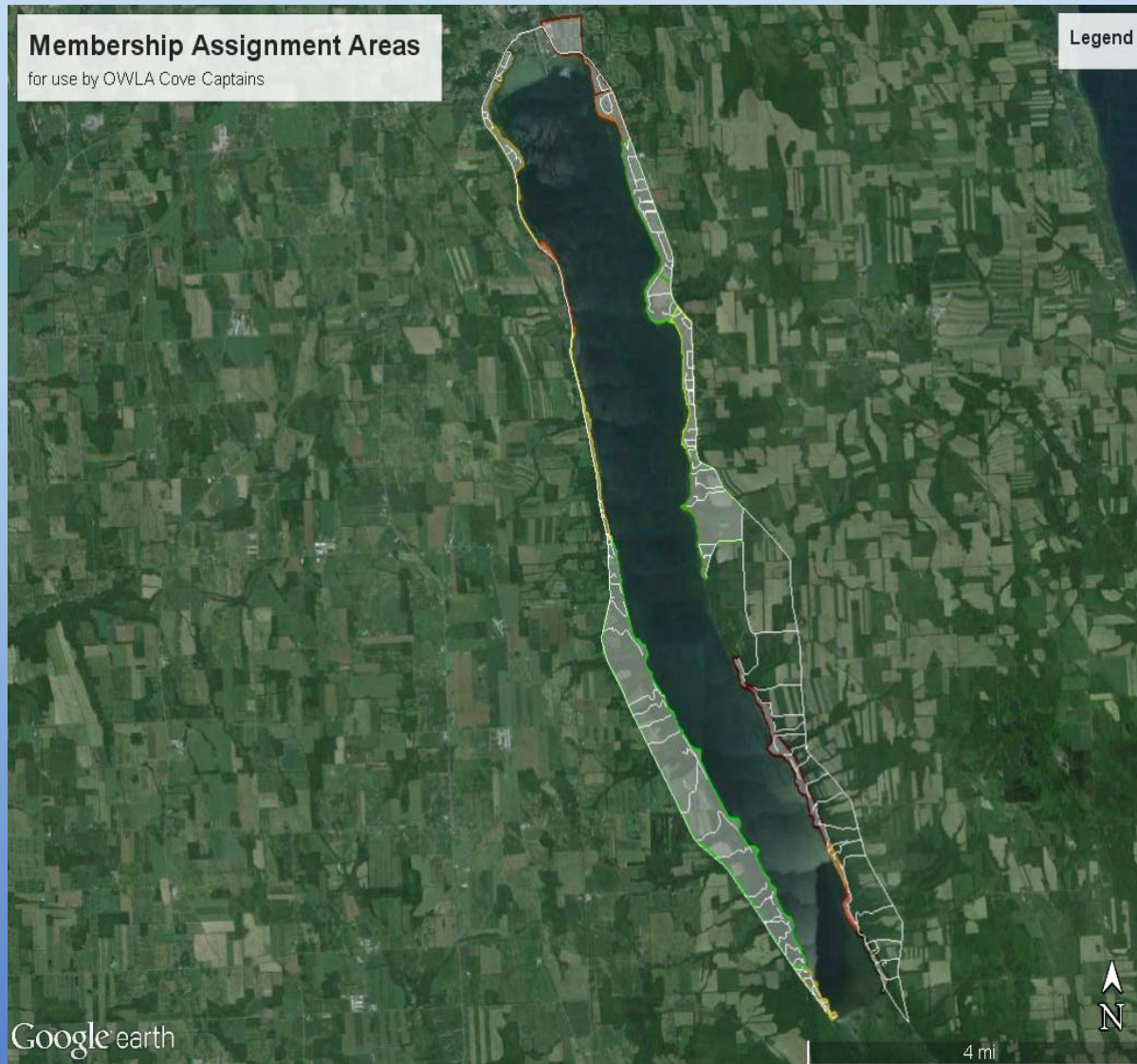


MemberTies Database

Pilot Program



The Volunteer Challenge



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Auburn Citizen Article

LAKE HEALTH

Partnerships increase impact on improving water quality

NANCY HART
Special to The Citizen

Recognizing that we are more effective working together than we would be working alone, the Owasco Watershed Lake Association has forged numerous alliances with local and regional lake and watershed management and protection groups to help find solutions for the water quality crisis facing our lake. OWLA's relationships with these groups not only increase our potential impact, but also allow us to stretch the limited dollars available for water quality improvement efforts.

