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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The assessment of local laws in the Keuka Lake watershed was initiated in the summer of 2007 as “Component I” of the Keuka Lake Looking Ahead project. The analysis is intended to aid participants in the Land Use Leadership Alliance Training Program as they learn about methods to address priority land use issues within the Keuka Lake watershed. The results of this analysis will be used to guide the development of “Component III” of the Keuka Lake Looking Ahead project, whereby a sustainable watershed land use action plan will be developed to guide municipalities toward the implementation of potential land use regulations and controls to institute sustainable land use practices throughout the watershed

The body of local laws was compiled for the municipalities of the Keuka Lake Watershed Improvement Cooperative (KWIC), including: the Town of Barrington (Yates County), the Village of Hammondsport (Steuben County), the Town of Jerusalem (Yates County), the Town of Milo (Yates County), the Village of Penn Yan (Yates County), the Town of Pulteney (Steuben County), the Town of Urbana (Steuben County), and the Town of Wayne (Steuben County). Letters of request for relevant local laws were sent to the highest elected official and town or village clerk in the summer of 2007. Members of the KWIC were asked to assist with the process of acquiring necessary local documents. Additional local laws and other relevant documents were collected and evaluated as they were made available.

A list of land use, development, water quality and other pertinent issues deemed to be important to the municipalities of the KWIC was compiled and entered into chart format. These issues, their definitions and their general relevance to project goals were summarized and included within the Introduction of this report.

Assessment charts were created for each municipality that list each of the issues described above. The body of local laws for each municipality was compared against this list of issues in order to identify whether the issue has been identified and/or addressed within local legislation. In such instances, a citation of the section of law found to match the issue of concern is entered into the assessment chart.

A summary of findings is included in Appendix B of this report. Other summary charts thought to be useful for the purpose of comparative analysis have been included in the Appendices as well.

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