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Greetings!



The last four days of non-stop rain reminds us of the weather preceding our flood event of late August. The OLA Board hopes that you have all recovered from that flooding. In case you haven't, we want to alert you to some resources that are available, especially to those who wish to take actions to mitigate the next flood. Obviously flood insurance is one option. However, there are other governmental resources that can help.

A representative from the Onondaga Planning Agency recently forwarded the following information to me. She states that the federal government has agencies that may be able to help individual landowners. For example, we have all heard of FEMA. Within FEMA there are two Hazard Mitigation programs that might be worth exploring:

**Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)
Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)**

Although these are federal programs, they are administered through the **New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services.**

Individuals may be eligible for a grant through these programs. However, there are two criteria that must be met:

1. Individual applications have to be made in partnership with the Town you live in.
2. The Town has to have an adopted Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP).

For example, the Town of Cicero has an HMP. You would then contact the Town's Code Enforcement Officer for more details.

I know . . . this sounds like a lot of red tape!! But if you're persistent, you may be able to get some assistance in preparing your property for the next flood event.

Other contact opportunities include:

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NY.StateWatchCenter@dhses.ny.gov

(518) 292 2200

HazardMitigation@dhses.ny.gov

Good luck!

~John Harmon

OLA President

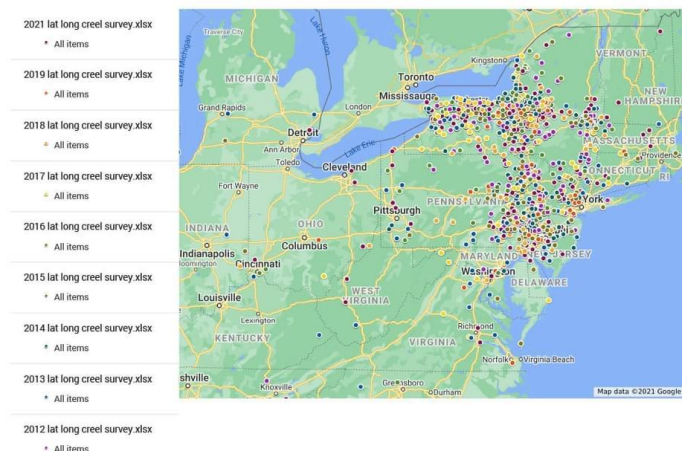
From the Cornell University Biological Field Station at Shackleton Point on Oneida Lake

This summer one of our Cornell students, Max Vasicek, interviewed fishermen at some of the boat launches. One of the survey questions he asked was what zip code they originated from. Here are some preliminary results from his survey! The following maps show results from this summer, and from past years back through 2012. It is very interesting to see the distribution of where anglers came from, some as far away as the west coast! I will include a link to the Google Maps file online, which you can check out, zoom in and out, and turn on/off different years.

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=15jo1c-9soN3dgGLBzrf4jy33sWzLc4hM&usp=sharing>

There is only one marker for each zip code, so this map does not necessarily indicate how many anglers came from each zip code; obviously the zip codes close to the lake had many more than farther away. But it is very interesting to see the geographical distribution!

Yearly creel survey zip code maps



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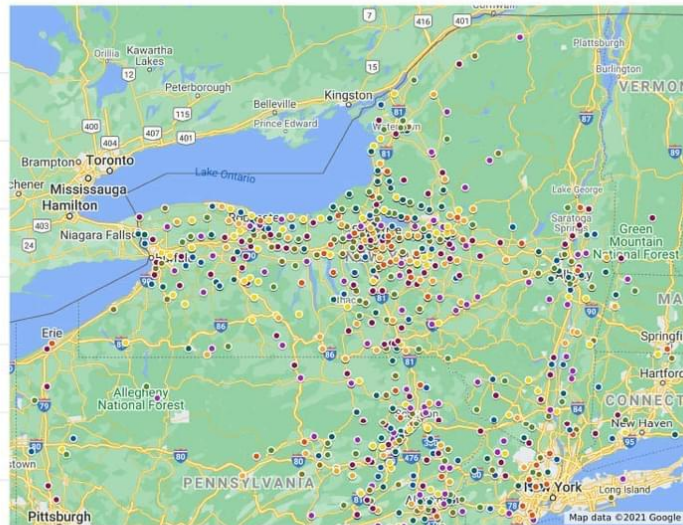
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Major conservation organization launches a new waterfowl hunting course

Delta Waterfowl, a longtime ally of the Oneida Lake Association on issues including waterfowl season setting and cormorant management, has announced a new online waterfowl hunting course. The Delta course, which has a tuition fee of \$29.99, is available online at <https://www.todayshunter.com/duck-geese-101/>. It is intended as a comprehensive primer that teaches new hunters the basics of duck and goose hunting.

While the Delta course does not replace the required New York State Hunter Safety certification (<https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7860.html>), it is a valuable supplement focused on the rich tradition and present-day experience of waterfowling--a sport enjoyed by many hunters on and around Oneida Lake. Delta's new course covers topics including scouting, gear, decoys, and calling, with an emphasis on fun.

For more from Delta Waterfowl, see deltawaterfowl.org.

Join Us for our Annual Fall Highway Clean-up!

On Friday, October 29 a Highway Clean-up of the Bartell Road to Rte.81 on-ramp will occur. This area is an official OLA designated area. This event is open to all OLA members. We will meet at 9 AM and hope for dry weather. Orange vests, hard hats, and a limited supply of "pickers" will be provided. A showing of about ten volunteers is greatly appreciated.

~OLA Director George Reck

In memoriam

The Oneida Lake Association Board of Directors was saddened to learn recently of the passing of **Erla Pearson**, the originator of the handmade Conservationist of the Year plaques with which OLA annually honors Oneida Lake's most dedicated protectors.

Erla was a longtime OLA member herself, and her plaques hang proudly in the homes and offices of the few men and women who have done so much for the lake that they have attained OLA's highest honor. Erla was the daughter of Earl Pearson, one of the longest-serving directors in OLA history, who as President played a prominent role in OLA's growth and success in the 1970s and 80s. Earl himself was honored as OLA's 1993 Conservationist of the Year.

Our condolences go out to the Pearson family and friends.

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\$8 annually

Recruit your neighbors and friends **TO JOIN US!**



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Memorials and contributions to our program are most welcome.

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The Oneida Lake Association is a member of the New York State Conservation Council <http://www.nyscc.com/> and the New York State Federation of Lake

Associations <http://www.nysfola.org/>.

Please remember to obey all laws, rules, regulations, and codes of ethics as they pertain to boating, fishing, hunting, and the management of Oneida Lake and its tributaries.

Report environmental violations.

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