

2. Coordination, Collaboration, and Partnerships

Agricultural Practices (A)	Development (D)	On-site Wastewater Systems (O)	Stormwater Runoff (SR)	Wastewater Treatment (WW)			
Drinking Water (DW)	Tourism and Other Economic Development (T)	Water Quality Standards (WQS)					
Water Quality (WQ)	Exotic species (ES)	Fertilizers and Pesticides (F)	Heavy metals (H)	Phosphorus and Nutrient Loading (N)	Organic compounds (OC)	Pathogens (P)	Sediment (S)
Comprehensive Planning (C)	Education (E)	Economic Revitalization & Sustainability (ER)	Infrastructure (I)				

Introduction

Any effort to protect and improve the watershed requires concerted effort by all stakeholders. The Intermunicipal Organization (IO) (see Appendix A - IO Structure) and the RPP process is in a unique position to provide the organizational structure and improve collaboration watershed-wide. Each of the other elements of the process support and are supported by this element. Actions might include collaborative grant writing, joint meetings and conferences, and offers of technical and financial assistance to collaborators, when funding is available. The participation of watershed partners in IO efforts, including watershed municipalities (see Figure 1-2), IO Committees (see Appendix A - IO Structure), the Cayuga Lake Watershed Network (see <http://www.cayugalake.org>), the Cayuga Lake Watershed Steward (see Appendix J), Cornell Cooperative Extension, the County Water Quality Coordinating Committees, and the Soil & Water Conservation Districts, academic institutions, as well as State and Federal agencies, is vital and should be encouraged.

Goals

Coordination, collaboration and partnerships are the key to efficient and effective watershed management. All groups and organizations that do work within the Cayuga Lake Watershed should coordinate their activities and consider partnerships and collaboration as an efficient and effective means of improving the Cayuga Lake Watershed.

Existing Measures

Intermunicipal Organization (see Appendix A)
Intermunicipal Organization/Cayuga Lake Watershed Network Joint Strategy Committee (see Appendix A)

No. 2	Coordination, Collaboration & Partnership Recommendations	Related Issue(s)	Potential Res Org(s)	Measure/ Target	Approx Cost
A	Specific IO Actions				
A1	Short presentation to municipal boards on watershed and <i>RPP</i> (including preparation, one staff person and one person from IO)	WQ, E	IO, CLWN	100% within 1 year	\$2,000
A2	Initiate a process to further engage the County WQCCs, including brief presentations to the IO about the county water quality strategies and current projects of the committees; b) identification of common goals and efforts; and c) application for joint funding to conduct work across the watershed.	WQ, E	IO, CWQCC	a. 100% by 7/01 b. by 8/01 c. 1 year	\$3,000
A3	Provide opportunities for citizens to volunteer for specific projects and on IO committees (see Appendix A).	WQ	IO, CLWN	Increase number of volunteers by 10% within 1 year	\$200
A4	Identify stakeholders with respect to specific priority issues, such as local roads management, and facilitate funding applications to support joint projects.	WQ	IO, CLWN	Identify 3 significant joint projects and seek funding within 1 year	\$1,000
A5	Support other, complementary efforts in the watershed by, for example, letters of support and in-kind contributions.	WQ	IO, CLWN	Support 2 additional efforts within 1 year and continue existing efforts	\$4,000
B	Coordinated Actions				
B1	Data and information clearinghouse (see Appendix K) including inventory and design of data and information clearinghouse	WQ	IO, CLWN, RPB	1 year	\$5,000
B2	Volunteer monitoring programs through Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP) Professional monitoring programs (see Monitoring & Assessment)	A, D, O, SR, WW, DW, WQ, ES, F, H, N, OC, P,	CLWN, WSS, CWQCCs, CCE	6 months	\$2,500

