

Owasco Lake Watershed Inspection Program

Completed situations
 May through Present

"Blank" Situation still in progress, no change to report. Information reported under comments is the last known development on the situation.

ACOE = Army Corps of Engineers
CC HD = Cayuga County Health Department
CC SWCD = Cayuga County Soil and Water Conservation District
COE = Code Enforcement Officer
ECO = Environmental Conservation Officer
NYS DEC = New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
OLWIP = Owasco Lake Watershed Inspection Program
SLWAP = Skaneateles Lake Watershed Agricultural Program

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		OLWRR	CC HD - Sanitary Code	NYS DEC	ACOE	None		Initial Contacts	In Progress	Complete	
2009-002	Scipio					X	8/29/2009	X	X		Majority of outside home construction is complete. A deck is planned to be installed. All erosion and sediment control practices are in still in place.
2009-003	Scipio					X	3/16/2009	X	X		Property owner plans to have contractor fix failed retaining wall. At this time, owner is not planning to build a home at the site. Upslope water and culvert pipe have not been dealt with, which was recommended by OLWIP and CC SWCD. Information has been sent to Scott Cook, NYS DEC.
2009-006	Moravia					X	6/2/2009	X	X		Roadway and utilities complete. No work has been done on the lots.
2009-010	Owasco					X	10/20/2009	X	X	X	Following the Town of Owasco's building permit with regards to stormwater practices.
2009-012	Fleming					X	5/21/2009	X	X	X	Construction of new lakefront home. Sediment and erosion control practices installed at the property. OLWIP has monitored maintenance and proper installation of practices.

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2009-013	Scipio					X	7/31/2009	X	X		Trash grate was installed in the past by CC SWCD. Homeowners Association asked for monetary assistance in having grate maintained (sediment and debris cleaned out). Grate is the responsibility of the property owners to have maintained. Association claims that they have been cleaning grate yearly. Grate has not been cleaned out since viewed on 7/31/2010. Continue to encourage Association to clean out grate to avoid failure of practice or grate not functioning properly (sediment and debris have reached the top of the grate at this time and all further debris washes over the top when there is high flow of the stream).
2009-014	Locke	X					2/19/2009	X	X		Continue to work with farmer with livestock having access to the streams #34, 35, & 36 of the Owasco Inlet subwatershed. Farmer was accepted for funding through Ag Non-Point Grant, Round XVI for fencing and rotational grazing. CC SWCD has received contract from NYS and is working on obtaining estimates for work. CC SWCD is working to update grazing plan, which will be implemented on completion of the project. Also, farm was added to Ag Non-Point Grant, Round XVII to add drilled wells and troughs to the grazing system. Grant was awarded; CC SWCD is waiting on contract to begin work.
2009-015	Fleming					X	3/16/2009	X	X		Work on site has paused for the winter. Many of the large piles of dirt and debris have been removed from the stream banks. A 25' buffer of winter wheat has been planted along the banks for temporary soil stabilization. Work will resume in the spring.
2009-016	Locke	X					11/25/2009	X	X		Livestock have access to tributary #2b of Hemlock Creek. Farm has been awarded funding under Ag Non-Point Grant, Round XVI. CC SWCD has received the contract and is working on obtaining quotes to complete the work. Rotational grazing plan has also been completed by CC SWCD and will be implemented on completion of the project.
2009-017	Scipio					X	5/6/2009	X	X	X	Lakefront home construction is complete. Existing sediment and erosion control practices in still in place.

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2010-001	Scipio					X	8/17/2010	X	X	X	Original complaintee notified me that the septic system has been installed and leachlines were less than 20 feet from the top of the streambank. Spoke with the CC HD who did not consider the ravine to be a watercourse, therefore leachlines could be placed at least 15 feet from the top of the streambank.
2010-004	Venice	X	X				2/22/2010	X	X	X	Violations have been addressed to the satisfaction of the CC HD.
2010-005	Fleming					X	2/16/2010	X	X		Attended 239 Committee where environmental impacts and suggestions were given. Concerns raised were 1.) pond that had been previously constructed without ACOE oversight and the outletting of the bioretention ponds into the pond and 2.) other stormwater concerns. Working with ACOE by providing maps and background on the stream and pond. ACOE working to determine jurisdiction and how to handle.
2010-008	Niles	X	X				7/9/2010	X	X	X	New septic system has been installed at the property. CC HD has confirmed that the system is functioning properly.
2010-011	Fleming					X	7/28/2010	X	X	X	Construction of home appears complete, with family already occupying residence. The lawn appears stabilized with vegetation as well.
2010-014	Scipio	X	X				6/24/2010	X	X	X	Violations have been addressed to the satisfaction of the CC HD.
2010-015	Owasco					X		X	X		Development continues. Continue to monitor retention ponds and further construction activity.
2010-018	Owasco			X			9/24/2010	X	X		SLWAP performing some work on the farm in preparation of working on handling the sillage . Will be designing and installing new sillage leachate system (low flows will be directed into tank and pumped to manure pit and high flows will be directed onto grassed area).
2010-019	Owasco					X	10/13/2010	X	X	X	Home construction has been completed. All dirt piles, silt fences and construction materials and equipment have been removed. Lawn is seeded and grass has been established.
2010-021	Niles					X	10/14/2010	X	X	X	Suggestions were offered to property owner to address streambank erosion concerns.

