

Ag and our lakes, how are we moving forward?

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Any Cornell Hockey Fans?





THE CAYUGA LAKE WATERSHED

Cayuga, Cortland, Schuyler, Seneca, Tioga, and Tompkins Counties

See your watershed at FLLT.ORG/WATER

Watershed: 786 mi²
Lake size: 67 mi²

Land cover

National Land Cover Database 2016

Agriculture 50.6%

Forest / Shrub 28.8%

Grassland 0.2%

Wetland 4.4%

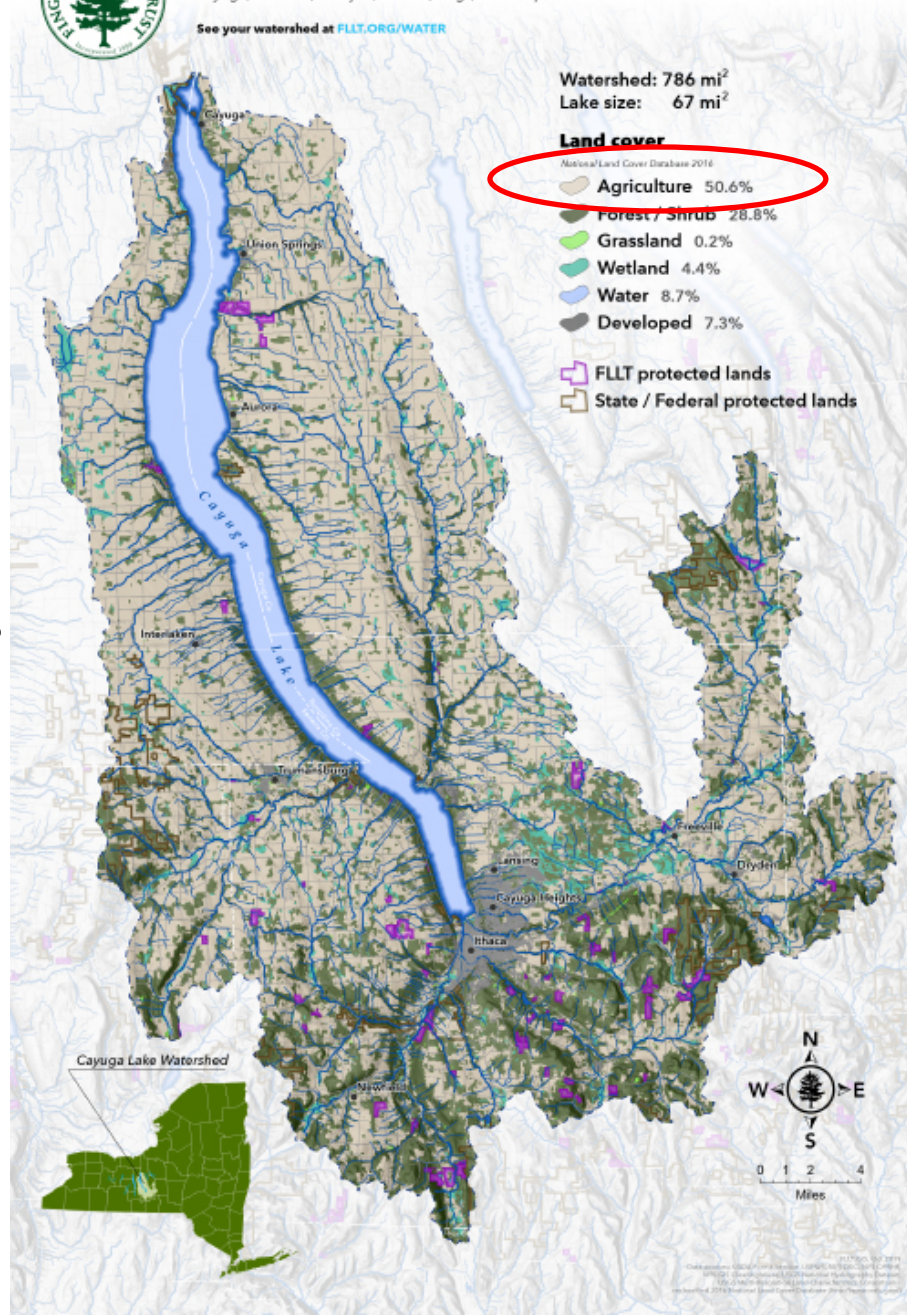
