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Mr. Bill Weber, Supervisor  
Town of Pulteney

Dear Bill,

Perhaps you saw some of the publicity about the improvements that the "Friends of the Outlet Trail" are planning. I have attached a page from their recent newsletter that describes their project. They have received a grant (NYSDOT TEA 21) for up to \$190,000 if they can raise \$135,000. They have raised \$105,000 to date and appear likely to come close to their goal. In other words, the grant provides \$1.40 for every \$1.00 they can raise.

The main purpose of the project is to "shore up" (no pun intended) the banks of the outlet, meaning repairs where erosion has already done damage and hopefully preventing future damage – lots of gabions and rip-rap I believe.

The KLA will make a contribution to this effort as we consider them part of the watershed and feel we have common interests in lake level management and erosion avoidance.

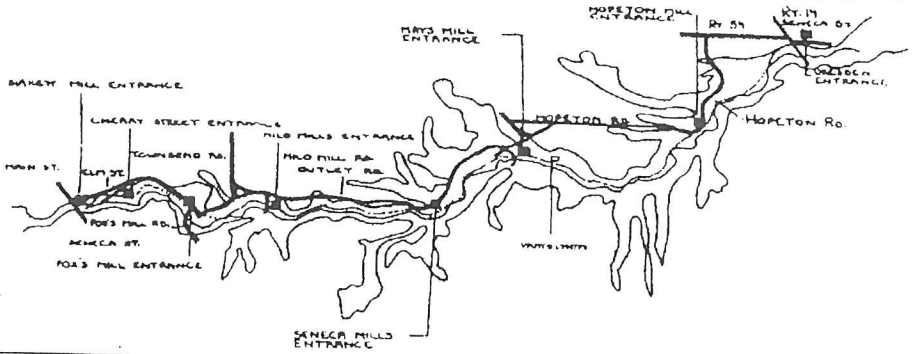
Anyhow, we thought you should know about this. It may be there could be some ways you could work with them re. your upstream repair project. Their president is Dan Spence.

My best to you,

Bob Worden

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bob Worden', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

# Friends of the Outlet News



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## Save the Outlet Trail – Please Help !

Looking for an exceptionally good cause to give a few extra bucks or cubic yards of stone filling to? How about the project to stabilize sections of the Outlet Creek and rebuild and restore portions of the Outlet Trail?!

To put it bluntly, without significant intervention, the long-term viability of the Outlet Trail between Cherry Street (Penn Yan) and the Dresden Trailhead is in doubt. Water from the creek and its tributaries is literally destroying the trail. Multiple areas along the trail and the banks of the creek require stabilization and rebuilding. Two areas are especially critical: First, the stretch between Cherry Street and Fox's Mill Road where the trail is pinched between the creek and the canal bed and trail's edge is eroding away; and secondly, a badly eroded stretch along the trail just upstream from Seneca Mills Falls, which must be rebuilt in order to save the trail, the picnic pavilion, and access to the falls. Unless these and other critical areas are repaired, the Outlet Trail – and your access to the gorge's marvelous natural resources, incredible beauty, and 215 years of human history – will... eventually... disappear.

But creek and trail restoration is expensive — it will take a lot of money, serious construction materials, heavy trucks and equipment, and hard labor to save the trail, and this is where you, your pennies, your underutilized equipment, and your spare storm pipe and rip rap come in.

The Friends of the Outlet and the Yates County Industrial Development Agency teamed up to win a

NYSDOT TEA-21 matching grant to help stabilize the creek and repair the trail. \$190,000 in grant money is available; **however, the only way to access the matching grant funds is to obtain donations worth \$135,000.** We are happy to report that, to date, approximately \$67,000 – almost half the goal! — has been raised or pledged. However, according to President Dan Spence, the design phase of the TEA-21 Trail Enhancement Grant project is drawing to a close, which means that the scope of the project will be fixed within a very few months. "And so," says Spence, "we have a brief and very critical window in which to raise the additional donations necessary to access the full amount and assure that all the necessary repairs are done."

For every dollar raised for the project through donated cash, labor, equipment or materials, the project will earn \$1.40 from the grant, for a total