Locally, OWLA is a voting member of the Cayuga Water Quality Management Agency, whose mission is "to protect and improve the quality of water in Cayuga County." OWLA is also represented on the Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council, which oversees the Owasco Lake Watershed Inspection Program.

This past summer, numerous volunteers recruited by OWLA member Linda Vitale and supervised by Watershed Inspector Timothy Schneider sam-

pled the lake for harmful algal blooms. The data acquired from these samples is being utilized by the state DEC to understand the impacts on water quality of nutrients entering the lake. In addition, OWLA and Cayuga County share the cost of additional sampling supervised and conducted by OWLA volunteers to test for E. coli bacteria, total phosphorous and soluble reactive phosphorous.

In an effort to support local agriculture in promoting best practices and innovative nutrient management strategies that can reduce nutrient runoff and improve water quality, OWLA members are part of the advisory committee to the Cayuga County Manure Management Working Group, and OWLA has joined the Whole Farms Best Practices Partnership, an international consortium promoting "significant advances in farming." Dana Hall, an agricultural technical consultant, is a member of OWLA's board of directors.

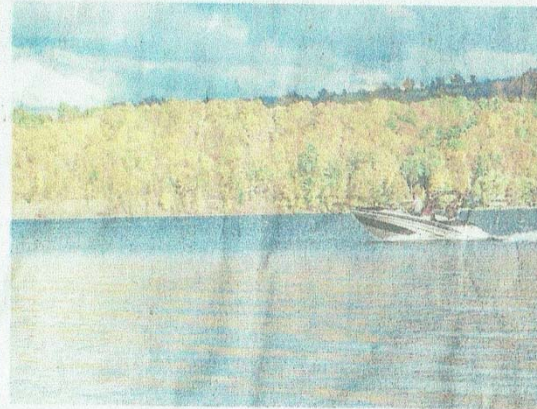
OWLA is a voting member of two regional lake and watershed advocacy groups. The Finger Lakes Regional Watershed Al-

liance, representing nine lake associations, brings together "members, expertise and desires of the Finger Lakes watershed associations to preserve and protect their watersheds." The state Federation of Lake Associations represents seven lakes in the region, as well as 200 lake associations from around the state. FOLA's mission is "to

protect the water resources of New York state by assisting local organizations and individuals through public dialogue, education, information exchange and collaborative efforts."

OWLA endorses the conservation efforts of the Finger Lakes Land Trust, whose purpose is

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A boat traverses Owasco Lake in October 2014.

Friday 12/16/16



Paddlepalooza at the Owasco Flats.

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"to conserve forever the lands and waters of the Finger Lakes region." The FLLT's 10 conservation strategies for the Finger Lakes include protection of our lakes, streams and drinking water. Plans to develop buffers between ditches and streams and adjacent crop lands and pastures and create wetlands that will serve as filter traps in areas of significant runoff align with OWLA's mission. The FLLT recently purchased 40 acres of bald eagle habitat in the Owasco Flats, and OWLA provided financial assistance to the FLLT in collaboration with the Owasco Flats Nature Reserve to survey property on the east side of the Owasco Inlet for the creation of a conservation easement. OWLA also hopes to assist the FLLT in identifying places where FLLT conservation practices will be most effective.