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2010-022	Moravia					X	10/26/2010	X	X		CC HD has approved engineering plans for the replacement septic system. As per Variance Committee, septic system needs to be installed before occupation of the property in 2012.
2010-023	Owasco			X			12/7/2010	X	X		Constuction of retaining wall at lakefront property. Working with NYS DEC ECO because work appears to have been done within the mean high water mark.
2010-028	Venice	X					2/12/2010	X	X		Issued violation notice to farmer for allowing animals access to tributary #9 of the Owasco Inlet. Farmer was not willing to work with OLWIP to solve issue. Spoke with CC HD and Cayuga County Attorney regarding case. Want OLWIP to get pictures to show impacts the livestock have on the stream in order to continue with the case.
2010-043	Skaneateles					X	5/7/2010	X	X	X	Inspection Program offered assistance to pressure ACOE to allow for completion of water quality practice. Further assistance on this issue will be offered in the future if there is no resolution.
2010-045	Moravia					X	10/26/2010	X	X		Demolition and construction of a lakefront home. Worked with contractor to incorporate erosion and sediment control practices.
2011-001	Owasco					X	2/1/2011	X	X	X	Through discussions with property owner and NYS DEC, discovered lapse in communication. Property owners planned to meet with NYS DEC to continue
2011-002	Niles					X	2/2/2011	X	X	X	Landowner never contacted Inspection Program back to schedule a time to look at streambank. Unknown where the property is.
2011-004	Scipio			X			2/18/2011	X	X	X	NYS DEC accepted CNMP planner's proposal for changes to spreading schedule, application rate, and other precautions (i.e. spreading setbacks).
2011-005	Scipio						2/18/2011	X	X	X	Received complaint related to 2011-004 incident. Homeowner said that well water was contaminated. House and well are adjacent to the stream and downhill from fields where manure had been spread. NYS DEC is also involved in remediating this situation. Water samples from the well have been taken and tested positive for e.coli. However, homeowner's well is not considered "satisfactory" by NYS. Issue has been referred to the CCHD.

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2011-006	Moravia					X	4/26/2011	X	X		Logging operation. Selectively clearing lumber from property. Staging area kept fairly neat and road not being impacted.
2011-008	Owasco					X	6/24/2011	X	X	X	Received complaint about lawn clippings dumped in ditch. Grass clippings removed. Will continue to monitor.
2011-009	Niles					X	6/27/2011	X	X	X	Received complaint about manure spreading near a stream. Investigated situation, but manure has not been spread recently. Working with landowners to educate them about manure spreading regulations and when to contact the Program.
2011-010	Niles					X	6/28/2011	X	X		Firelane property owners called with concerns regarding drainage issues along firelane road. Working on giving them some advice on steps to handle the situation.
2011-011	Niles					X	6/27/2011	X	X	X	Received complaint of possible erosion concerns. Area is less than one acre. From aerial maps, it appears that a structure had been removed from the property and owners were grading area after demolition. Will monitor for any further soil disruption.
2011-012	Owasco					X	7/7/2011	X	X	X	Received complaint of seawall installation within the mean high water mark. Spoke with a Conservation Officer, no enforcement taken because there were very few rocks placed to outline a property boundary on the shoreline.
2011-013	Moravia	X					7/8/2011	X	X	X	Dumping in an area of approx. .4 acres was occurring directly next to a stream bank. Materials dumped included lawn clippings, woody debris, metal drums, ashes, tin cans, dead fish. Spoke with the president of the homeowner's assoc. The site has been cleaned completely as of October, 21.
2011-014	Scipio					X	7/21/2011	X	X	X	Landowner is concerned about erosion of steep driveway. Intense storm events have left deep gouges in driveway. CC SWCD and OLWIP have spoke with the landowner to recommend potential solutions. Driveway has since been mended.

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2011-015	Owasco	X				X	8/17/2011	X	X		Received a complaint stating that silage leachate was washing into a ditch during a rain event. Leachate was observed leaking from an area where it "pooled" in a bermed area. It breached the berm during the rain event and proceeded to flow into a nearby roadside ditch.
2011-016	Owasco	X					9/6/2011	X	X		Several junk cars were discovered while seasonal inspectors were performing a survey of Sucker Brook. 2 of the cars were located directly within the stream. Violation notices have been sent from OLWIP and the Town of Owasco Code Enforcement.
2011-017	Moravia	X			X		9/9/2011	X	X		Land owner has been using the area as a general dumping area for materials such as asphalt, dirt/gravel, woody debris. Area is encroaching and has entered a FEMA floodzone and federal wetland. Have been in touch with USFWS to resolve the issue.
2011-018	Locke	X			X		10/18/2011	X	X		Received complaint of cows dwelling in regulated stream #25b of the Owasco Lake Inlet sub-watershed. Spoke with landowner about the issue, he is aware and plans to install fencing but is restricted due to time and physical capabilities.
2011-019	Owasco					X	10/31/2011	X	X		Intense rain events causing high velocity and high volume flow of a stream have led to the erosion of the bank on which a homeowner's storage shed is situated and thus being undermined. Spoke with landowner and recommended potential solutions. CC SWCD also involved.
2011-020	Owasco					X	8/3/2011	X	X		Construction of new home is taking place. All erosion and sediment control practices are installed properly.
2011-021	Fleming					X	8/4/2011	X	X	X	Installation of new sea wall. Project complete
2011-022	Locke						12/9/2011				Several containers of "waste" were spotted in a concentrated area uphill from the Owasco Inlet. It is unknown what is in the containers. Further investigation will follow.