

Appendix A: Resolution in Support of the Keuka Lake Watershed Land Use Planning Guide

**The following resolution was passed by each of the following municipalities in early 2009:
Towns of Barrington, Jerusalem, Milo, Pulteney, Urbana, and Wayne; the Villages of
Hammondsport and Penn Yan.**

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE KEUKA LAKE WATERSHED LAND USE PLANNING GUIDE

The Keuka Lake Watershed Land Use Management Guide was established by the inter-municipal work and commitment of the 6 towns and 2 villages surrounding Keuka Lake, through their participation in the Keuka Lake Land Use Leadership Alliance Training Program (LULA). This program is offered through the Land Use Law Center at Pace University with the assistance of the Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council, Cornell Cooperative Extension and through the benefit of the State of New York and the Keuka Lake Association. As representatives of the Keuka Lake LULA participants and town representatives we respectfully issue a call for inter-municipal Cooperation.

**TOWN/VILLAGE of _____
Resolution of the Legislative Body**

WHEREAS, we are in agreement with the spirit and goals of this project, and acknowledge the importance, value and integrity of Keuka Lake and its watershed area and our reliance on its natural resources, and

WHEREAS, we recognize and accept our responsibility to care for, preserve and protect the resources of the Keuka Lake watershed and surrounding area for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, we realize that inaction and lack of proper stewardship can damage and diminish the value of Keuka Lake watershed resources; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive planning, land use regulation and the review and approval of land development proposals are among the most important functions of local governments in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, members of local administrative boards such as the planning board, zoning board of appeals and conservation advisory boards consider and dispose of many important applications for permits, variances and interpretations of local land use regulations; and

WHEREAS, local legislative bodies are authorized to use their delegated authority under state law to adopt a wide variety of land use regulations, controls and incentives to provide for the balanced and harmonious development of the community; and

WHEREAS, knowledge of the authority of local governments regarding land use control and responsible decision-making regarding these matters is important to the quality of life and future success of the communities; and

WHEREAS, we wish to associate and coordinate our activities in such a way as to have the beneficial effect, and

WHEREAS, we recognize the need for and the long-term benefit of a continual review, update and sharing of individual concerns and issues, successes and failures, models and experiences, as we face the future together.

Now, therefore be it resolved by the legislative body of the Town, Village of _____

That it endorses and supports the continuation and/or expansion of the Keuka Lake Local Law Assessment and Analysis, the Keuka Lake Land Use Guide, and the continuation of annual community forums, to share and review concerns and changes relevant to land use within the Keuka Lake Watershed and surrounding area.

Date of Resolution

Village/Town Clerk