OWLA also works with state and local government and with philanthropic groups to acquire financial resources required to implement change. Recently, the Owasco Watershed Lake Asso-

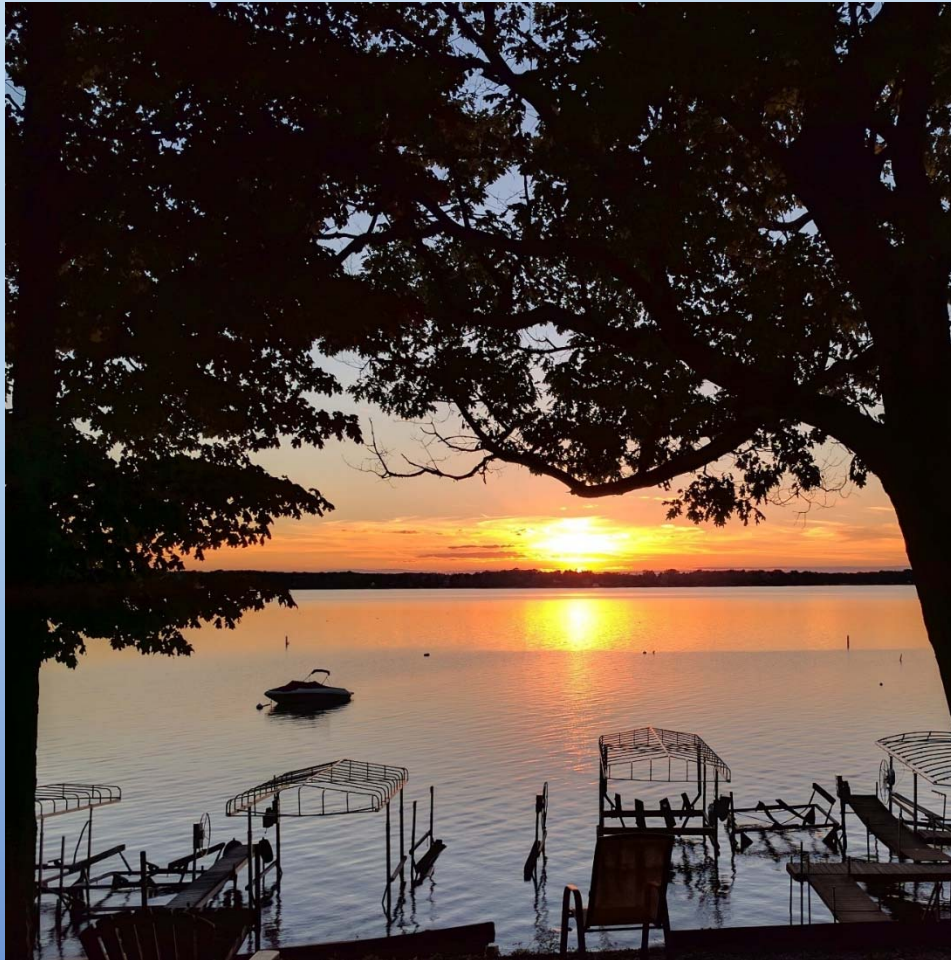
ciation received a \$20,000 grant from Fox Toyota and the Toyota Corporation. In collaboration with the Cayuga County Soil & Water Conservation District and with matching funds from the Owasco Lake Watershed Inspection Program, numerous watershed improvement projects are underway or awaiting spring. The first, a streambank stabilization project, has been completed at Fire Lane 25 E. Project planning for the \$600,000 state grant is currently underway.

Additionally, OWLA continues to recognize and support the efforts of other local groups like Save Owasco Now, who are focused on driving changes to state and local regulations impacting water quality.

With 1,232 members, OWLA is a catalyst for change in the Owasco watershed. Working with our many partners, we hope to make significant and timely progress in improving the waters of Owasco Lake.

Nancy Hart is a member of the Owasco Watershed Lake Association board of directors. For more information, or to join OWLA, visit owla.org.

Clean Air And Water...



...From This All Else Flows