



Chautauqua-Conewango
CONSORTIUM

Annual Report for 2025 **Accepted by Board 1/21/2026**

Goal	Accomplished?	Notes
1. Coordination with the Conewango Creek Watershed Association (CCWA), our sponsoring organization Maintain 501 c3 status, Waterkeeper Alliance (WKA) Standard 5	√	• 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 a few CCWA monthly board meeting providing CCC updates • Joint planning for water monitoring program (ALLARM) with Dickinson College • Accounting practices supervised by CCWA • See attached financial report
2. Coordination with Waterkeeper Alliance, WKA Standard 8	√	• Daily monitoring of the WKA email server providing regional, national and worldwide information • Multiple communications with Bart Mihailovich, WKA Membership Services Director • Support national Waterkeeper Alliance by signing on to 10 initiatives including: US senators to vote "no" on pipeline installation permit shortcuts, federal government to protect NOAA, 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, WOTUS definition and for Plastics Treaty • Support Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper by signing on to letter to Gov. Hochul for Great Lakes funding and NYS amici brief for wetlands • Attended multiple WKA webinars including climate change, RFK, WOTUS, HABs, water withdrawal • Attended Waterkeeper Alliance regional North American Summit in Pittsburgh, November 2025
3. Be the voice of the Conewango watershed through events, outreach to local organizations and public communication, WKA Standard 1	√	• Quarterly Spine E-news letters sent to over 500 subscribers April: 502 delivered 59% opened July: 506 delivered 61% opened Oct: 502 delivered 56% opened Dec: 515 delivered 28% opened • Social Media: Facebook followers increased over the year to 265 (7% increase); 16 FB posts seen by 200 to 1285, with Sam Mason giving the highest visibility • Meeting with NYSDEC Region 9 staff • Two comment letters (March and June) submitted to Region 9 NYSDEC concerning herbicide permit applications for two chemicals, Aquathol-K and ProcettaCOR EC Chautauqua Lake in 2025. • Publication of the "Evaluation of Chautauqua Lake Aquatic Plant Conditions" in June, 2025 by Scott Kishbaugh and Robert Johnson • Published seven ads in the CHQ Gazette (circulation over 20,000) • "Wetlands Need Our Protection" video completed and released • Three videos: 274 total views • Presentations to Mayville Village Board; attendance at Chautauqua and Ellery Town

Be the voice of the Conewango watershed WKA Standard 1 (con,d)		Boards and Lakewood Village Board meetings. • HABs presentation at Freshwater Future “All About Water” conference (~175 attendees) • CCC Table at: - Musky EXPO, Feb 1-2, 2025 (5 volunteers, 55 contacts, 7 new supporters) - JCC Earthfest (2 volunteers, 16 contacts, 13 new supporters) - CHQ County Science Symposium (7 contacts) - Chautauqua Institution Science Conference (12 contacts) - Native Plant Day at Chautauqua Marina (2 volunteers, 17 contacts, 10 new supporters) • Communications: - Meetings with CWC and CLA - Meetings with Jill Ryan and Freshwater Future staff - Multiple communications with NYSDEC Albany for wetland regulations -Meeting with Alene Onion, NYSDEC CLSAP coordinator - Multiple communications with the Environmental Protection Network and webinar with retired EPA officials -Multiple communications and meeting with Chris Navitsky, Lake George Waterkeeper - Bi-annual meetings with Jeanne Beiter and Kerrie Gallo at Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper
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		- Attendance at WNYPRISM conferences April and October, 2025 - Attendance at NYSFOLA Conferences May 2025
4. Monitor the Conewango watershed with regular patrols of our jurisdiction, WKA Standard 2	√	• Collected 32 water samples from 12 different sites • Monitored Sentinel satellite imagery is updated on our website regularly by one volunteer • Participation in the Chautauqua Lake Association (CLA) work in the state's CSLAP monitoring of water quality parameters in Chautauqua Lake June-Sept 2024 (3 volunteers) • Regular reporting of HAB conditions on Chautauqua Lake to the NYHABs website (2 volunteers) • Four sampling sites operating for stream water sampling program (ALLARM) with Dickinson College • Regular, monthly ALLARM sampling by two volunteers on Chadakoin River in Falconer • Regular meeting and updates from ALLARM coordinator • 2025 PFAS sampling done at 6 surface water sites in Chautauqua County; report to be released in 2026 (2 volunteers) • Regular monitoring of NYSDEC Environmental Bulletin Notices (1 volunteer)
5. Develop grass-roots membership and develop	√	• Website updated for "Supporters" • https://www.cccwaters.org/join-us/support-our-mission/ • Contract continues with a website support service • In 2025, over 400 personal contacts, over 2200 direct

membership structure, WKA Standard 3		electronic contacts, plus 20,000 indirect electronic contacts per each CHQ Gazette publication • In 2025, 91 new supporters were added to our previous year's 513 which is a 18% increase to 604. • Donations processed by CCWA financial staff
6. Maintain a Community Response system for reports from the public, WKA Standard 4	√	• https://www.cccwaters.org/our-work/research/community-response/ • See attached Community Response report
7. Submit annual report to Waterkeeper Alliance and Conewango Creek Watershed Association, WKA Standard 10	√	Produced "By the Numbers 2025" report for public distribution Fifth Annual Report prepared in December 2025.

