



Annual Report for 2024

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>	<p>√</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 for possible Waterkeeper member transition • Joint planning for water monitoring program (ALLARM) with Dickinson College • Joint planning for grant submission by Tali McArthur, Program Manager for Watershed Outreach, Pennsylvania Environmental Council, and Pennsylvania Organization for Watersheds and Rivers for Growing Green grant in 2025 • Accounting practices supervised by CCWA • See attached financial report

<p>2. Coordination with Waterkeeper Alliance,</p> <p>WKA Standard 8</p>	<p>√</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 five initiatives: for national PFAS regulations, to EPA to keep water systems under local control, objection to Seneca Meadows Landfill extension contract, for EPA to designate plastic-making chemicals, and for Plastics Treaty • Support Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper by signing on to letter to Gov. Hochul for Great Lakes funding • Attended WKA webinars: Equity in Every Drop podcast, PFAS training, climate resilience podcast, global plastics treaty briefing and regional meetings
<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 over 400 subscribers Feb: 434 delivered 58% opened May: 434 delivered 53% opened Aug: 434 delivered 57% opened; less than 10% of included links are opened Dec: 486 delivered 55.3% delivered • Social Media: Facebook followers increased over the year to 248; 15 FB posts seen by 200 to 2000, with boosting giving the highest visibility; Instagram started with 4 posts and 7 followers • Comments sent to NYSDEC on new wetland regulations done jointly with CLA and CWC • Three comment letters submitted to Region 9 NYSDEC concerning herbicide permit applications for three chemicals, Aquathol-K, ProcellaCOR EC and copper-based algaecides in Chautauqua Lake in 2024. • Three letters sent to Region 9 NYSDEC about lack of quiescent lake conditions, algaecide application experimental design, and faults in final permit reports. • Mounted two public letter-writing campaigns with Freshwater Future against two of the herbicides

		<p>applications (2,900 contacts, 410 letters sent, 65 new FF supporters, 60 new CCC supporters)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Published three ads in the CHQ Gazette (circulation over 20,000) and four ads in the Jamestown Post-Journal • Published article in "Around the Lakes" booklet and another in the CHQ Gazette (wetlands) • Presentations to Mayville Village Board, North Harmony Town and Chautauqua Town Boards in February and March on herbicide permit consulting. (1 volunteer, 150+ contacts) • Sponsored Maya von Rossum's The Green Amendment presentation at CHQ 7/23/2024 (1 volunteer, 100+ contacts) • Creation of new logo banner, rack cards, supporter cards, business cards and hats • Complete two Freshwater Future grants: \$1400 for Coaching and Consultation and \$4000 for video production and received a renewal for \$1500 Coaching grant • Video production completed with one longer and two short videos (165 views) • Three Freshwater Future sign-ons: to EPA for lead and copper reductions in drinking water, for EPA commenting procedures and FF drinking water planning. • Sign-on to Natural Resources Defense Fund letter to Gov Hochul to reserve federal EPF funding for our oceans and the Great Lakes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCC Table at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Musky EXPO, Feb 3-4, 2024 (7 volunteers, 75 contacts, 20 new supporters, 25 signors of "No Herbicide" petition) - JCC Earthfest 4/24, 2024 (1 volunteer, 45 contacts, 12 new supporters)
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		<p>and webinar with retired EPA officials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Multiple communications and meeting with Chris Navitsky, Lake George Waterkeeper - Bi-annual meetings with Jeanne Beiter and Kerrie Gallo at Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper -Attendance at Jefferson Project creek monitoring opening and USACE CHQ Lake project signing -Attendance and table at CHQ County and Chautauqua Institution Science symposiums - Attendance at two CHQ County legislature and Town of Ellery Board meetings - Attendance at WNYPRISM conferences April and October, 2024 - Attendance at NYSFOLA Conferences May and October, 2024 -Attendance at DEC Wetland Focus group session, Oct 2024
<p>4. Monitor the Conewango watershed with regular patrols of our jurisdiction, WKA Standard 2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">√</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board of Advisors determined that Monitoring will be done by trained volunteers or through existing monitoring programs • Sentinel satellite imagery is updated on our website regularly (1 volunteer) • Water sampling was done at Audubon Community Nature Center in March and Nov (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 2024 • HAB sampling via CLA and reports from Dr. Greg Boyer

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of TORCH probe provided by Dr. Greg Boyer for HAB chlorophyll values in the field • Regular reporting of HAB conditions on Chautauqua Lake to the NYHABs website • Five sampling sites established for stream water sampling program (ALLARM) with Dickinson College • Monthly ALLARM sampling by two volunteers on Chadakoin River in Falconer • Regular meeting and updates from ALLARM coordinator • Collaboration for invasives with both Western New York PRISM (Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management) and Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy continues • 2023 PFAS Monitoring Report by Bill Boria published and circulated to various agencies • Complimentary Jamestown Post-Journal editorial on our PFAS monitoring appeared Aug 1, 2024
<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/ • Website contact pages updated • Contract continues with a website support service • Participated in CHQ Give BIG (1 volunteer, 7 contacts, 4 new donors) • In 2024, over 430 personal contacts, over 2900 direct electronic contacts, 20,000 indirect electronic contacts per each CHQ Gazette publication • In 2024, 114 new supporters were added to our previous year's 399 which is a 28% increase to 513 • 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 report

<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 2024" report for public distribution</p> <p>Fourth Annual Report submitted in December 2024.</p>
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