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Dear Friends of our Lakes and Rivers,

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OCLRA has wrapped up another 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 all 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 CAFO/manure storage regulations.
 - ◇ Supported enforcement of lakefront tourist rooming house permitting regulations.
 - ◇ Developed a poster to be distributed to all short-term rental units to advocate responsible lake activities.
 - ◇ Led and participated in a revision of lake viewing and access corridor statutes.
 - ◇ 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 the 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, scheduled for July 15th at Nicolet College.
- ◆ We supported a regional effort to link several local businesses with lake protection efforts.
- ◆ We supported the grant-funded development of a simple lakeshore owner survey.
- ◆ We have continued to take our lake protection message to local radio and print media.
- ◆ We supported a grant-funded threat assessment technique for local lake associations.

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 oclr100@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*