



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

*Resolution of the Board of Directors Regarding Lewis Point, March 2026*

**Whereas:**

The Oneida Lake Association, Inc. (OLA) is a non-profit membership organization founded in 1946, for the purpose of protecting and enhancing Oneida Lake and its natural resources;

**Whereas:**

The Mission of the Oneida Lake Association is to protect the fisheries, wildlife, and natural resources of Oneida Lake by promoting science-based conservation and management through education and outreach, in partnership with our members and local communities;

**Whereas:**

“Partnership with local communities” has many times taken the form of collaborations with local stakeholders to promote public access and conservation activities benefiting anglers and other recreational users;

**Whereas:**

The track record of these local collaborations has been successful, resulting in numerous, popular public access sites in use today around the lake that benefit a variety of user groups and wildlife species of ecological importance;

**Whereas:**

The 19-acre parcel in the Town of Lenox known as “Lewis Point” has, for decades, provided vital and irreplaceable recreational access for both private and public users, as a retreat site, campground, and State of New York-brokered cooperative angler access site;

**Whereas:**

Lewis Point’s location, historical patterns of recreational utilization, and current development status make it uniquely suitable to promote both public access and habitat conservation;

**Whereas:**

The site’s 650 feet of shoreline are both a landmark and an ecologically important habitat, with little relatively undeveloped shoreline remaining along that portion of the lake’s South shore;

**Whereas:**

Many areas of shoreline around Oneida Lake have either been developed, or can be expected to be developed as population and utilization patterns around the lake change over time;

**Whereas:**

Any efforts to preserve Lewis Point for its recreational and natural importance are time sensitive, given that they will be more difficult to achieve if the Lewis Point shoreline should be developed beyond its current status;

**And Whereas:**

The OLA Board of Directors understands that the property's owners and leaders of the Town of Lenox, Madison County, and New York State have expressed an interest in preserving public access and habitat at Lewis Point;

**Then Be It Resolved That:**

The Board hereby resolves to support efforts by the landowners, Town, County, State, and other entities to create a public/private partnership regarding Lewis Point, for the purpose of permanently providing public access and habitat conservation opportunities;

**And Be It Resolved That:**

Such partnership efforts should be carried out on an expedited timeline, with a sense of urgency, and with the goal of permanence;

**And Be It Further Resolved That:**

The Town of Lenox and its partners are encouraged to strategically plan and implement activities at Lewis Point for the purpose of both habitat conservation and improved public access, especially angler access, given that the site's location and features make these objectives both desirable and attainable.

*Adopted unanimously by the Oneida Lake Association, Inc. Board of Directors and duly entered into the minutes of the Board's special meeting held March 23, 2026.*