Water 8.7%

Developed 7.3%

FLLT protected lands

State / Federal protected lands

503,000 acres





THE SENECA LAKE WATERSHED

Chemung, Ontario, Schuyler, Seneca, and Yates Counties

See your watershed at FLT.ORG/WATER

Watershed: 536 mi²
Lake size: 68 mi²

Land cover

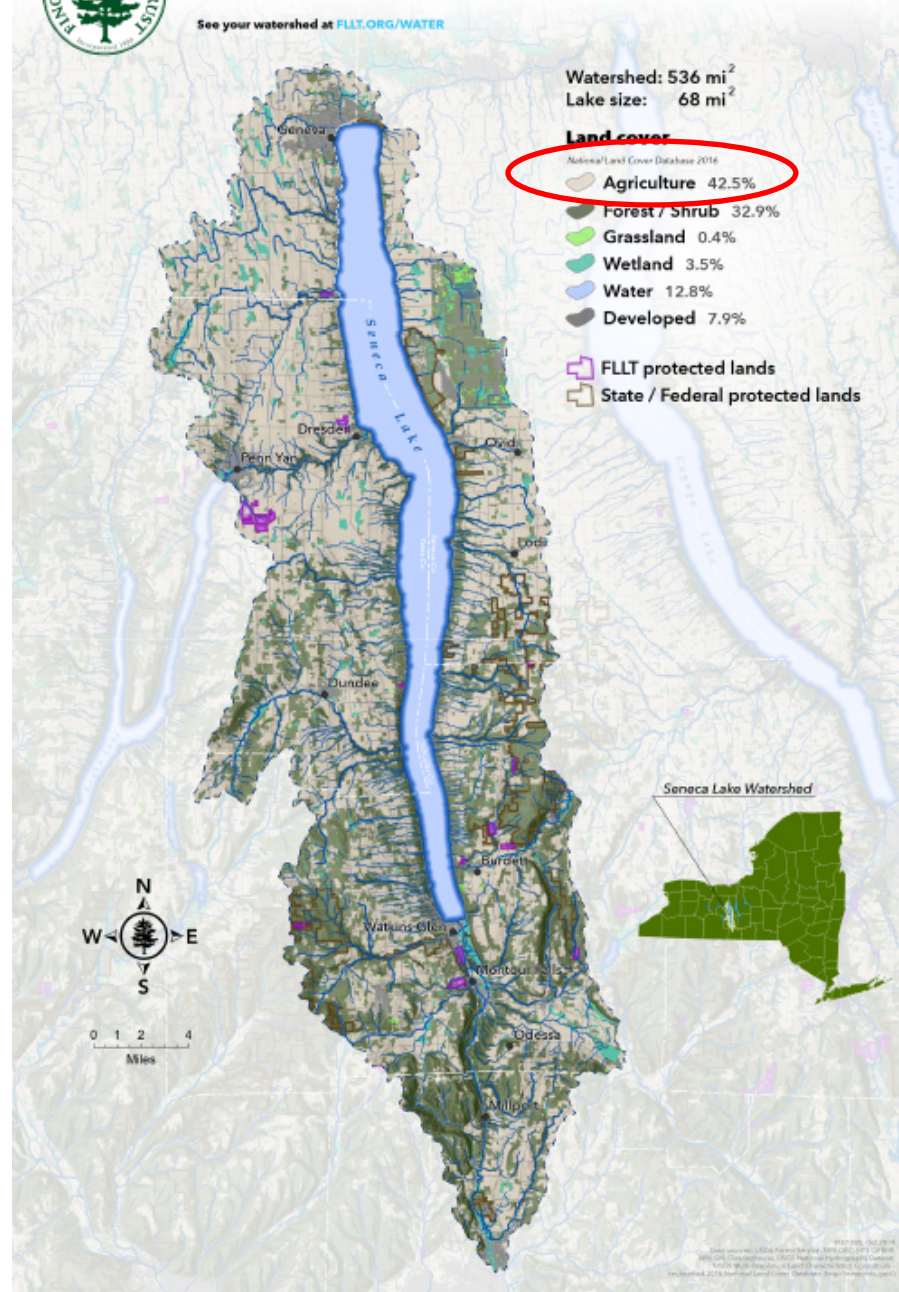
National Land Cover Database 2016

	Agriculture	42.5%
	Forest / Shrub	32.9%
	Grassland	0.4%
	Wetland	3.5%
	Water	12.8%
	Developed	7.9%

FLLT protected lands

State / Federal protected lands

343,000 acres

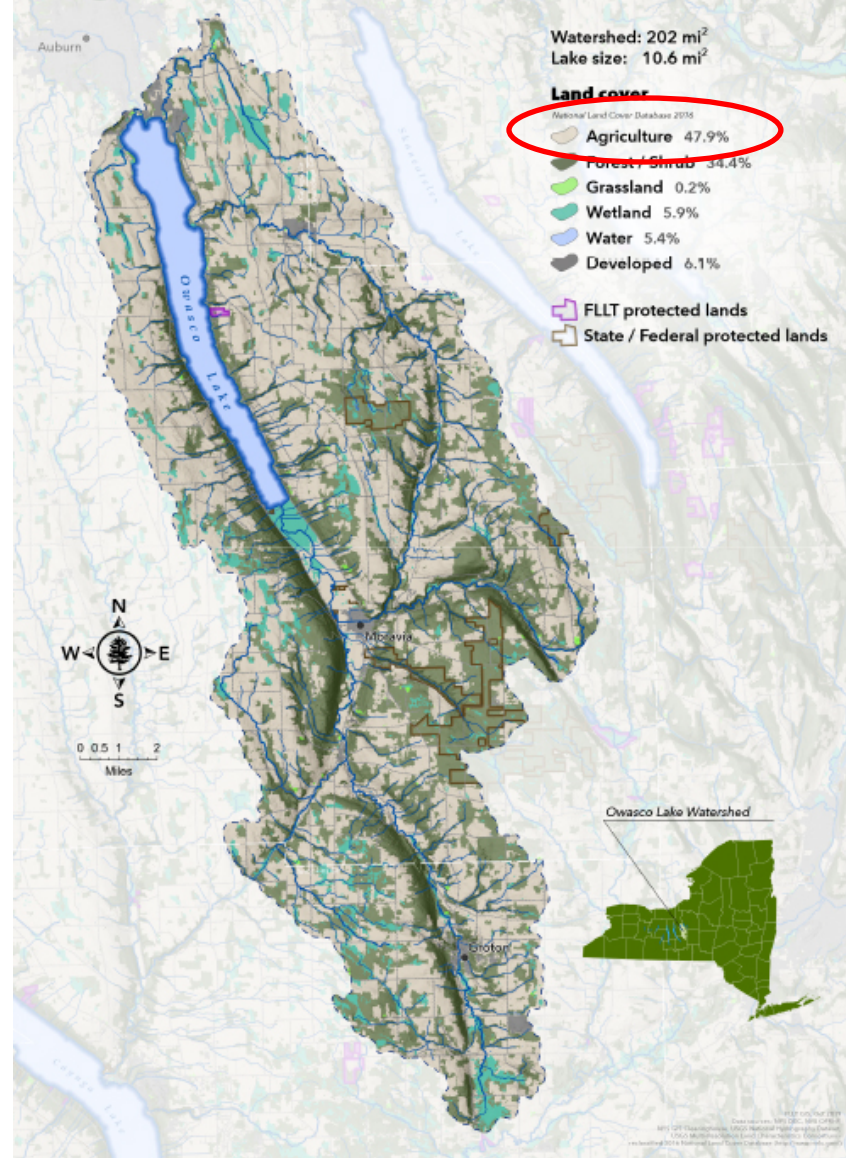




THE OWASCO LAKE WATERSHED

Cayuga, Onondaga, and Tompkins Counties

See your watershed at FLT.ORG/WATER



129,000 acres

Watershed Management

- Cayuga, Seneca, Owasco:
 - ~ 1million acres!
 - ~ 500,000 acres of Ag
 - ~800 square miles of Ag
- Management will require cooperation
- Partnership is CRITICAL
- This is improving, more work to do



Progress: cover crops



Progress: subsurface placement

- Manure incorporation/drag hose



Progress: Manure storage:

- Adding more storage
