

WATER RESOURCE COUNCIL

March 13, 2026 at 9:30 AM

Board of Supervisors Session Room, 2nd Floor, 74 Ontario Street, Canandaigua, NY

Parking directly across the street

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Water Resources Council was called to order at 9:30 AM at 74 Ontario St, Canandaigua, NY 14424 with Secretary Betsy Landre presiding.

2. Roll Call

Upon roll call, the following members were:

Present:

Lisa Cleckner (Hobart & William Smith)

Bruce Gilman (Science Advisor)

Terry Gronwall (Honeoye Lake Watershed Task Force)

Betsy Landre (Ontario County Planning Dept.)

Emily Royce (Genesee / Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council)

Dorothy Gronwall (Honeoye Lake Watershed Task Force - Proxy Voter)

Ben Klein (Seneca Lakes Pure Waters Association)

Ryan Wilmer (Ontario County Planning Board)

Lynn Klotz (Canandaigua Lake Watershed Association)

Present Not Voting and Virtual:

Emily DeBolt (Canandaigua Lake Watershed Association)

Robert Holland (City of Rochester - Hemlock Treatment Plant)

John Maier (City of Rochester - Hemlock Treatment Plant)

Kevin Olvany (Canandaigua Lake Watershed Council)

Erin Holley (Ontario County Planning Dept.)

Kyle Ritts (Ontario County Planning Dept.)

Excused Members:

Megan Webster (Ontario County Soil & Water Conservation District), Russ Welser (Cornell Cooperative Extension) (Proxies given to Betsy Landre).

John Hornberger (DEC) was also excused.

Present (Voting): 9, Present (Not Voting): 6, Absent: 0, Excused: 2

Guests: Abby Webster, SUNY ESF

3. Approval of Minutes

Emily Royce motioned to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2026, WRC meeting. The motion was seconded by Ryan Wilmer. The motion passed.

4. Treasurer's Report

Deferred until May 2026 - the County has pending budget transfers.

5. Presentation

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Abby Webster, PhD, SUNY ESF

Characterization of Attached Cyanobacteria in the Finger Lakes.

6. WRC Active Special Projects

Active Special Projects: Review of Open Projects and Contracts

WRC Active Projects March 13, 2026				
Proj #	Title	Sponsor	Partners	Balance
Mini-Grants				
M 1-26	Marsh Creek Floodplain Restoration Design	FLI	SWIO / T. Geneva	\$2,500.00
M 2-26	Stabilization Project — Straw Mulcher Trailer	OC SWCD	T. Farmington	\$3,000.00
M 3-26	Sandy Bottom Park Lagoon Siltation Survey	T. Richmond Parks	OC SWCD	\$480.00
M 4-26	Youth Watershed Education in HV Region	HVA	CLWA	\$3,000.00
M 6-26	Expansion of Seneca Lake Open Data Platform	SLPWA	FLI	\$2,000.00
M 7-26	Deep Run & Gage Gully Sub-Watersheds - Sampling Equipment	CLWA	SUNY ESF	\$3,000.00
M 8-26	Understanding Canandaigua Lake HABs — Weather Stations	CLWA		\$2,400.00
M 9-26	Understanding Rainfall/Runoff - Weather Stations	CLWC	T. Canandaigua; T/V Naples	\$2,224.00
M 10-26	FLCC Educational Signs	CLWC	FLCC	\$2,000.00
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 7-25	Gage Gully Hydrology & Hydraulic Model & Nature-Based Opportunities	CLWC	OCDPW	\$ 3,000.00

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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
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
	TOTAL ACTIVE MINI-GRANT PROJECTS			\$ 46,949.00
Implementation Grants				
IG 1-26	Road Ditch Stabilization - Coye Road Drainage Ditch Basin	CLWC		\$ 15,000.00
IG 3-26	Cottage City Flood Resiliency and Water Quality	CLWC		\$30,000.00
IG 4-26	Kashong Creek Streambank Stabilization	OCSWCD		\$12,780.00
IG 5-26	Deep Run Water Quality Project	CLWC		\$20,000.00
IG 6-26	Marsh Creek Phosphorus Reduction Project	OCSWCD		\$30,000.00
IG 2-25	Jones Rd. Roadside Stabilization	SWCD		\$ 25,000.00
IG 4-25	Building Resiliency in the Sucker Brook Subwatershed	CLWC		\$ 40,000.00
	TOTAL ACTIVE IMPLEMENTATION GRANT PROJECTS			\$172,780.00
	TOTAL WRC ACTIVE PROJECTS			\$219,729.00
	Adjustments			\$ 0.00
	Pending contract execution			\$128,384.00
	Transfer to Planning Dept. budget — MG 2-2024			\$ 3,000.00
	Requesting Approval of Payment			
	Payment Approved and Pending			

7. Payments

Final Report and Payment Request: OCSWCD, M 5-25 Managing Water Resources Outreach — \$3,000
Deferred until May 2026 — OCSWCD was unable to attend.

