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 (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:

Invasive Species
Get information about how to get involved and protect our waters.

Matting
The matting process is explained, as well as how to get a mat for yourself.

Harvesting
Learn about the issues facing our region and ask what actions you can take.

Regional Issues
Find information about our Dumpster Day activities!

OLPA Newsletter:

Volume IV—Number 4

President
Tim Cromer

Vice President
Jillian Ryan

Secretary
Jennifer Griffin

Patriotic Perspective
The rain of this summer has produced something we’re not used to this time of year. Green! Driving on route 173 to work reminds me of being in Ireland where there is greenery everywhere, and rain at every turn. The problem is not only has the green overwhelmed the land, but it has also overwhelmed the water. The water situation this year is as dramatic as many of us have seen for many years. The harvest is a story of good and bad news.

Mike Foshnock for all their work in getting the ball rolling. There’s a broader picture here. In his talk Mike spoke about the county legislator’s strategy to get involved with helping lake with all the money that they spent at Onondaga Lake. In pondering this dilemma, are we just a lake? In reality, we are beyond a point where we have action to protect the water, as our mission statement alludes to, the better off future generations will be. So as we ponder what we’ve done and look to discover exactly what we have now, we need to look at spreading the word on what we are. We need to make sure we’ve made an end that really can people understand how important our lake is to their health & wellbeing.

Marcellus Free Library
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

Help Prevent the Spread of Invasive Species in Otisco Lake

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Placemats
Examples of Key Issues handled with Partners:

- **FLI - Lake Stewards**
- **NYSFOLA**
- **DEC - AIS**

**Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP)**
...and many more....
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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AIS & 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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THANK YOU

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