

14 Mile Creek Watershed Joint Committee January 2019 report

Between the writing of this report and the January 10th Rome Town Board meeting, the Watershed committee will have held their January 7th committee meeting, so some of this report will deal with what we expect to accomplish at that meeting and other tasks since the last report. Additionally, you'll find PACRS list of 2018 accomplishments, and the 14 Mile committee 2019 direction on separate documents.

- The emphasis for the January 7th meeting is to confirm the activities for 2019, to schedule and assign the near-term tasks, and to plan the longer terms tasks.
 - Ag outreach workgroup launch (John, Rick A, Carson & Don) - immediate
 - Reach out to Producer Led Watershed Committees to understand how to approach our upstream neighbors. Kason, Steve & Ag outreach group – immediate
 - Reach out to processors like Stokely and Del Monte - immediate
 - Meet with Sauk County Conservationist Serge Koenig to understand the approach and funding for farmer conservation practices - immediate
 - Investigate funding sources

- Evaluate Land & Water plans of upstream resources, other lakes, towns counties. Identify other partners/sponsors/advisors
 - Attend WI Lakes Conference in May, and others
 - Hold spring property owners meeting covering 9KeyEPlan, soil & water, town programs, etc. – May/June
 - Work with Adams County to move Shoreline Protection enforcement from zoning to LWC - immediate
 - Work with Adams County, Onie Karch, state & other to insert us in Leola Ditch management – John Endrizzi - immediate
 - Capture decisions, reference docs, etc. in new website – expected availability Feb, 2019
 - Continue with current programs
 - Expand engagement – Krug, Testin, County board, Land and Water Committee, Adams County Lakes Alliance, area counties, ag groups, Rome Water, Rome Tourism, Rome lake associations, other lakes groups.
- I spoke with Andrew Craig of the DNR and he indicated the Nine key Element Plan should be approved by the WDNR and EPA within about two months. We agreed to schedule a meeting to discuss it with all concerned parties at the

Rome Town Hall on April 15th, 2019. We'll re-evaluate tasks and priorities after that critical meeting.

- We held a conference with the advisor of the Lake Redstone Protection District, Dave Blumer from LEAPS (Lake Education and Planning Services). He's an experienced environmental/lakes restoration consultant. We feel he can help us as another set of eyes reviewing our plan, and as an expert presenter for a possible owner's forum. He compliments Steve Oberle's background. We are considering his contract at this time.
- We've completed our 15th month of water testing and have expanded our test sites to include areas upstream from the "hot spots" our earlier testing exposed.

Respectfully, Don Ystad Chairman 1/6/2019