

**ONTARIO COUNTY
WATER RESOURCES COUNCIL**

A Water Quality Management Agency
Created by the Ontario County Board of Supervisors
Russ Welser, Chairperson
Megan Webster, Vice-Chairperson

AGENDA

January 16, 2026 at 9:30 AM

Board of Supervisors Session Room, 2nd Floor, 74 Ontario Street, Canandaigua, NY
Parking directly across the street

and Via WebEx <https://ontariocountyny.webex.com>

Meeting Number 2343 513 1979 Password: WRCregMTG

Alternatively, you can call into the meeting at: 1-408-418-9388

1. Call to Order

a. Chair Russ Welser

2. Roll Call

a. Sign-in Sheet at Meeting, Virtual Attendees will be Noted -

3. Approval of Minutes

a. Motion for approval of November 14, 2025, minutes

4. Treasurer's Report

a. Erin Holley — January 16, 2026, Treasurers report

5. Presentation

a. Hemlock to High Tor Initiative, Lindsey McMillan, Project Director and Max Heitner,
Director of Conservation, Finger Lakes Land Trust -

6. WRC Active Projects

a. Active Special projects -

WRC Active Projects November 14, 2025			
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Proj #	Title	Sponsor	Partners	Balance
Mini-Grants				
M 1-25	Sandy Bottom Park/3M Trail Forest Management Practices	T. Richmond Parks	DEC	\$ 2,500.00
M 4-25	Vernal Pool Project	OC SWCD	T. Geneva/FLLT	\$ 3,000.00
M 5-25	Managing Water Resources Outreach	OC SWCD		\$ 3,000.00
M 6-25	Building Water Quality & Flood Resiliency — Middle Cheshire Road	CLWC	T. Canandaigua	\$ 2,600.00
M 7-25	Gage Gully Hydrology & Hydraulic Model & Nature-Based Opportunities	CLWC	OCDPW	\$ 3,000.00
2-2024	Honeoye Lake Boat Cleaning System to Control Transport of AIS	OC Planning	DEC, OPRHP, FLPRISM, Towns	\$ 3,000.00
4-2024	Signage for Rain Garden Demonstration Project	CLWA	Wood Library	\$ 2,845.00
5-2024	Isolation and Genome Assembly of Toxic Benthic Cyanobacteria Honye & Cndga Lks	SUNY ESF	FLI, GLRC	\$ 3,000.00
7-2024	Sucker Brook Water Quality and Flood Resiliency Project	CLWC	City/Town of Canandaigua	\$ 3,000.00
4-2023	Characterization of Benthic Cyanobacteria/Toxin Production — Honeoye & Cdga Lkes	SUNY ESF	FLI	\$ 3,000.00
5-2023	Establishing Riparian Buffer Easement along Deep Run Stream — Town of Gorham	CLWC		\$ 3,000.00
1-2022	Downspout Planter Box Demonstration Project	T. Geneva	SWIO Steward	\$ 2,600.00
	TOTAL ACTIVE MINI-GRANT PROJECTS			\$ 34,545.00
Implementation Grants				

IG 2-24	Building Flood Resiliency for V. Naples Water Treatment Plant/Reservoir Creek	CLWC		\$ 15,000.00
IG 1-25	Sandy Bottom Park Shoreline Stabilization	SWCD		\$ 15,000.00
IG 2-25	Jones Rd. Roadside Stabilization	SWCD		\$ 25,000.00
IG 3-25	Rocky Run Creek Erosion Control	SWCD		\$ 20,000.00
IG 4-25	Building Resiliency in the Sucker Brook Subwatershed	CLWC		\$ 40,000.00
	TOTAL ACTIVE IMPLEMENTATION GRANT PROJECTS			\$115,000.00
	TOTAL WRC ACTIVE PROJECTS			\$149,545.00
	Adjustments			\$ 0.00
	Pending contracts			
	Transfer to Planning Dept. budget — MG 2-2024			\$ 3,000.00
	NET			\$146,545.00
	Requesting Approval of Payment			
	Payment Approved and Pending			

7. Payments

a. Payment Requests -

Payment Requests				
Project #	Title	Sponsor	Award Amt	Invoice Amt
1-2022	Downspout Planter Box Demonstration Project	T. Geneva	\$2,600.00	\$ 1,127.32
7-2024	Sucker Brook Water Quality & Flood Resiliency	CLWC	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
MG6-25	Water Quality & Flood Resiliency — Middle Cheshire Rd	CLWC	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00

IG 1-25	Sandy Bottom Park Shoreline Stabilization	SWCD	\$15,000.00	\$12,469.98
IG 3-25	Rocky Run Creek Erosion Control	SWCD	\$20,000.00	\$19,601.73
IG 2-24	Building Flood Resiliency Reservoir Creek	CLWC	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00

