

## 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."<sup>1</sup>

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 Resource Issue Identification and Prioritization*
- **Task 5** – Technical Assistance to the Towns of Bethany, Sweden and Warsaw and Report: *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.

Each one of the 24 municipalities in the two watersheds (the watersheds share parts of six municipalities) could receive assistance from Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council (G/FLRPC) in revising their local laws based on the assessment and the models in Task 2 and 3 in relation to their existing local laws, existing State and Federal laws and regulation, assessment and recommendations of the riparian corridors, and land use patterns, issues and concerns. This involved an initial meeting with each municipality's town/village, and planning board to explain the assessment and analysis process and to seek a working relationship. Applications were distributed to all municipalities in the watershed for Assistance to Municipalities in Revising Local Laws. The deadline for applications was October 3, 2005. Four municipalities sent in an application requesting assistance. G/FLRPC staff worked with three of those towns.

The following compilation is intended to satisfy the requirements of *Task 5: Revising Local Laws*. The document brings together major findings from the technical assistance work Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council provided to the Towns of Bethany, Sweden, and Warsaw.

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

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

**Project Website:**

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

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