		S, E,			
B3	Education and public participation programs (see Education and Public Participation sections)	WQ, E	IO, CLWN, CCE		
B4	Development, distribution and analysis of a resident survey	WQ	IO, CLWN	2-3 years	\$50,000
B5	Assist in updating a comprehensive resource guide/directory (see Appendix M) of existing monitoring and implementation programs and complimentary organizations.	WQ	IO, CLWN, C	6 months	\$2,000
B6	Coordination with other programs and organizations doing work in the watershed using the management strategies of the <i>RPP</i> so as to maximize resources along with efficiency and effectiveness. This would include coordination of funding proposals and allocation of resources based on a comprehensive strategy.	WQ	IO, NYSDEC	ongoing	
C	Future of the IO				
C1	Institutionalize and restructure IO as an implementation organization (see Appendix A - IO Structure After to July 2001)	WQ	IO along with all identified interested parties	7/01	-
C2	Through a Request for Proposals process the IO has chosen an Organization Facilitator to assist the IO in research and development of a self-sustaining organizational structure capable of advancing and overseeing the implementation of the <i>RPP</i> . The responsibilities of the consultant are listed in the Scope of Services (see Appendix A)	WQ	IO along with all identified interested parties	5/01 - 9/01	\$25,000
C3	Contribute to the development of Watershed Restoration & Protection Strategies (WRAPS) (see http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/dow/uwa/index.htm)	WQ	NYSDEC along with all identified interested parties	2002-03	
C4	Participate in the Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP) (see http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/water/swap.htm) for the Cayuga Lake Watershed. Use the	WQ	NYSDOH	2001-02	

	Cayuga Lake Watershed SWAP (see Appendix G) as a source of data and targeting				
C5	Participate in the Priority Waterbodies List (PWL) (see Appendix L) update	WQ	NYSDEC	2001-03	
C6	Develop a framework for working with Seneca Lake Area Partners (SLAP)/Seneca Lake Watershed (see http://www.gflrpc.org/Seneca.htm) and Keuka Lake Association/Watershed Management Plan (see http://www.keukalakeassoc.org/) - <i>The combined Keuka-Seneca watershed contributes about half the flow that leaves the Cayuga Lake watershed at Mudlock through the Seneca-Cayuga Canal. Yet, the Keuka and Seneca watersheds are managed under their respective plans and are not considered part of the Cayuga Lake Watershed Restoration and Protection planning process. Some of the point and nonpoint sources within the Seneca-Cayuga Canal probably influence the northern end of Cayuga Lake (north of the railroad causeway) even though it is diluted by the outflow from the Seneca Lake system.</i>	WQ	IO, SLAP5, KLA	Meet with and develop a framework within 6 months	\$250
C7	Continued Coordination with Academic Institutions including Cornell University, Ithaca College, Wells College, and others	WQ	IO, AI	ongoing	
C8	Continued Coordination with Federal Agencies including United States Geologic Survey (USGS), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), Army Corps' of Engineers, and United States Fish & Wildlife Service	WQ	IO along with agencies listed	ongoing	
C9	Continued Coordination with State Agencies including New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, New York State Department of State, and New York State Department of Health	WQ	IO along with agencies listed	ongoing	
C10	Continued Coordination with County Agencies including County WQCC (Cayuga County Water Quality Management Agency, Cortland County Water Quality Coordinating Committee, Seneca County Water Quality Committee, Schuyler County Water Quality Coordinating Committee, and Tompkins County Water Resources Council), County of Regional Department of Health, County Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE), County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD), County Environmental Management Council (EMC), County Planning Department, County Economic Development Department, County Tourism Promotion Agency (TPA), County Highway Department, and County Emergency Management Agency	WQ	IO along with agencies listed	ongoing	
C11	Continued Coordination with Municipalities including mayors, supervisors, legislators, highway superintendent/public works, clerks, water suppliers, wastewater treatment operators	WQ	IO along with agencies listed	Increase number of IO participants - attain coverage of 85% of land area in	

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