

It's probably worth mentioning that the New York State Electric & Gas hydroelectric station at Wayne could be relicensed and create additional revenue and water resource control alternatives for Penn Yan. Our firm is a unique combination of disciplines, for rebuilding hydroelectric generating facilities. Reestablishing the hydroelectric plant would be subject to cooperation at Wayne, NY. I believe the FERC is willing, if the community at Wayne is supportive.

I recognize that the Keuka Lake Outlet Compact is an inter municipal agency, sanctioned by New York State. It is my impression that if this concept, of a regional compact, is of interest that the entity might be the "Keuka - Seneca Lake Compact". The Compact would have the same organizational structure that draws on the Chief Executives, of the bordering municipalities, as commissioners. If this proposal is of interest, let me know. We are beginning to open discussions with other power companies regarding a sale.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

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Managing the Water Resources of the Oswego River Basin in Central New York

INTRODUCTION

The Oswego River Basin in central New York State contains a diverse system of streams, lakes, and canals. Water flows from upland streams to the Finger Lakes, then to low-gradient rivers, which are part of the New York State Barge Canal, and ultimately to Lake Ontario (fig. 1). Although natural and man-made components of this hydrologic system are known, how the system functions and how the components interact are not completely understood. This Fact Sheet is a result of a shared interest on the part of U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and Finger Lakes-Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance (FL-LOWPA) in facilitating public understanding and discussion of the complex Oswego River Basin and its water-resource-management issues.

PHYSIOGRAPHY OF THE OSWEGO RIVER BASIN

The Oswego River Basin has an area of 5,100 square miles and encompasses three physiographic provinces — the Appalachian Plateau, the Tug Hill Plateau, and the Lake Ontario Plain (fig. 2). One additional

geographic area that plays a vital role in the flow regime of the Basin is the Clyde/Seneca River-Oneida Lake Trough, a belt of lowlands running west-to-east through which the Barge Canal flows. The trough is key to understanding the Oswego River Basin flow system — its natural and human-altered “plumbing”.

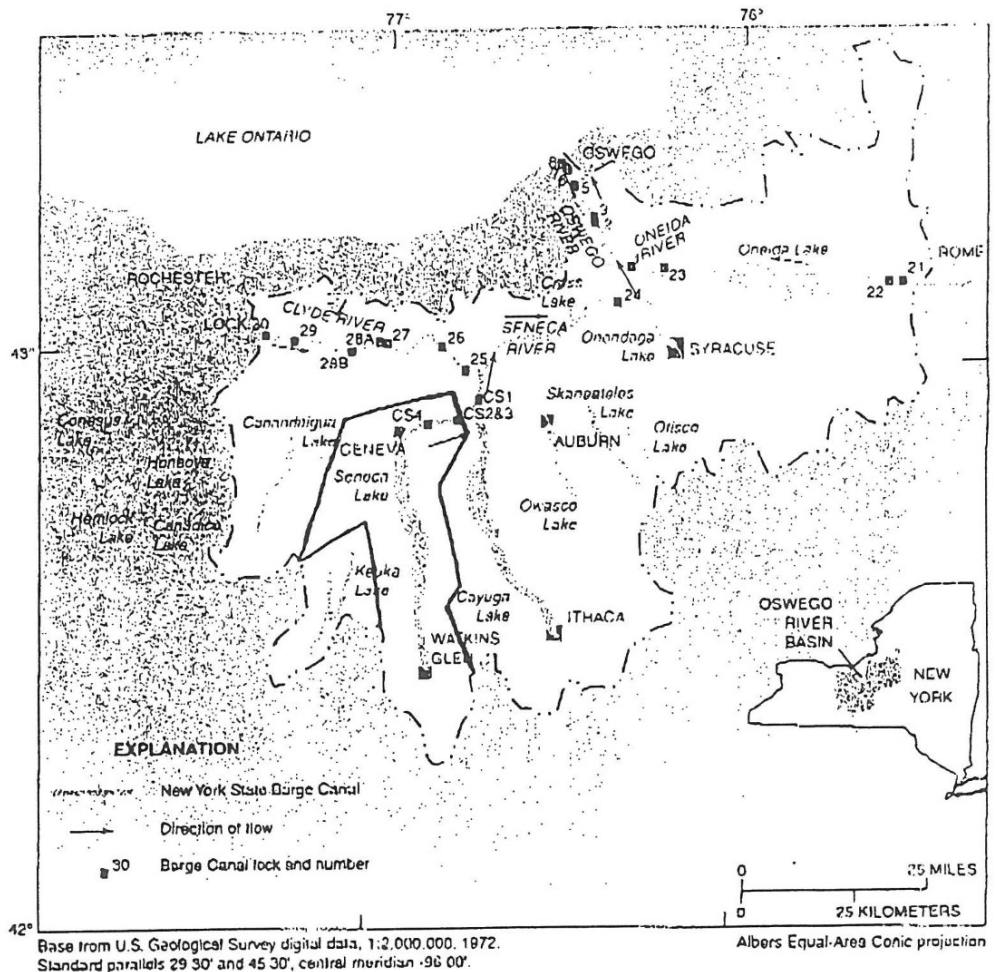


Figure 1. Location of major lakes and rivers, New York State Barge Canal, and major cities within the Oswego River Basin in Central New York