

## ***DOING THE RIGHT THING FOR OUR LAKES AND RIVERS***

*The Oneida County Lakes and Rivers Association (OCLRA) offers a series of informational articles to encourage the protection of our irreplaceable water resources for of us to enjoy, now and in the future. OCLRA and its members commit themselves and encourage others to commit to:*

### ***Continue the tradition***

Among Wisconsin's rich natural resources, its many lakes and rivers continue to inspire our citizens' deeply held conservation values. For decades, Wisconsin waterfront property owners have joined lake and river associations to advocate for sustainable development of our water resources, which belong to all state residents.

### ***Support local control of lake and river protection***

Today, lake and river associations and all who treasure our state's waters face a new challenge. Actions taken in state government have removed a great deal of power from county and local governments to adopt rules that protect water resources. Local control is essential because each locality's waters are unique in quality and character.

### ***Take effective action***

Wisconsin's lake and river organizations have a history of responding to challenges. We know and practice what must be done to protect our waters. We will continue to advocate for sensible waterfront development, knowing that a healthy natural environment and healthy economies go hand in hand. We will promote shoreline and lake protections proven effective by the best scientific research. We will work to promote policies that help keep our lakes and rivers clean and beautiful.

***To find out more, visit [www.oclra.org](http://www.oclra.org) or email [webmaster@oclra.org](mailto:webmaster@oclra.org)***

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