

Flooding on Edgemere Drive
(Monroe County, NY)
Photo: Brittney Rogers, NY Sea Grant



Encroachment of Sodus Bay (Wayne County, NY) waters
on a marina. Photo: Mary Austerman, NY Sea Grant



Inundation of Greene Point Road,
Mannsville, NY (Jefferson County line).
Photo: Cathy Goodnough



2017 LAKE ONTARIO WATER LEVEL IMPACT SURVEY

Given the record water levels on Lake Ontario and the expected duration of associated flooding events, New York Sea Grant has awarded rapid response funding to Cornell University to develop and conduct a standardized high water impact survey in the areas along southern and eastern Lake Ontario. This effort is in response to stakeholder requests for a standardized method to collect data on the impacts of high water levels on waterfront properties.

WHO SHOULD TAKE THE SURVEY:

Anyone with property that is on, or connected to, Lake Ontario, **even those who have not yet experienced impacts**. This includes residents, businesses, municipalities, agencies, etc.

IMMEDIATE BENEFITS OF THE SURVEY:

- collect standardized information on high water level impacts that will allow for lake-wide reporting
- identify areas that are most vulnerable to high water levels for future planning
- document impacts of this high water event

POTENTIAL LONG-TERM USES FOR SURVEY DATA:

- use to leverage funds for making communities, businesses and private properties more adaptable to high water levels
- validate an existing flood risk model that could inform community-level flood resiliency planning

HOW TO ACCESS THE SURVEY:

To take the survey visit: https://cornell.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6RNKD5WAM0hz3U1 Electronic surveys are strongly encouraged. However should alternate arrangements be necessary, please contact Mary Austerman at 315-331-8415.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

To learn more about how results from this survey will/could be used contact [Scott Steinschneider](#) or [Rich Stedman](#). For more information about accessing the survey and more short-term uses of survey data, contact [Mary Austerman](#).

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