

Otisco  
Lake:

Furthest  
East  
of  
the  
11  
Finger  
Lakes



# Basic Information

**Watershed: 38.7 square miles**

**Lake: 6.241 Miles Length**

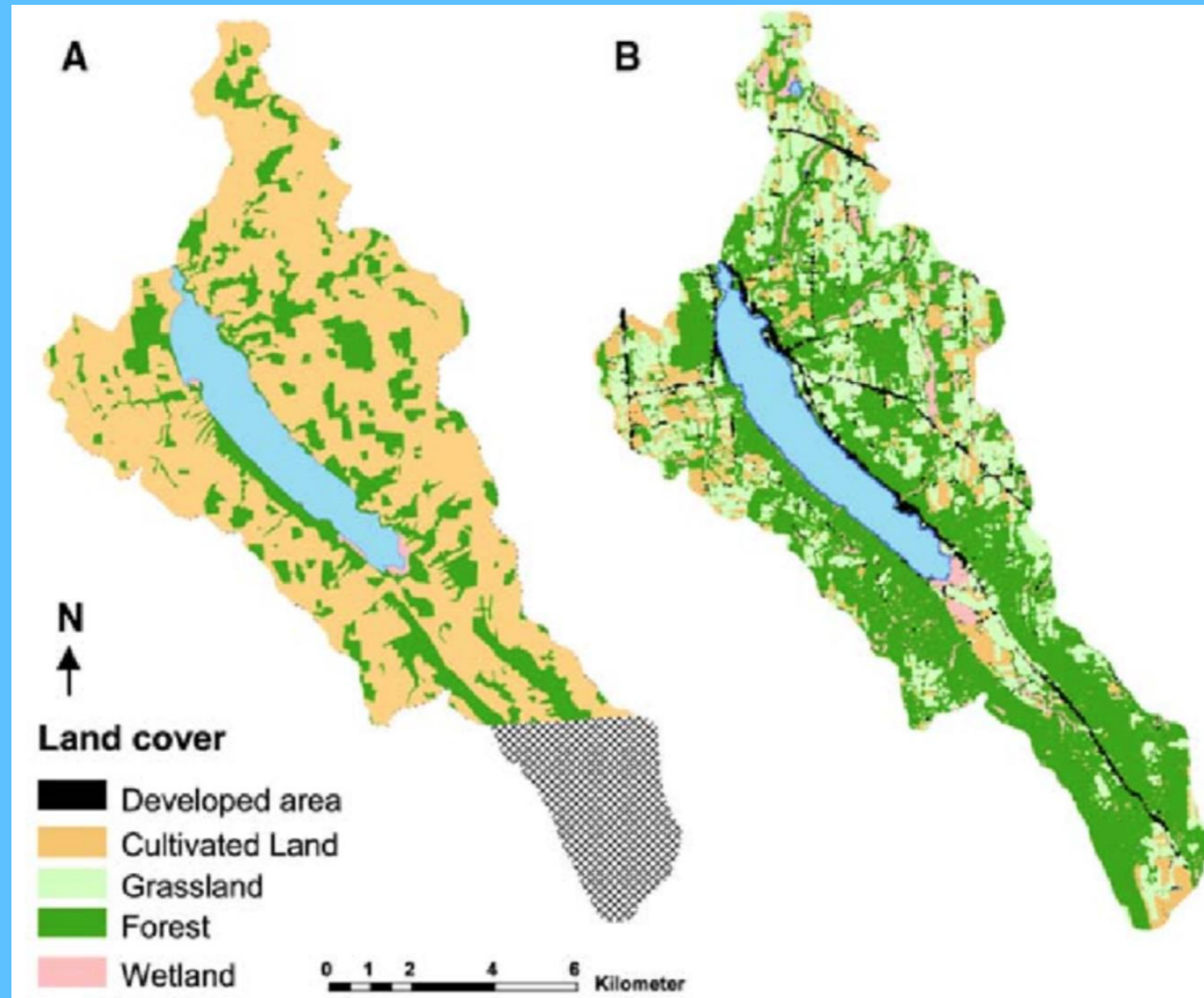
**.75 Miles max width**

**33.00 Feet mean depth**

**22.00 Billion gallons**

*Otisco Lake has the fourth smallest surface area and third smallest volume of the Finger Lakes.*

# Otisco Watershed



**Agriculture: 42%**  
**7 Towns in Watershed**



# OTISCO LAKE

Proudly Supplying Drinking Water  
for Onondaga County

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OTISCO LAKE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION and  CCWA

Central New York's Water Authority

# WATER SOURCES FOR TOWNS & VILLAGES SERVED

## TOWNS / CITIES:

## WATER SOURCE:

## VILLAGES:

CAMILLUS  
CICERO  
CLAY  
DEWITT  
ELBRIDGE  
GEDDES  
LAFAYETTE  
LYSANDER  
MANLIUS  
MARCELLUS  
ONONDAGA  
OTISCO  
POMPEY  
SALINA  
SKANEATELES  
SPAFFORD  
SYRACUSE

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BALDWINVILLE  
CAMILLUS  
E. SYRACUSE  
FAYETTEVILLE  
LIVERPOOL  
MANLIUS  
MARCELLUS  
MINOA  
N. SYRACUSE  
SOLVAY

# Otisco Lake Preservation Association (OLPA)

Our Mission: To preserve the health, beauty  
and welfare of our lake, not only today, but for  
future generations.

