



"History's Hometown"

CITY OF AUBURN

Office of the City Clerk
Chuck Mason, City Clerk

For Immediate Release
Date of Posting June 22, 2016

Notification: Owasco Lake Elevation

The level of Owasco Lake has reached its traditional mid-summer level earlier than usual due to low amounts of spring precipitation following a lack of winter snow melt.

As of June 20, 2016 the lake is currently measuring 712.08 feet above sea level. The Army Corps of Engineers rule curve states the target should be at or near 713.00 for this time of year.

Precipitation for April 1st through June 20th of 2016 has been measured at 7.22 inches. This amount of precipitation is down significantly from the previous three year average of 12.82 inches. This low level of precipitation follows a winter in which we only received 45.7 inches of snow.

The City of Auburn is currently operating the State Dam to provide a NYSDEC minimum required flow of 60 CFS for the month of June. The Mill Street Hydroelectric Facility was turned off on June 14, 2016. Operation of the facility will remain off while low water levels are observed.

With little to no forecast of rain in the near future, it can be expected that the lake elevation will continue to drop. City operation staff will continue to monitor the impact of this seasonal drought and reduce elevation impacts to the best of their ability while abiding by all Federal, State, and Local regulations.

For more information contact:

Seth Jensen, City of Auburn, Director of Municipal Utilities at 315-253-6511
John West, City of Auburn, Water Filtration Plant Operator at 315-253-8754
Jeff Dygert, City of Auburn, Interim City Manager at 315-255-4146
Chuck Mason, City of Auburn, City Clerk, at 315-283-3216