- Gives farms better options
- More satellite storages
 - Why?
- Barriers?



Vegetated Buffers



Future work:



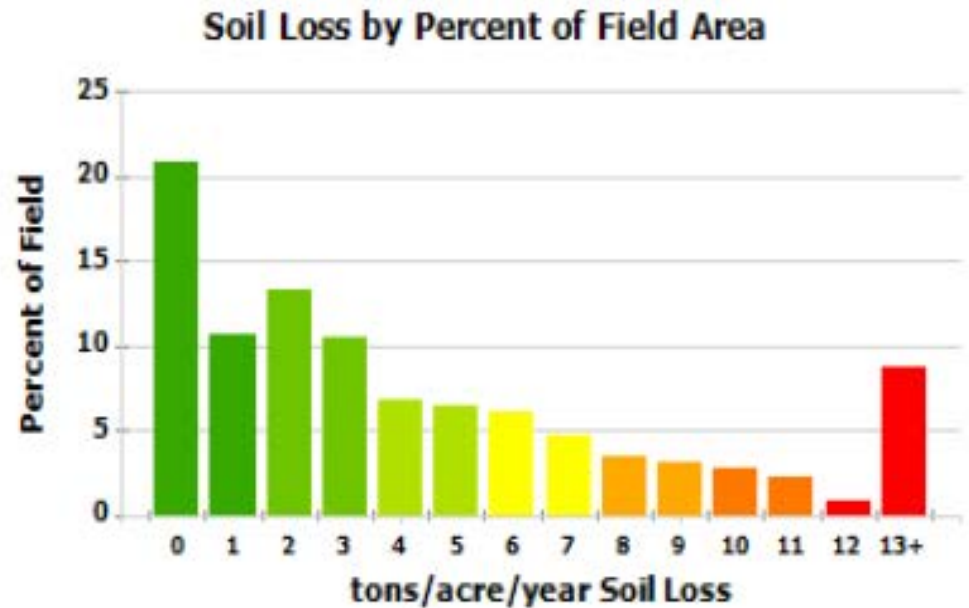
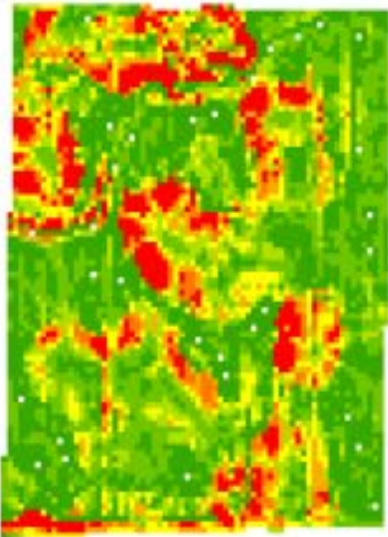
Soil Loss Calculator Software

- Land O Lakes Tool:
 - Uses Lidar (county data must be loaded)
 - Estimates soil loss for whole field
 - Maps hot spots
 - Estimates 10 year value of yield and nutrient loss

Compare alternatives:

Alternative 1

551.14 tons/yr annual soil loss



Waterway, Basin and Buffer builder tools

Offer faster design, many options, cost estimates



Conclusion

- Back to Lynah Rink