1 MG 1-22 Downspout Planter Box Demonstration Project, Town of Geneva -

2 MG 7-24 Flood Resilancy Sucker brook -

3 IG 2-24 Building Flood Resiliency Reservoir Creek, V Naples -

4 IG 1-25 Sandy Bottom Park Shoreline Stabilization, OC SWCD -

5 IG 3-25 Rocky Run Creek Erosion Control, OC SWCD -

6 M 6-25 Flood Resiliency Middle Cheshire Rd -

8. Mini and Implementation Grants

a. Recommendations for Awards 2026 -

1 Mini-Grants, Betsy Landre -

Water Resources Council 2026 Mini-Grant Proposals and Recommended Awards					
#	Title	Sponsor	Partners	Request	Recommended Award
1	Marsh Creek Floodplain Restoration Design	FLI	SWIO / T. Geneva	\$ 2,500	\$2,500
2	Stabilization Project — Straw Mulcher Trailer	OC SWCD	T. Farmington	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
3	Sandy Bottom Park Lagoon Siltation Survey	T. Richmond Parks	OC SWCD	\$ 480	\$ 480
4	Youth Watershed Education in HV Region	HVA	CLWA	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
5	Water Quality Outreach	HVA		\$ 3,000	\$ 0.00

6	Expansion of Seneca Lake Open Data Platform	SLPWA	FLI	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
7	Deep Run & Gage Gully Sub-Watersheds - Sampling Equipment	CLWA	SUNY ESF	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
8	Understanding Canandaigua Lake HABs — Weather Stations	CLWA		\$ 3,000	\$ 2,400
9	Understanding Rainfall/Runoff - Weather Stations	CLWC	T. Canandaigua; T/V Naples	\$ 2,224	\$ 2,224
10	FLCC Educational Signs	CLWC	FLCC	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
	Total			\$ 24,204	\$ 20,604
	FUNDS AVAILABLE				
	2026 County Allocation to Mini-Grants	\$15,590.00			
	2025 Interest Accrued (available in 2026)	\$ 2,598.28			
	Available Funds Rolled Over From 2025	\$ 244.30			
	HWS 5-2021 returned funds 11/25	\$ 750.00			
	T. Geneva 1-2022 returned funds 1/16/2026 (pending approval)	\$ 1,472.68			
	Total	\$ 20,655.26			

2 Implementation Grants, John Hornberger -

Water Resources Council 2026 Implementation Grant Proposals and Recommended Awards						
Committee: John Hornberger, Emily Royce, Bruce Gilman, Kyle Ritts, Betsy Landre						
#	Abbreviated Title	Sponsor	HUC 10 Watershed	Request	Total Cost	Recommended Award

1	Road Ditch Stabilization - Coye Road Drainage Ditch Basin	CLWC	Canandaigua Lake	\$15,000.00	\$ 39,520.00	\$ 15,000.00
2	Cross Road Culvert Project to Reduce Flood Risk and Impacts	OCSWC D	Honeoye Lake	\$ 30,000.00	\$145,000.00	\$0.00
3	Cottage City Flood Resiliency and Water Quality	CLWC	Canandaigua Lake	\$ 30,000.00	\$332,800.00	\$ 30,000.00
4	Kashong Creek Streambank Stabilization	OCSWC D	Seneca Lake	\$ 20,000.00	\$130,000.00	\$ 12,780.00
5	Deep Run Water Quality Project	CLWC	Canandaigua Lake	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 58,991.00	\$ 20,000.00
6	Marsh Creek Phosphorus Reduction Project	OCSWC D	Seneca Lake	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 66,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
	Total			\$145,000.00	\$772,311.00	\$107,780.00
	FUNDS AVAILABLE 2026 (1/6/26)					
	Ontario County 2026 Allocation		\$100,000.00			

	Wilson Creek IG 3-24 (\$ returned)		\$ 5,253.85			
	Sandy Bottom Shoreline Stabilization IG 1-25 (\$ to be returned 1/26)		\$ 2,530.02			
	Total		\$107,783.8 7			

9. Election of Officers

10. Update to Civic Clerk

a. Erin Holley — Questions, problems and concerns, notification settings -

11. 2026 Meeting and Key Dates:

a. Meetings: 1/16, 3/13, 5/8, 7/10, 9/11, 11/13
Mini-Grants due 12/4/26
Implementation Grants due 12/18/26 -

12. Round Robin

13. Upcoming Events/Conferences and Training Opportunities

14. Adjournment

a. Meeting motion to adjourn