

Comment 5

- *What is the website where we can find all the project area maps? – tour the towpath.*
- *Dredge the Canastota section canal*
- *Build the pocket neighborhood project.*
- *Do the kayak launch*
- *Remove the culvert & regain The Canal Town Cluster*

Comment 6

- *The canal from Durhamville to New London changed about 10 years ago – now there is no water but 10 years ago there was*
- *It was never the same after the Oneida Creek Aqueduct had a leak. The water never returned to our section even after repair work to the aqueduct was done*

Comment 7

- *I took pictures of the canal through the Town of Verona before I came to this meeting (shows pictures) and there is no water in it. It didn't use to be like this.*
- *Mosquitos are especially bad this year*

Comment 8

- *We paddled the canal [in Town of Verona] all the time 10 years ago. My husband even built me a ramp to put my boat in. Now there is no water.*
- *I hate to say it, but if the water won't be restored [in Town of Verona] then I think it should be filled in*

Board: Village of Chittenango

- *Retiree housing along eastern edge of Chittenango. Market retiree housing along the Erie Canal.*
- *Residential Condo's retirement housing project.*

Board: Village of Canastota

- *Ride all Canal Kayak launches 12 x 8 timbres.*
- *Sunken boats at Durhamville and State Bridge at wide waters.*
- *Aqueduct at Brandy Brook where keystone is in need of repair*
- *They used to burn the canal in Durhamville to get rid of fallen trees.*
- *Durhamville vets club (600 people) wants to adopt the aqueduct in Durhamville.*
- *Trapping – 30 per muskrats per day*
- *Need launch sites on both sides of Petersboro St., for kayak and canoes.*

Board 3: Village of Wampsville

- *Develop-make a reality- Lenox Basin Park_ primitive camping. Plus, for Erie Canalway trail users. Show everyone the historical plans Jamie!*

Board 4: City of Oneida

- *Lenox basin boundary. Erie Canal to the north. Csx Railroad to the south. Court St. to the west. Cowaselon (sp) to the east.*
- *Parking areas for local people.*
- *Bring people into Oneida from Erie Canal. Connect to Oneida Rail Trail signs/sharrows. Work with city to clean sides (shoulders).*

Board: Town of Verona

- *Needs repair- Brandy Brook Aqueduct – Veterans club Durhamville could help! Brandy Brook wide waters: could have archeological sites.*
- *Durhamville septic systems feed into the canal.*
- *Informational kiosks along the canal.*
- *The waters from Durhamville to New London is a dangerous disgrace. Floating algae, decay & overgrown plants. Dredging is needed. My memories cannot be handed down to my grandchildren. Ice skating, fishing, boating.*
- *1-2 aqueducts between Germany Rd. & Route 31 are leaking.*
- *Aqueducts are leaking to where there is virtually no water flow. Also lack of maintenance keeping the wood from plugging them up. Trees falling in the canal. An eyesore.*
- *Canal is a disgrace- mosquito haven! Sewage floating on top.*
- *Canoed from Durhamville to New London approximately 10 years ago.*
- *All these comments are correct. Durhamville to State Bridge is a disgrace.*
- *Need to clean out sediment on Route 31/State Bridge. We used to be able to fish there. Clean out trees.*
- *Water level, pavilion, clean overwalk.*
- *Aqueduct*
- *Water level has decreased in past 10 years. Downed trees and cattails.*

Board: Town of Manlius

- *Higginsville feeder, Durhamville feeder, Durhamville Vets Club 315-363-3810*

Board: Project Spotlight- the Water

- *Many people hike the trails to appreciate natural beauty. Black top should not be used as it is problematic for hikers.*
- *Raise the water level. Repair and maintain the aqueduct at Cowaselon Creek and Oneida Creek aqueduct. Remove all down trees and cut other large overhanging ones.*
- *Trail maintenance needs to be enhanced. More regular mowing, organized cleaning effort; besides the annual clean up event. Additional municipality partnerships.*

Board: Project Spotlight- Corridor-Wide:

- *Near Durhamville (Higginsville to New London, 8 min stretch): severe problem with water quality. In the past 5-6 years the canal has worsened, low water levels, lots of cattails, lots of mosquitos, needs dredging and waterflow.*

Miscellaneous Comment:

- *Subscribe to Bottoming Out Magazine NY Canal Society*

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