



Annual Report for 2023

Goal	Accomplished?	Notes
<p>1. Coordination with the Conewango Creek Watershed Association (CCWA), our sponsoring organization</p> <p>Maintain 501 c3 status,</p> <p>Waterkeeper Alliance (WKA) Standard 5</p>	√	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared board members between CCC (Consortium) and CCWA; Consortium Board of Advisors meets bi-monthly and the CCWA Board of Directors meets monthly • Attendance at CCWA monthly board meeting providing CCC updates • Joint planning of clean-ups • Joint planning of annual meeting • Joint planning for water monitoring program (ALLARM) with Dickinson College • Accounting practices supervised by CCWA • See attached financial report
<p>2. Coordination with Waterkeeper Alliance,</p> <p>WKA Standard 8</p>	√	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily monitoring of the WKA email server providing regional, national and worldwide information • Support national Waterkeeper Alliance by signing on to six initiatives: River budget support, EPA requirement for PFAS notification, Builders Act opposition, ACE Yazoo pumping opposition, Supreme Court WOTUS degradation opposition, request EPA protection from coal ash fill. • Documented WKA jurisdiction map • Completed bi-annual WKA Qualify Standard Review • Attended WKA plastics webinar, control the narrative and WOTUS update webinars plus October South Atlantic-Gulf regional meeting

<p>3. Be the voice of the Conewango watershed through events, outreach to local organizations and public communication,</p> <p>WKA Standard 1</p>	<p>√</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly Spine E-news letters sent to nearly 400 subscribers; Jan: 358 delivered 58% opened Mar: 381 delivered 53% opened Jun: 397 delivered 44% opened Nov: 395 delivered 59% opened • 15 social media (Facebook) posts; reached between 9 and 1000+; two also posted by others; average of 25 followers • Comment letter submitted to Region 9 NYSDEC concerning herbicide permit applications for two chemicals, Aquathol-K and ProcellaCOR EC in Chautauqua Lake in 2023. • Two meetings with Region 9 NYSDEC staff; full reports available • Herbicide opposition petition and survey created • Co-sponsor Dr, Sherri Mason's "Beyond Plastics" presentation March, 2023 (50 contacts) • Publish "Lead with Science" article in Jamestown Gazette in Feb. and article and ad in "Around The Lakes" booklet in three regional newspapers in Aug. 2023 • Appearance and letter to CHQ County legislature concerning county spending to Jefferson Project • Presentation to Mayville Village board and permit consulting to Town of North Harmony • Creation of new PR materials, pens, magnets, rack cards and infographic • Support both Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy and Freshwater Future by attendance at Jamestown Green lectures • Apply for and receive two Freshwater Future grants: \$1400 for Coaching and Consultation and \$4000 from their Spring Project Program • Strategic Communications Plan created in August • Videographer, Torrie Johnson, hired for drone footage and video production. Fall drone footage collected.
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<p>4. Monitor the Conewango watershed with regular patrols of our jurisdiction,</p> <p>WKA Standard 2</p>	<p>√</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board of Advisors determined that Monitoring will be done by trained volunteers or through existing monitoring programs • PFAS sampling was done at Audubon Community Nature Center in April (2 volunteers) • PFAS sampling was done on Bear, Cassadaga, Chautauqua and Findley Lakes plus two Mayville locations (2 volunteers.) • Participation in the Chautauqua Lake Association (CLA) work in the state's CSLAP monitoring of water quality parameters in Chautauqua Lake June-Sept 2023 • HAB sampling via CLA and reports from Dr. Greg Boyer • Five sampling sites established for stream water sampling program (ALLARM) with Dickinson College • Collaboration for invasives with both Western New York PRISM (Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management) and Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy continues
<p>5. Develop grass-roots membership and develop membership structure,</p> <p>WKA Standard 3</p>	<p>√</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.cccwaters.org/join-us/memberships/ • Contract continues with a website support service • Board of Advisors approved identification change from "Members" to "Supporters." • In 2023, 72 new contacts were added to our spreadsheet which is a 19% increase. • Donations processed by CCWA financial staff
<p>6. Maintain a Community Response system for reports from the public,</p> <p>WKA Standard 4</p>	<p>√</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.cccwaters.org/our-work/ • See attached Community Response reports

<p>7. Submit annual report to Waterkeeper Alliance and Conewango Creek Watershed Association,</p> <p>WKA Standard 10</p>	<p>√</p>	<p>Produced "By the Numbers 2023" report for public distribution</p> <p>This Third Year Report submitted December 2023 fulfills WKA Standard 10.</p>
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