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Dear Friends of our Lakes and Rivers,

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OCLRA has wrapped up a busy year with several significant steps forward. It remains critically important to act locally and to inform lake group members and all lake lovers about how to preserve and enhance lake shorelines and water quality. The mission of OCLRA is to educate, advocate and assist in the lake protection process. Your membership makes our efforts on your behalf possible.

This past year:

- ◆ We have continued to attend most County Planning and Development Committee meetings to monitor and comment upon issues that impact shoreland owners. We have:
 - ◇ Opposed changes to the county dock and pier regulations.
 - ◇ Supported development of lakefront tourist rooming house regulations.
 - ◇ Supported development of CAFO regulations.
 - ◇ Opposed reduction of wetland setbacks.
 - ◇ Supported the TSLPOA (Two Sisters Lake Assoc.) position on shoreland vegetation removal.
- ◆ We have supported Oneida County's AIS control efforts.
- ◆ We have monitored a court challenge to the Newbold sub-division/lake classification ordinance.
- ◆ We have continued our collaborations with Vilas County Lakes and Rivers Association to:
 - ◇ Engage area realtors in awareness of environmentally sound development practices.
 - ◇ Deliver our annual '6-County Lakes and Rivers' event (a virtual webinar in 2020).
- ◆ We joined with TLWA (Three Lakes Waterfront Assoc.) to recommend a more environmentally suitable location for a power boat race event scheduled for Maple Lake.
- ◆ We supported a local effort to link several local businesses with lake protection efforts.
- ◆ We supported the grant-funded development of a simple lakeshore owner survey.
- ◆ We supported state-wide the adoption of a comprehensive lakeshore owner survey piloted on Tomahawk Lake.
- ◆ We opposed a metallic mine proposed near the headwaters of the Wolf River.
- ◆ We have continued to take our lake protection message to local radio and print media.

We seek to better understand how we may help our lakeshore neighbors to protect our lakes. Our web site www.oclra.org provides access to lake group resources and our 'E-news' electronic newsletter. Your comments and feedback are always welcome. Feel free to join us at our posted meetings. You can reach us at oclra100@gmail.com.

OCLRA works to unite lake associations so that we may speak with one voice to protect the waters of Oneida County. Thank you for your past support. Now is the time to renew that support.

Bob Martini, President

Our Mission: *To protect Oneida County waters and habitats through*
** Education * Collaboration * Advocacy*