

Seneca Lake Area Partners in Five Counties (SLAP-5) was formed July 3, 1996 as area mayors, supervisors, state legislators, county agency staff and others pledged to work together:

*To develop a watershed management plan for Seneca Lake that will protect and improve water quality and is supported by the citizens and communities in the watershed.*

*To provide representation of all important sectors in the Seneca Lake Watershed and to keep in contact with people in their areas of expertise to ensure the watershed program reflects and responds to the people represented.*

SLAP-5 meets regularly and alternates meeting sites between Geneva and Montour Falls.

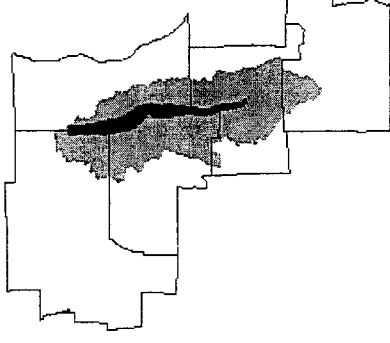
SLAP-5 members pursue funding for a range of planning and implementation projects to protect and improve the water quality of Seneca Lake.

Contact any of the members listed in this brochure for more information.



- Municipalities
- Private citizens
- Public agencies

**Working together to protect Seneca Lake.**



## **SENECA LAKE AREA PARTNERS IN 5 COUNTIES**

**SLAP-5**

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Seneca Lake is the economic engine that powers this area of the Finger Lakes.

Protecting the water quality of Seneca Lake protects the quality of life for residents and the economic viability of the region.

The health of Seneca Lake and the watershed affects:

- Drinking water supplies for 80,000 people
- Property values
- Tourism
- Recreational opportunities
- Sustainable communities
- Agricultural enterprises



Threats to water quality include :

- Stormwater runoff from construction and development
- Agricultural runoff
- Onsite wastewater (septic) systems
- Runoff from urban areas
- Industrial and commercial activities
- Fertilizers and pesticides

**SLAP-5 members work together to:**

- Secure grant funds to implement water quality programs and projects.
- Provide training for municipal officials, realtors and contractors.
- Provide educational opportunities to students and adults.
- Perform water quality monitoring.
- Provide technical assistance to residents and municipalities on protecting water quality.
- Assist municipalities with planning and land use protection policies.
- Provide technical assistance to agricultural producers and vineyardists in implementing Best Management Practices to protect soil and water resources.

**Seneca Lake Facts:**

- Area: 67.7 square miles
- Watershed Area: 707 Square miles
- Location: Chemung, Ontario, Schuyler Seneca and Yates Counties

**Land Uses:**

- 42% Active agricultural land
- 17% Non-active ag land
- 3 % Residential
- 40% Forest
- 1% Other

**Growing enterprises:**

- Tourism
- Vineyards
- Animal agriculture

**SLAP-5 invites your participation in focusing efforts and attention on the protection of Seneca Lake.**

**Member Agencies:**

- Chemung County Soil and Water Conservation District
- Cornell Cooperative Extension of Schuyler County
- Finger Lakes Institute
- Genesee – Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council
- Hobart and William Smith Colleges
- Keuka Lake Watershed Improvement Cooperative
- Ontario County Soil and Water Conservation District
- Ontario County Water Resources Council
- Schuyler County Soil and Water Conservation District
- Schuyler County Watershed Protection Agency
- Seneca County Planning Department
- Seneca County Soil and Water Conservation District
- Southern Tier Central Regional Planning and Development Board
- Yates County Soil and Water Conservation District