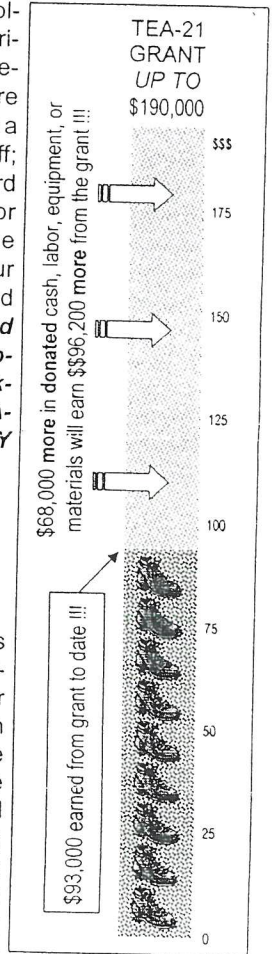
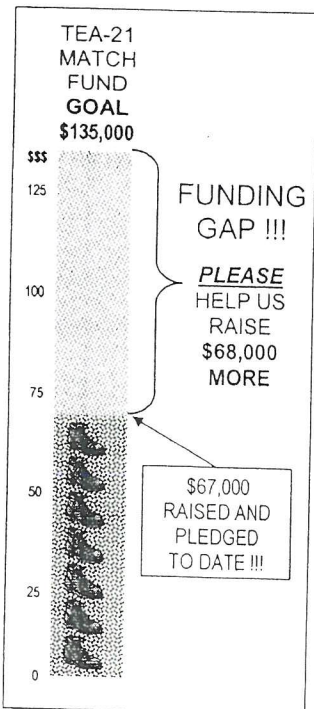
value of \$2.40 – so, quite literally, every dollar you give more than doubles your contribution! Donations can be cash, labor, materials, equipment, and trucking. Donations are tax deductible. The Friends of the Outlet is a 501-c-3 organization; we have no paid staff; everything you give that can be used toward the match **will** be used toward the match. For further information on what needs to be done and how you can donate, please visit our homepage at [www.keukaoutlettrail.net](http://www.keukaoutlettrail.net) and click on **SAVE THE OUTLET TRAIL!** Send your check and/or letter of intent (for donated labor, material, equipment or trucking) to: Friends of the Outlet, Inc., c/o TEA-21 Grant Fund, P.O. Box 65, Dresden, NY 14441. Please hurry!

### Memorial Weekend Races Planned

The organizer of the Cascade Falls Kayak Adventures Racing Team has scheduled the "Cascade Falls Kayak-A-Thon" for next Memorial Day Weekend. Olympic coach and Friends' member, Art Miller, calls the event a "kayak-a-thon" because it will have three kinds of races – Slalom, Freestyle, and Sprint. Saturday will be devoted to practicing on the whitewater course; races will be run on Sunday; and awards will be given out Monday morning. Practice and racing will begin at 9:00 a.m. Visitors are more than welcome to watch, as long as they help keep the trail clear so paddlers (carrying their boats) and other trail users can get through.

Paddling at The Cascade (the area by, and downstream from, the Visitor Center, east of Ridge Road) on Memorial Day Weekend will be open only to Expert and Advanced paddlers – NO beginners will be allowed. Miller has requested a 2-gate release, which is modest by comparison to the 5-gate releases that occasionally roar through the ravine; however, the 2-gate release (which is what Miller usually requests) is perfect for making the course challenging and interesting.

Signage along the creek, as well as information on the website, requires paddlers to take out before the cascade. Over Memorial Day Weekend, Miller will allow paddlers to go over the cascade, but only under the following conditions, which will be strictly enforced: First, paddlers wishing to participate must prove they can success-





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## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD IN JERUSALEM ON 22<sup>ND</sup> JAN 2007

The meeting was called to order by Chrm. Weber at 7:00PM. All Commissioners were present with the exception of Penn Yan. The following guests were present:

Shawna Brennan, KLOC Treasurer  
Edward Balsley, Gate manager  
Janet Stone, Pulteney Councilman  
Dr. Alexander Wahlig, KLA  
Robert Worden, KLA  
Peter Landre, Cornell Co-Op ext, Yates Cty  
Paukl Bauter, KWIC manager  
Cris White, KWIC office Manager  
Bill Feinstein, KLA  
Ken Christiansen, Barrington Councilman

MINUTES OF 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2006---Upon a motion by Comm. Green, second by Comm. Farnan, the minutes were approved.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2007---Upon a motion by Comm. Farnan, second by Comm. Jones, the current slate of Officers was re-elected.

FINANCES—Upon a motion by Comm. Farnan, second by Comm. Jones, the bill from Penn yan Municipal was approved for payment with the stipulation that the detail on overtime charges was to be provided. In a later communication from the Treasurer, the overtime charge was found to be in error and was deleted from the total of \$1245.85, making the new total \$1158.46

DAM SAFETY PROGRAM—Chrm. Weber described the necessity of having some typing assistance to get this project completed. Upon a motion by Comm. Green, second by Comm. Dowdle, it was approved for the Chrm. To spend up to \$200 for Secretarial assistance for this project.

GRANTS, TRESTLE AND GABION BASKET REPAIR---Mr. Balsley reported that Richard Osgood, PE had estimated the cost to remove, but not dispose of the trestle to be \$40,000. The Commissioners agreed to do nothing at the moment, but that Comm. Jones would look into prisoner help for some of the labor and Mr. Balsley might look into the cost of just removing the upper section of this dangerous structure.

MANAGER'S REPORT—Mr. Balsley reported the Lake level to be 713.7 and gates 1 through 4 were open.

ADJOURNMENT---Upon a motion by Comm. Dowdle, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Submitted by W. Weber  
Acting Sect'y  
17<sup>th</sup> March, 2007