

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The *Controlling Sediment in the Black and Oatka Creek Watersheds* project was funded in part by a grant awarded by the Great Lakes Commission (GLC) Program on Erosion and Sediment Control. As stated on the GLC website, the Program's purpose is to "protect and improve water quality in the Great Lakes by reducing soil erosion and controlling sedimentation through financial incentives, information and education, and professional assistance."¹

The project consists of five major components:

- **Task 1** – Erosion and Sediment Control - Municipal Meetings (Black Creek)
- **Task 2** – Report: *Identification and Analysis of the Riparian Corridor in the Black and Oatka Creek Watersheds*
- **Task 3** – Report: *Municipal Law Review and Analysis*
- **Task 4** – Report: *Water Resources Issue Identification*
- **Task 5** – Assistance to the Towns of Bethany, Sweden and Warsaw in Revising Local Laws

Funds for this project were applied for in February 2004 and awarded in June 2004. Tasks 1 and 2 were completed in autumn of 2005; tasks 3, 4 and 5 were completed in June 2006.

This report is intended to satisfy the requirements of *Task 3: Municipal Law Review and Analysis*. The document consists of two primary components:

- An overview of model best management practices pertaining to erosion and sediment control and other nonpoint source water quality issues within the study area and throughout the region; and
- Individual municipal summaries of findings of the local law review and analysis for each of the 28 towns and villages contained within the study area.

The second component – municipal summaries – represents the bulk of data compiled for this report. This section summarizes the findings of a comprehensive review and assessment of municipal local laws with regard to erosion and sediment control and other nonpoint source water quality issues. Data for each town and village was gathered and entered into an individual assessment form; this information was then used to summarize findings and draw basic conclusions regarding erosion and sediment control capabilities. Due to their large volume, each completed form could not be included in this report; each form, however, can be viewed and downloaded in its entirety at the project website listed on the following page.

Final documents will be mailed to the highest elected official in each municipality. *Appendix F* of these documents will include a copy of the assessment form that was compiled for the respective municipality. For readers accessing this document online, a blank generic form will replace customized forms; however, completed assessment forms are available for download

¹ Great Lakes Commission Program on Erosion and Sediment Control. <http://www.glc.org/basin/background.html>. Last visited 6/5/06.

through the project website listed below.

All information related to Tasks 1–5 of this project – including background information, fact sheets, forms and completed reports – may be viewed and downloaded at the following webpage:

Project Website:

<http://gflrpc.org/Publications/ControllingSediment/ControllingSediment.htm>

All documents related to Task 3 – including this final report and individual municipal summary forms – may be accessed at the following webpage:

Task 3: Municipal Law Review and Analysis

<http://gflrpc.org/Publications/ControllingSediment/Assessment/ReviewAnalysis.htm>