8. Suggestions for Special Presentations

Any suggestions for topics/presenters in 2026 are welcome. Topics suggested at the 3/13/2026 meeting include:

- DEC Finger Lakes Watershed Hub — Updates, research efforts, opportunities to partner/collaborate.
- Presentation by Rob Holland/John Meier (or City of Rochester) — Initiative addressing lead in public water service lines
- Any new PhD research on water topics? SUNY ESF, Cornell. Roxanne Rivasi's group at ESF has a student finishing up PFAS research.
- Finger Lakes Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (FL-PRISM) Aquatic and Terrestrial Teams and Update FL-PRISM's New Strategic Plan

9. Round Robin

- Ryan Wilmer - OC Planning Board reviews applications from municipalities in the County each month. One main area of review is protection of the natural environment / water resources. OC Planning Board provides insight, acting as a second set of eyes.
- Emily Royce - G/FLRPC posted its Comprehensive Climate Action Plan for the region on its website. Staff are working on municipal emissions reporting. Working on a local law review project for Seneca-Keuka Watersheds 9E Plan. Also working with DEC and DOH to implement the Drinking Water Source Protection Plan program and supporting the DEC Genesee River Watershed Implementation Plan. G/FL's Local Government Workshop will be in Batavia on May 28, with good topics on floodplain maps, comprehensive planning and zoning and solar planning.
- Lynn Klotz - CLWA is gearing up for summer. The winter newsletter was recently published. Working with Steve Shaw at SUNY ESF on stream sampling.
- Lisa Cleckner — FL-PRISM is hiring PRISM watercraft stewards, getting more involved in field work, including hydrilla work on Cayuga Lake, looking for invasive species (ex: crayfish and plants), the Terrestrial Team is working on spotted lantern fly and hemlock wooly adelgid, and working with NYS Parks on treatment initiatives. Also, the FLI lab went through an audit and did well. Working with Seneca-Keuka watersheds on a DEC grant doing stream/nearshore assessment. Using precipitation monitoring to take a system's look at nutrients and lake management.
- Ben Klein — SLPWA's planning is underway for the May symposium. We are also working on a summer business guide and a native garden project in Watkins Glen. Funding is needed for HWA treatment beyond 2026.
- Terry & Dorothy Gronwall - HVA is hosting the annual roadside cleanup on May 2. HLWTF is supporting SWCD's road bank stabilization project on Jersey Hill Rd. This is the biggest project in the watershed this year at \$1.58 million via the WQIP grant program. T. Gronwall is now keeping records to document and better understand changing climate patterns and associations. Studying the impact of the warming trends on Honeoye Lake. May 2nd cleanup, Honeoye lake got a grant that he mentioned.
- Elaine Cook - HVA has raised over \$1,600 for the Don Cook Scholarship. The scholarship will be

awarded to a graduating HCSD student pursuing studies in environmental science. Donations are still being accepted.

- Bruce Gilman — WRC Science Advisor went out in February with Kevin Olvany and Lindsay MacMillan to test road salt levels in tributaries around Canandaigua and Honeoye Lakes. The datasets are long-term (36 and 30 years, respectively). The Canandaigua Lake watershed had the lowest concentrations were in Clark and Conklin Gullies, while the highest were in Upper and Lower Sucker Brooks. At Honeoye Lake, the lowest measurement was at the Hamilton Tract tributary, while the highest was at the West Lake Rd. Campground off CR37, south of California Point.
- Betsy Landre — Planning Dept. is working on staffing for and modifications to the Honeoye Lake Aquatic Vegetation Management Program. The primary goal of the program is to reduce excessive weed growth that impairs navigation. However, another goal is to cause minimal disturbance of lake sediments. The boat wash unit will again be installed at the Honeoye Lake State Marine Launch this spring.
- Kyle Ritts — Working on CPB (main area of review is protection of water quality/quantity), shadowing Betsy at WRC, creating maps in GIS Pro outlining recommended "wakeable" zones in Canandaigua and Honeoye Lakes based on bathymetry and distance from the shoreline.
- Rob Holland — City of Rochester reports the snow and ice melting and rain are helping lake levels. Volunteer training for CSLAP will be held at Hemlock Lake on May 19th. Registration through NYSFOLA for this training is now closed.
- Kevin Olvany — CLWC is working on expanding the weather station network in the watershed and to understand wind patterns. Working with Cornell NE Climate Center and CCE, Canandaigua Lake is above the summer guide curve and the outlet gates are now open. Permits are pending at DEC for multiple construction projects. Also getting ready for chloride sampling.

10. Upcoming Events/Conferences and Training Opportunities

- NYSFOLA (New York State Federation of Lakes Association) Annual Conference.
 - May 8–9, 2026, Fort William Henry Hotel and Conference Center, Lake George, NY.
 - <https://nysfola.org/conference/>
- NYS COEHWS (Center of Excellence — Healthy Waters Solution) Annual Meeting.
 - May 19–21, 2026, SUNY ESF Gateway Center, 1000 Irving Avenue, Syracuse, NY.
 - <https://healthywaters.org/annual-meeting/>
- Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council (GFLRPC) Local Government Workshop.
 - May 28, 2026, Genesee Community College, Batavia, NY.
 - https://www.gflrpc.org/program_areas/local_government_workshops.php

11. Next Meeting and Important Dates

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- The next WRC meeting (5/15) will be in the smaller committee room at 74 Ontario St., 2nd Floor.
- Upcoming Meetings (regular Board of Supervisors Session Room, 74 Ontario St., 2nd Floor):
7/10, 9/11, 11/13
- Mini-Grants due: 12/4/2026
- Implementation Grants due: 12/18/2026

12. Adjournment

Board motion to: Adjourn. **Motion made by:** Betsy Landre, **seconded by** Ben Klein, **Vote:** Yes 8, No 0, Abstained 0. **The motion:** Passed. The Water Resources Council meeting was adjourned at 10:56 AM.