



First Annual Report

April 2020-April 2021

The Chautauqua-Conewango Consortium has accomplished much in our first year.
Here's what we've done to accomplish our goals:

Goal	Accomplished?	Notes
1. Work with the Conewango Creek Watershed Association (CCWA) to develop a committee structure	√	<u>Committee Structure</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Editorial Committee • Science Committee • Finance Committee • Membership Committee
2. Reach out to the signers of the Chautauqua Lake Conservation Statement* to secure their formal written support for the CC Consortium's efforts	√	Developed a Submersed Aquatic Vegetation Herbicide Statement. It is supported by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waterkeeper Alliance • Conewango Creek Watershed Association • Chautauqua Fishing Alliance • Mike Sperry, NYS DEC Licensed Guide, Owner, CRO Tackle, LLC • Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy • Bear Lake Association • Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper • Audubon Community Nature Center
3. Widen the existing tenets in the Chautauqua Lake Conservation Statement extend the voice from one lake to the entire Conewango watershed.	√	Produced the document "Core Principles" stating fundamentals that the Consortium believes for the benefit of the users and the ecology of the Conewango watershed.

<p>4. Coordinate press releases including those that are already occurring at The Allegheny Voice and the Chautauqua Voice Facebook sites.</p>	<p>√</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Articles were posted to Allegheny Voice and the Chautauqua Voice Facebooks sites. The first E-blast was sent out and plans are to send one out quarterly.
<p>5. Establish a dedicated website with its needed technical assistance</p>	<p>√</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> www.cccwaters.org Contract secured with a website support service.
<p>6. Develop a vision and mission statement and logo</p>	<p>√</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://www.cccwaters.org/our-work/
<p>7. Develop a membership structure</p>	<p>√</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://www.cccwaters.org/join-us/memberships/ Designed and produced stationery, bookmark and bumper sticker with logo that were given out to new members
<p>8. Fundraising from board members</p>	<p>√</p>	<p>Donations from Board of Advisors provided 57% of the funding for 2020, totaling \$1,554 of the \$2,730 raised in 2020.</p>
<p>9. Research for additional foundations and funding sources</p>		<p>As needed, can be done in the future.</p>
<p>10. Outreach to local organizations for support</p>	<p>√</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emails sent out to announce the launch of our website, July 2020 Shared board members between the Consortium and the Conewango Creek Watershed Association (CCWA); Consortium Board of Advisors meets bi-monthly and the CCWA board of Directors - meets monthly. Meetings with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jamestown Post Journal Editor, July 2020 Meeting with Chautauqua Institution Senior Vice President, October 2020

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Western NY PRISM: Full partner status achieved in October 2020 ○ Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy Executive Board October, 2020 ○ NYS Region 9 Department of Environmental Conservation March and December, 2020 ● Emails sent out to solicit support for Pesticide Position Statement, December 2020
11. Establish a citizen reporting system and location	√	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Established a tab under “Our Work” on the website titled “Community Response” which encourages citizen reporting ● Prior to Consortium licensing, asphalt pile near Clear Creek in North Basin was reported ● Winter road salt use questioned and explained in July, 2020 ● Dam construction on Maple Springs Creek reported in Sept 2020; dam failure reported in October 2020 with removal coordinated with Chautauqua County engineer and NYS DEC Region 9; additional advice received from the Chautauqua Soil and Water Conservation District
12. Form a group of volunteers who will regularly monitor various water bodies and be available to investigate if a problem is reported.	√	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Board of Advisors determined that Monitoring will be done by trained volunteers or through existing monitoring programs ● Western New York PRISM (Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management) with Andrea Locke; became a full partner with attendance at Water Chestnut Working Group (11/18/2020) and semi-annual Partner Meeting (10/22/2020) ● Participation in the Chautauqua Lake Association work in the state's CSLAP monitoring of water quality parameters in Chautauqua Lake June- Sept 2020 ● Participation in the Chautauqua Lake Association work in harmful algal bloom monitoring of species and toxicity levels in Chautauqua Lake June – Nov 2020

<p>13. Attend Waterkeeper trainings</p>	<p>√</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in three training meetings with staff of the national Waterkeeper Alliance (WA) in July and August to better learn the services and requirements of the WA • Completed the WA Affiliate Survey assessing our needs for 2020 • Attendance at USEPA Zoom workshop "How's My Waterway?" 8/27/2020 • Attendance at Zoom meeting of the Gulf-South Atlantic Region of WA with Julia Widmann, Regional Director 12/8/2020 <p><i>*Chair and Vice-chair participated</i></p>
<p>14. Continue information dispersion</p>	<p>√</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designed/produced membership flyer • Distributed bookmarks • Designed and contributed to a joint brochure with CCWA • Significant contributions to the website included information on our watershed and harmful algal blooms • Created a Facebook page, March 2020
<p>15. Establish our position within the existing structure as the advocacy voice for the region's water</p>	<p>√</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email sent to NYS DEC Region 9 Permit Administrator, concerning the permits for ProcellaCor to be used in Chautauqua Lake June, 2020 • Helped sponsor the Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy's video conference on native gardening for water protection July 2020 • Sent letter to Principal of EcoLogic to request permission to comment on new grant rating tool being created for the Chautauqua Lake and watershed Management Alliance August, 2020 • Attended the New York State Federation of Lake Associations (NYSFOLA) regional Zoom meeting October, 2020 • Signed on to Waterkeeper Alliance's request for support of their Presidential Plastics Action with approval from the CCWA Board, December, 2020

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sent email to state DEC offices with recommended changes to the modifications being sought for the NYS Pesticide Regulations, December 2020 • Produced the Herbicide Position Statement November, 2020; circulated to partners then presented to NYS DEC Region 9, December 2020 <p>Continue actions of CCWA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designed and contributed to a joint brochure with CCWA • Shared board members between the Consortium and the Conewango Creek Watershed Association (CCWA); Consortium Board of Advisors meets bi-monthly and the CCWA board of Directors meets monthly
<p>16. Submit annual report to Waterkeeper Alliance and Conewango Creek Watershed Association</p>		<p>April 2021 (one year after CCC inception)</p>

