

V. MUNICIPAL SUMMARIES

The following municipal summaries provide the findings of this municipal law review and analysis. For each municipality in the two watersheds, a map of the town or village is provided, along with useful demographic and geographic information on the focus area.

Each summary begins with a table illustrating the results of a spatial analysis conducted for each municipality listing the area of the municipality and the amount of land that is located within the respective watersheds. In order to facilitate comparison between towns and villages in the study area, a summary of this information has been included in Appendix B.

In an effort to illustrate the general demographic state of the municipality, a short narrative of socio-economic information derived from Census 2000 has been provided. The level of development pressure (described as “rate of development”) within each municipality has also been included, utilizing the findings of the *Regional Land Use Monitoring Report*.¹⁴ A summary of this information, including an explanation of how “rate of development” has been defined in this report, can be found in Appendix C. It is important to note that this analytical tool has a distinct limitation: the data source provides no indication as to the location of new development within any given municipality. It may therefore be the case in some instances that the high rate of development found in some of the case study municipalities may be occurring outside of the Black and Oatka Creek watershed areas.

Basic descriptions of the land cover typical of each municipality are provided as well. This information is derived from a variety of sources. The Geographic Information and Retrieval and Analysis System (GIRAS), a remote-sensing package created by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), provides general information regarding various types of land cover found throughout the region. This, in conjunction with aerial photography and field observations, provide the basis for land cover descriptions. An illustration of the GIRAS display for the case study area and the 17 classification units for land cover can be found in Appendix D.

Summaries conclude with an explanation of findings of significance relevant to best management practices in erosion and sediment control and/or water quality assuredness. A list of the laws and ordinances that were reviewed as part of this analysis can be found at the top of each summary. A list of general recommendations for future action by local officials has also been included for each municipality. Finally, a basic chart providing the tally of BMPs found to be present has been included at the end of each municipal summary (see page 7 for explanation). Unabridged assessment forms for each municipality can be found in an addendum to this report, available for download on the project website at: <http://gflrpc.org/Publications/ControllingSediment/Assessment/ReviewAnalysis.htm>.

Municipalities have been grouped under their respective counties and are listed in alphabetical order; counties are arranged south to north, west to east in an effort to reflect the general hydrological order characteristic of the Black and Oatka Creek watersheds.

¹⁴ Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council. *2004 Regional Land Use Monitoring Report*. Available online at <http://gflrpc.org/Publications/LandUseMonitoring.htm>.