

Monthly Supervisor's Report: September 2015

The latest updates from the desk of Richmond Town Supervisor Ralph Angelo:

Town Receives Favorable Fiscal Stress Rating

The Office of the State Comptroller released fiscal stress scores for municipalities based on 2014 Annual Update Documents. Municipalities with higher scores are designated as being in fiscal stress, or susceptible to fiscal stress.

Richmond received a favorable fiscal stress score of 9.6%, which falls below the threshold for a stress designation. This score is down 3.3% from the prior year, and ranks 1.6% lower than the average fiscal stress score for all Finger Lakes towns.

[View the report and learn more about the OSC's Fiscal Stress Monitoring System.](#)

Flood Mitigation & Highway

The Richmond Highway Department has completed work to clear felled trees and gravel bars in Mill Creek, with the goal of reducing damage from future storm events and spring melt-off.

Work is now underway to clear the Honeoye Lake Outlet north of State Route 20A, opening the runoff area so that water can be released more quickly.

The Richmond Town Board voted to engage Morsch Pipeline to undertake emergency repairs to a concrete culvert at Hamilton Point, where severe erosion has undermined the footers.

Bank stabilization of the Hemlock Outlet along Frost Hollow Road will also begin shortly to repair flood erosion that impacts conduits and the adjacent road. The work will be done through an intermunicipal agreement, with stone material supplied by the Town of Richmond and labor supplied by the City of Rochester's Water Bureau.

Lake Quality

This season, blue-green algae impacted all Finger Lakes with the exception of Canadice and Hemlock Lakes – the only two lakes with undeveloped shoreline. The Town of Richmond is continuing to work with state and community partners that are evaluating possible long-term solutions for improving the quality of Honeoye Lake. This work is a necessary first step in securing funding for improvement projects.

To read an update to the stakeholders on the NYSDEC Division of Water's Total Maximum Daily Load analysis and watershed plan, a process that is still underway, visit the DEC's [Clean Water Plan Public Participation page](#).

2016 Budget

The Town Board will begin workshop sessions on the 2016 draft budget on September 29th.

Water Project Updates

The Ashley/White Road water project is scheduled to go to bid on October 1st, with sealed bids to be opened on October 30th. The East Lake Road water project is tentatively scheduled to go to bid on the following week of October 5th, with sealed bids also to be opened on October 30th.

A state refinance of the debt service on the Honeoye Consolidated Water District has resulted in an overall savings of \$56K for property owners within the district.