You can make a difference!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

# OLPA Structure

- 5 Board Members
- set of bylaws

## Meetings:

- Strategy meeting with OCWA and

Onondaga County Soil & Water - March

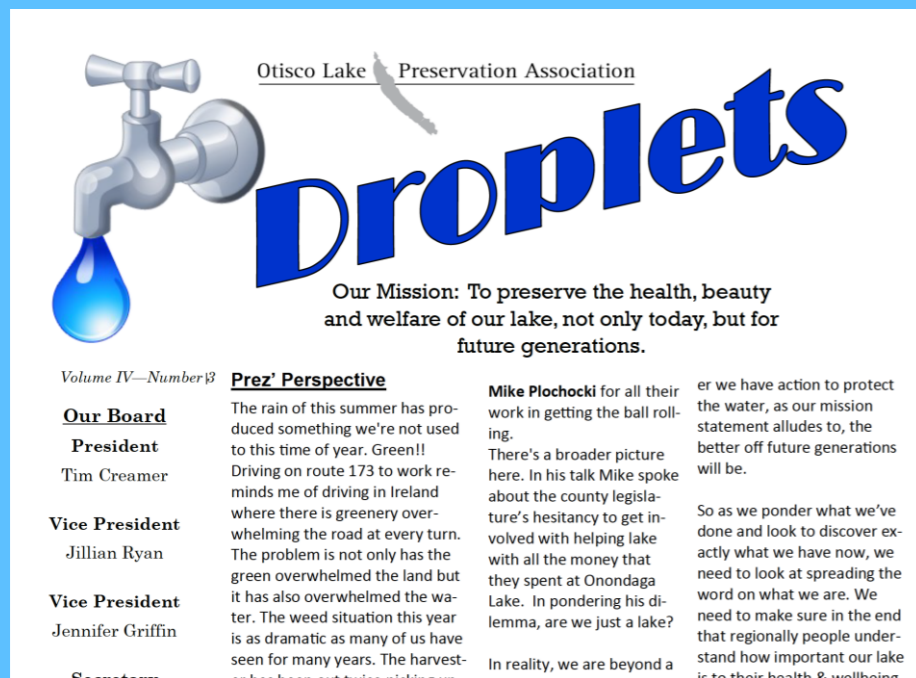
- Monthly meetings - May through November
- Annual Meeting - July



# Otisco Lake Preservation Association website:



# OLPA Newsletter:



# OLPA Reference Folder

# Community Participation



# Key Issues handled by OLPA ...



## Harvesting



## Water Chestnut pull with Finger Lakes Institute



# Earth Day Clean Up



Otisco Lake Preservation Association



Annual 5K run/2  
mile walk  
Fundraising and  
Community  
involvement event



# Dumpster Day



# Placemats

**Otisco Lake  
Watershed  
Scholarships!!**



**MARCELLUS**

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

*Onondaga Central School District*



**TULLY**

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Examples of Key Issues handled with Partners:

DEC - AIS



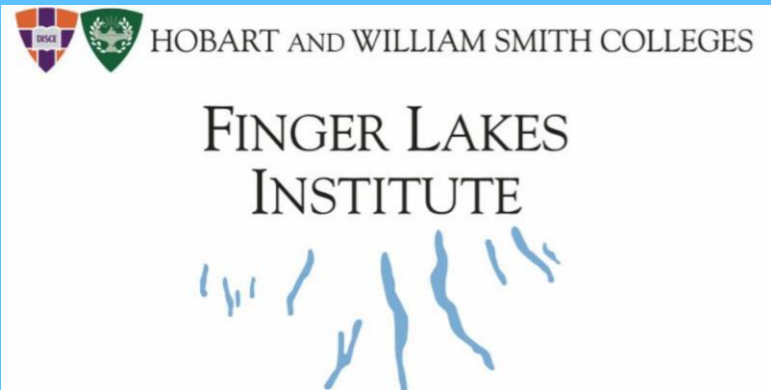
**Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP)**

