

CONCLUSION

The municipalities of the Canandaigua Lake Watershed face serious challenges in the imminent future when it comes to balancing growth with the preservation of the very attributes that continue to attract residential and recreational development. The waterways and hillsides of Canandaigua Lake—intrinsic to all the Finger Lakes—are unique areas with important environmental, scenic, and economic value.

This report is a small part of the overall guidance and education process required to inform the visitors, residents, municipal staff, and elected leaders of the issues related to steep slope and watercourse protection and stormwater management. The land use regulatory tools provided in this report can help municipalities guide change in their environment in a way that is both conscientious of conservation values and development goals.