



## IV: Assessment Results: Watershed Overview

### Introduction

Chapter 4 has been organized into three primary sections according to watershed. Each watershed begins with an overview of findings for each of the 6 primary BMP categories. After the watershed overview section, municipal summaries have been included for each city, town and village that was included in the watershed area used in this study. There the reader can find information regarding the location of the municipality, socio-economic data relevant to the municipality, the specific laws reviewed from that municipality, and the tabular results of the completed assessment.

Information relative to land use control laws, land and watershed area, and other pertinent details have also been included in the Appendices.

### Targeted Municipality Overview

Targeted municipalities – those that were focused on during Phase II of this project – have added narrative description and are identified with a “🎯” symbol.

In general, most of the targeted municipalities show full or partial implementation levels of development-related BMPs at around 30%. By contrast, forestry, agriculture, waterway/wetland, and marina implementation ranged from 0 to 10% of listed BMPs.

However, most municipalities chose to work on development-related local laws, such as zoning ordinances, subdivision ordinances, or erosion and sediment control ordinances. This reflects the real or perceived thinking on the part of municipalities that endeavors such as forestry, agriculture, wetlands, and marinas are either outside of municipal purview and/or overseen by other entities (i.e. NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets, etc.). Conversely, development regulation is one area that local municipalities feel they have full control over. Finally, many municipalities in the Finger Lakes perceive that increased development represents one of the larger environmental threats.



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