**NYSFOLA**

FLI -  
Lake Stewards



# ...and many more....



**Onondaga County Soil &  
Water  
Conservation District**

**FINGER LAKES**  
REGIONAL  
WATERSHED ALLIANCE



CENTRAL NEW YORK  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

**ESF** SUNY College of  
Environmental Science  
and Forestry

**OCWA**  
Central New York's Water Authority

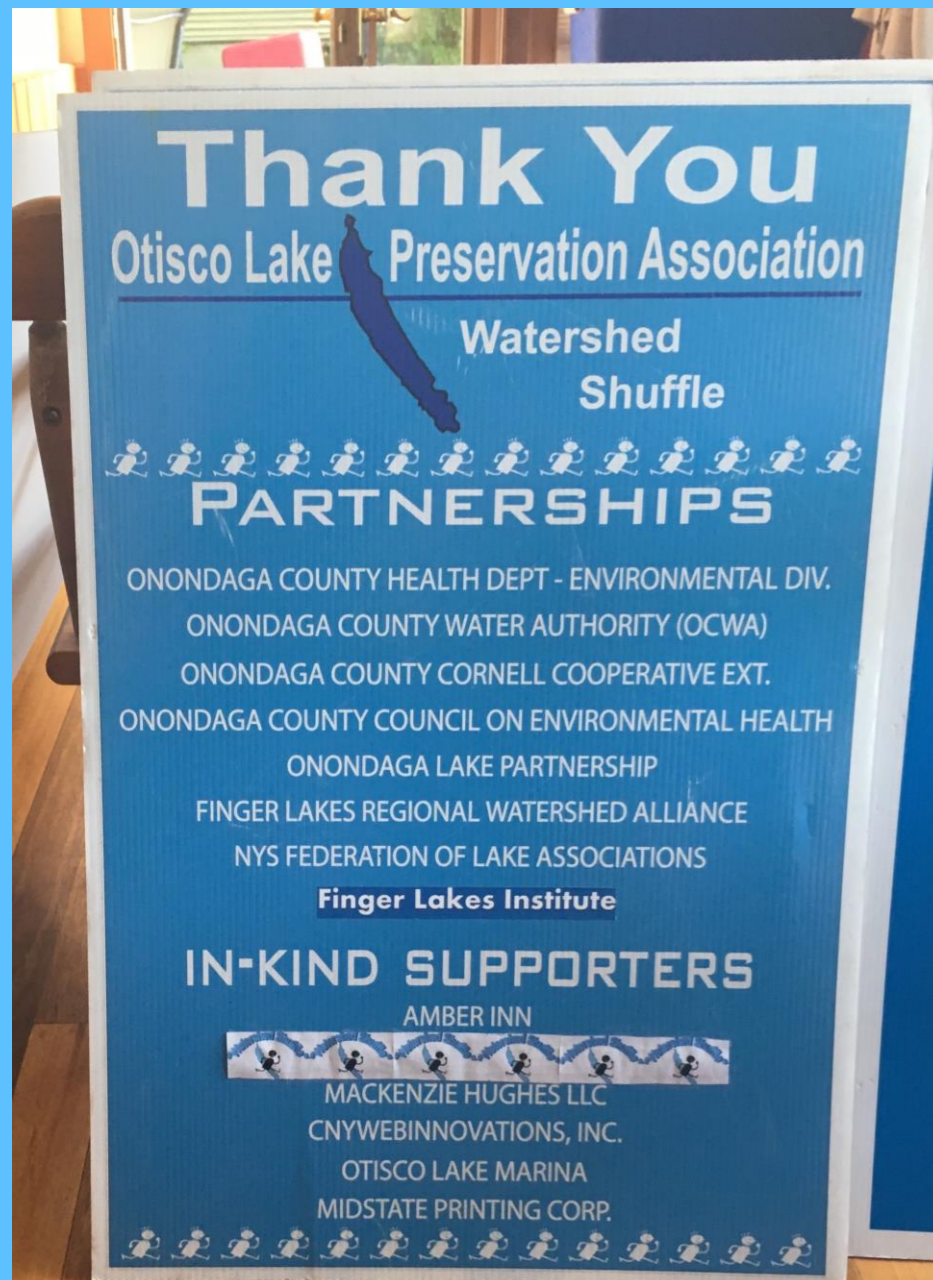


**RJ Frost**  
Company LLC

**Eagle Observer**



**Department of  
Environmental Conservation**



# Key Issues Today

\$\$\$ (Always!!) Working on and Obtaining Grants -

-2017-2019: Early Detection and Rapid Response to  
Invasive Species

-Two currently in application wait phase

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**ALS & Vegetation:**      Harvesting - hiring and managing  
Mat program - free loan  
Lake Stewards and Education

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-Webcams on lake; creation of calendar with upcoming  
drone photos

-Wash station for new DEC boat launch

-Settling basins for run off (this years Annual Meeting topic)

# Cautionary Tales

- Enthusiasm and Passion
- Singular Focus
- \$\$\$\$ Respect

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