

SWIO Support in the Town of Starkey

Dear Starkey Town Board

As a Starkey resident and voter, I support our town's membership in, and financial support for, the Seneca Watershed Intermunicipal Organization, commonly known as SWIO.

For many years, Canandaigua Lake municipalities have funded their intermunicipal organization and a watershed steward office. This arrangement has directly led to millions of dollars in water quality grants that help protect their lake. I believe we need that same type of energy and protection for Seneca Lake, which is the source of recreation, tourism, and a host of jobs that help drive our local economy as well as provide a high quality of life for many Starkey residents.

This past year, SWIO has taken the lead in developing the nine-element plan which will, along with the new SWIO Watershed Steward (Ian Smith), help Seneca Lake counties and municipalities capture significant federal and state water quality grants. We cannot afford to lose the important Watershed Steward position just as we begin implementing this important plan.

I also believe it is important that the Town of Starkey, which benefits so much from the lake, is seen as a leader in supporting SWIO in order to encourage other towns to participate and financially support it. We need to be a part of the solution!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincere regards,

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1. First & Last Name: *

2. Zip Code:

3. Email Address:
