

BLACK CREEK WATERSHED COALITION



Watershed Facts -The Black Creek watershed is part of the Genesee River Basin that drains to Lake Ontario. The drainage area is about 202 square miles, and the main stream (Black Creek) runs for over 46 miles. The watershed occupies parts of Wyoming, Genesee, Orleans and Monroe counties including parts of the Towns of Middlebury in Wyoming County; Bethany, Stafford, Batavia, Elba, Byron, Bergen and LeRoy in Genesee County; Clarendon in Orleans County; and Sweden, Ogden, Riga, Chili and Wheatland in Monroe County. Its headwaters are in the Town of Middlebury; the main stream flows northerly to the Town of Byron, then turns east and flows to its junction with the Genesee River in the Town of Chili.

Size: Black Creek Watershed is: 202 square miles which equals 128,358 acres.

Length: The length of Black Creek is: 46 miles.

Population: 35,030 people living in the watershed, 49% live in the town of Chili. The next highest percentage, 15%, live in Riga.

Land Use Trends:

Suburban growth southwest of Rochester.

Farmlands are being converted.

Modest changes in population.

Decline in rural population.

Land Use:

Agricultural/Idle	78.58%	
Residential	1.96%	
Commercial	0.78%	
Industrial	0.02%	
Miscellaneous*	18.66%	*primarily forest and wetland areas

Parks

Black Creek Park

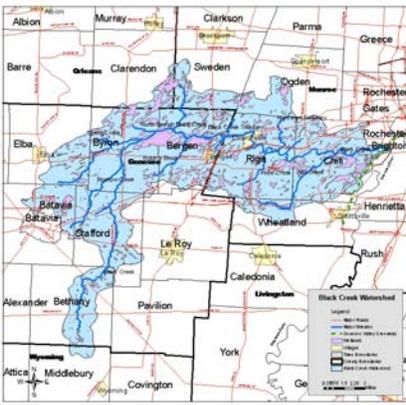
Churchville Park

Genesee County Park

Special Areas

The Genesee Valley Greenway

The Bergen Swamp



Coalition Information - The Black Creek Watershed Coalition formed in April 2002 to work cooperatively on the development of the Black Creek Watershed Plan. The active members of the Black Creek Watershed Coalition include federal, state, county, town and village officials, college educators, and local citizens. Our current public interest database includes over 500 names. Notices of the meetings and agendas are mailed or emailed to those who have expressed an interest in the project and are posted on the web at www.blackcreekwatershed.org. The Coalition meets once a month at different locations within the watershed to work on the planning process and identify potential funding sources to implement project activities. The Black Creek Watershed Coalition and watershed planning process also help with the building of community partnerships. Working together for a common goal in our large watershed, which ranges from suburban Rochester to rural towns, brings communities together and nurtures a sense of community within the watershed. Partnerships like this are needed to build the capacity needed to address and solve watershed wide problems. We are accomplishing this by shifting the focus from political boundaries to watershed boundaries.

Website - www.blackcreekwatershed.org

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