

Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization

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Introduction

Mission Statement: To create, modify, and implement a watershed management plan to allow local governments within the watershed to work together for the purposes of accessing dollars, cost savings, cost sharing, and efficiency of activities among municipalities. This plan when completed will prioritize water quality problems and solutions. The Intermunicipal Organization will provide direction for the regional planning boards and other staff, and oversee the entire project.

Intermunicipal Organization (IO) membership is comprised of watershed municipalities (counties, cities, towns and villages) that have signed the Call for Cooperation and Resolution to Endorse a Watershed Study for Cayuga Lake (see Call for Cooperation in this Appendix). Presently 28 of 44 municipalities and four of the six counties have signed the Call for Cooperation and are therefore IO members. While 28 of 44 represents only 64% of the municipalities, they cover a combined 76% of the land area in the watershed. If you included land area in the watershed that is covered by either a municipality or a county on the IO, the percent is approximately 90.

CALL FOR COOPERATION and RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE A WATERSHED STUDY FOR CAYUGA LAKE

WHEREAS, the Intermunicipal Organization is being formed to create, modify and implement a watershed management plan to allow counties, towns, villages, and cities in the watershed to work together for the purpose of accessing dollars, cost savings, cost sharing and efficiency of activities among the municipalities, prioritize water quality issues, and

WHEREAS, the Intermunicipal Organization is made up of municipalities within the watershed to oversee the development of a watershed management plan, and

WHEREAS, this Board acknowledges the importance of water quality and natural resources of the Cayuga Lake Watershed, and

WHEREAS, the size of the watershed dictates that cooperation between varied user groups will be essential in protecting this natural resource,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of the Town/Village/City/County of: will participate in the efforts of the Intermunicipal Organization to: 1) define the structure of the Intermunicipal Organization; 2) promote scientific analysis of the watershed's resources in order to determine the state of the watershed; 3) develop an education and awareness program to educate local residents and stimulate their interest in protecting the watershed; 4) develop coalitions for cooperation and participation in projects relevant to the protection of the watershed; 5) prioritize water issues within the watershed; and 6) participate in solutions to water quality problems, including possible sources of funding.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted on _____, is hereby appointed as the delegate to represent _____ on the Intermunicipal Organization

Signature and Title of Presiding Officer: