

Black Creek Watershed Public Meeting

February 7, 2012

6:30-8:00 pm

Byron Fire Department Recreation Hall

On **February 7, 2012** there will be a public meeting for the Intermunicipal Planning for the Black & Oatka Creek Watersheds project from **6:30-8:00 pm** at the **Byron Fire Department Recreation Hall** located at 6357 East Main Street, Byron, New York. This project is being prepared for the New York State Department of State Division of Coastal Resources with funds provided under Title 11 of the Environmental Protection Fund. The public meeting will provide an overview of the **draft Black Creek Watershed Characterization**, which was developed with input provided by the Black Creek Watershed Project Advisory Committee. Additionally, the public will have an opportunity to discuss the project, provide feedback on the draft document, and provide input on watershed issues and recommendations. A copy of the **draft Black Creek Watershed Characterization** has been posted online at <http://www.gflrpc.org/Publications/BlackOatka/Characterization/BlackCreekWatershed/index.htm> in advance of the meeting. The **draft Black Creek Watershed Characterization** is also available at the Richmond Memorial Library, 19 Ross Street, Batavia, NY and the Chili Public Library, 3333 Chili Avenue, Chili, New York.

The project includes preparation of watershed management plans for the Black Creek and Oatka Creek watersheds, two key tributaries of the Genesee River. Black Creek and Oatka Creek, which are 46 miles and 58 miles long, respectively, together drain an area of approximately 420 square miles across 28 municipalities and in parts of five counties. The Black Creek and Oatka Creek watershed management plans will identify and analyze the issues related to land and water use, including development, recreational uses, tourism, drinking water supplies, irrigation, aesthetics, agricultural uses, industrial uses, and economic development. The process of developing the watershed plans can serve to build consensus among watershed municipalities, State agencies, non-governmental organizations and the public on short and long term actions needed to protect and restore water quality and quantity.

The draft Black Creek Watershed Characterization provides a description of Black Creek's watershed area and the condition of natural resources and the built environment within that area. This characterization is the first component of a comprehensive watershed management plan for the Black Creek watershed. The characterization includes:

- Description of the watershed and its constituent sub-watersheds, land use and land cover, demographics, natural resources, and infrastructure;
- Evaluation of existing water quality data, run-off characteristics and pollutant loadings, including the identification of critical knowledge gaps pertaining to these subject areas; and
- Identification of pollution sources, sources of water quality impairment, and potential threats to water quality and watershed hydrology and ecology.

For more information about the Intermunicipal Planning for the Black & Oatka Creek Watersheds project please visit: <http://www.gflrpc.org/blackoatka.htm>, or contact David Zorn at dave.zorn@gflrpc.org or 585-454-0190 Ext. 14.

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