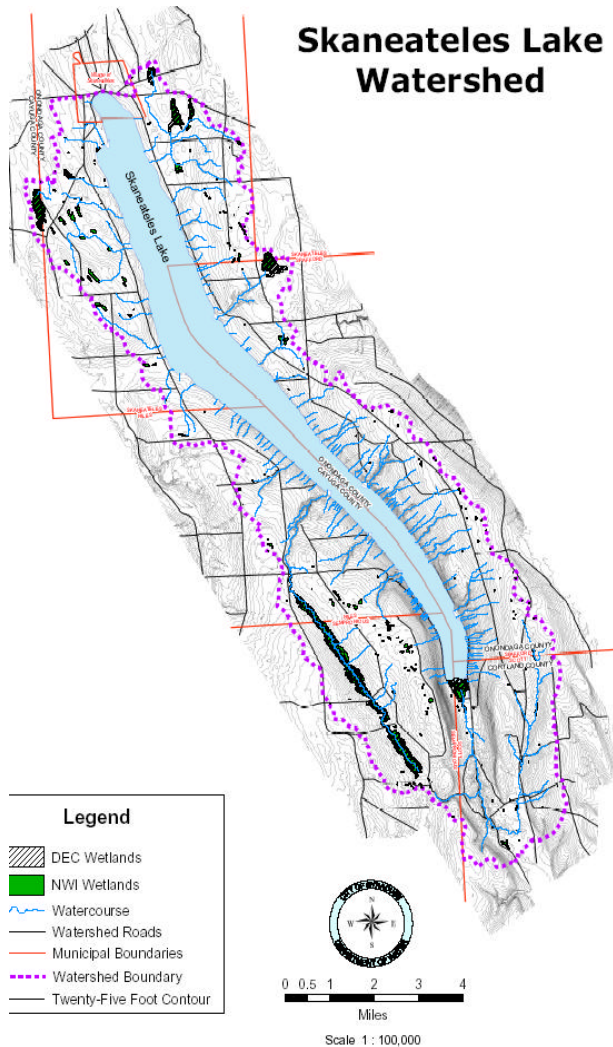


Helping You Protect Our Skaneateles Lake Watershed

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*Homeowners, Builders
and Contractors:*
**Before you build or
disturb the land...**



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**Learn the New
Skaneateles Lake Watershed
Rules and Regulations
on Erosion Control**

What are the Skaneateles Lake Watershed Rules and Regulations?

- The Skaneateles Lake Watershed Rules and Regulations are special New York State regulations that are intended to preserve the quality of Skaneateles Lake.
- The watershed is defined as all land that drains toward the lake. The watershed rules apply to all lands located in the watershed (see map).

Why were changes made to the Watershed Rules to include erosion control?

- Eroding construction sites are a leading cause of water quality problems in New York State.
- There is a critical need to protect the excellent water quality of Skaneateles Lake as an unfiltered drinking water supply with more stringent requirements. If found necessary, a filtration system would be very expensive.



What do the changes require me to do?

- If you are building a project that needs a local building permit, other land disturbance permit, or a shoreline permit, submit copies of the application to the City of Syracuse Water Department.
- If you are located in an "environmentally sensitive" area and your project disturbs 5000 sq. ft or more of land, you are required to submit an Erosion/Stormwater Control Plan (ESCP). This applies to most of the Skaneateles Lake Watershed.
- Examples of projects requiring ESCP's include general construction, road construction and maintenance, and tree removal (silviculture).
- If your project disturbs more than one acre of land it is **also** subject to regulations under the USEPA Stormwater Phase II rule and NY State SPDES General Permit 02-01. For more information, contact the NYSDEC Region 7 Office.
- There are specific provisions to prevent erosion from public highway construction activities and to control erosion on farms.

Violators Beware!

Violators face a stop work order and/or fines.

Who develops an Erosion/Stormwater Control Plan (ESCP)?

The applicant for the building permit is responsible for developing and submitting the ESCP.

Copies of the ESCP must be submitted to the City of Syracuse Water Department at least ten business days prior to doing any land disturbance activity.

What does an ESCP do?

An ESCP outlines the measures that will be put in place during construction to:

- minimize the area of exposed soil on site
- keep the soil on site
- handle expected storm water flows
- reduce velocity of storm water flows
- keep clean water away from areas where soil is disturbed

Can I prepare an ESCP by myself or do I need a professional?

For a simple project on flat land, you may prepare the plan. For more complex projects, such as a single family home, contact a design professional.

If you are not sure if this applies to your project or would like more details, contact the City of Syracuse Water Department.