

TENTATIVE AGENDA

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**Tuesday, July 10, 2018
5:00 p.m.**

HUMAN RESOURCES & GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

(Davidson, Chair; Garlick-Lorenzetti, Vice-Chair; McGreevy; Lazzaro; Trout)

- 1. ISSUE:** Meet with members of watershed organizations regarding a Nine-Element Watershed Plan for Seneca and Keuka Lakes.

Unfinished Business

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A NINE-ELEMENT WATERSHED PLAN FOR SENECA AND KEUKA LAKES

WHEREAS, the Seneca Watershed Intermunicipal Organization, the Finger Lakes Institute of Hobart & William Smith Colleges, the Seneca Lake Pure Waters Association, the Keuka Lake Association, the Keuka Watershed Improvement Cooperative, municipalities in the watersheds, and other water quality interest groups and organizations have been working on water quality issues and are committed to obtaining a Nine-Element Watershed Plan, which plan will supplement the 2015 Seneca Lake Watershed Plan and the 1996 Keuka Lake Watershed Plan with modeling that will identify the quantity and source of pollutants, determine water quality goals, define pollution reductions needed to meet the goals, and describe best management practices needed to achieve the reductions that will improve water quality; and

WHEREAS, Keuka Lake drains into Seneca Lake and the Seneca Lake Watershed includes the Keuka Lake Watershed, and a comprehensive watershed plan will include both Keuka and Seneca Lakes, and the watershed plans of both lakes will benefit by updating with a Nine-Element Plan; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the Keuka Lake Association and the Keuka Watershed Improvement Cooperative are working with representatives of the Seneca Watershed Intermunicipal Organization, the Seneca Lake Pure Waters Association and the Finger Lakes Institute to apply for funding for a comprehensive Nine-Element Plan that covers both lakes; and

WHEREAS, Nine-Element Plans are consistent with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and N.Y.S. Department of Environmental Conservation framework for developing watershed plans, and funding is available from the N.Y.S. Department of State for 75% of the plan's cost; and

WHEREAS, grant applications for state funding must be made by a Consolidated Funding Application through the state's grant portal, the applicant must be a municipality, and the Town of Geneva, a member of the Seneca Watershed Intermunicipal Organization, is willing and able to be the applicant; and

WHEREAS, the Human Resources and Government Operations Committee has reviewed and approved this resolution at its June 26, 2018 meeting; now, therefore be it

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RESOLVED, the Seneca County Board of Supervisors supports the development of a Nine-Element Plan for the Seneca Lake Watershed, which includes the Keuka Lake Watershed, and urges the New York

State Department of State and other involved agencies to support the application of the Town of Geneva for funding for this Nine-Element Plan, which will provide the tools needed to make strategic and sustained progress in improving water quality in Keuka and Seneca Lakes, which together account for half of the fresh water in the Finger Lakes, for the benefit of the entire Finger Lakes Region, which will be able to use this effort as a model going forward.