



Oneida County Lakes and Rivers Association

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Dear Friends of Our Lakes and Rivers:

OCLRA has completed another successful year and looks forward to much more productive work in the year ahead – with your help and support. We remain dedicated to our mission to educate, advocate and collaborate in protecting our waters, natural shorelines, scenery, and waterfront property values. We now ask for your support, whether new or continuing, through membership in OCLRA. Our efforts on behalf of our waters in the past year include:

- Adopting a resolution supporting responsible regulation of enhanced boat wakes and sharing it with lake associations as a template for their own resolutions.
- Filling the room for the public hearing before the county Planning and Development Committee on amendments to the Shoreland Protection Ordinance – an impressive showing of grassroots solidarity.
- Collaborating with many other groups supporting a conservation easement for the Pelican River Forest.
- Supporting new regulations and enforcement of existing regulations of lakefront tourist rooming houses.
- Collaborating with the Vilas County Lakes and Rivers Association with conducting the 2022 Six County Lakes Meeting, which drew record attendance.
- Backing Oneida County's aquatic invasive species prevention program and the DNR's Clean Boats Clean Waters initiative.
- Collaborating with the Vilas County Lakes and Rivers Association, Oneida County Clean Waters Action, and other groups with similar missions.
- Supporting efforts to mitigate salt-laden runoff to Lake Julia from a school parking lot.
- Establishing OCLRA's first social media presence in the form of a Facebook page.

We welcome your comments and suggestions. You can share your thoughts and ideas by email to ocla100@gmail.com. You are also welcome to attend our board of directors meetings, generally at 9 a.m. on the second Monday of each month, at the ADRC building in Rhinelander (across the parking lot from Trig's).

We invite you to affirm your support for high-quality lakes and streams in Oneida County by establishing or renewing your membership in OCLRA. Please use the attached form or visit www.oclra.org and use the electronic form you will find there.

All best wishes,

Ted Rulseh

President, OCLRA

Our Mission: To protect Oneida County waters and habitats through:

**** Education * Collaboration * Advocacy***