



Oneida Lake Association, Inc.—PO Box 3536—Syracuse, NY 13220  
It's Your Lake—Help Us Preserve It!

March 24, 2026

Meghan Samsel  
Supervisor  
Town of Lenox  
205 South Peterboro St.  
Canastota, NY 13032

Dear Supervisor Samsel,

The Oneida Lake Association, Inc., a 2,100+ member not-for-profit conservation organization, has for 80 years been the foremost citizen group focused on Oneida Lake. As such, we enthusiastically support current efforts to preserve the property at Lewis Point, for the dual purposes of public access, especially angler access, and lakeshore habitat conservation.

When our all-volunteer Directors learned of the potential opportunity at Lewis Point, our Board had a very favorable reaction and gave the matter our highest priority. Following continued, close engagement with the Town of Lenox, Madison County, the State of New York, and other relevant organizations, our Board's consensus has only strengthened.

In fact, given the current status of the property, we believe that conservation and public access objectives at Lewis Point are mutually attainable, exceedingly beneficial relative to other locations on the lake, and time sensitive. To emphasize our points, the OLA Board of Directors passed a resolution on the Lewis Point initiative at a special meeting held on March 23, 2026. Our resolution, which was unanimously approved by all Directors present, is enclosed.

We hope that this letter and resolution will help with your application to the State's Open Space Conservation Grant Program Round 1 and any other grant that aligns with our shared objectives. The OLA commends the Town and all its partners for taking up this opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lance". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lance Vella  
President