Seneca-Keuka Watershed Oswego River-Lake Ontario

Novel Approaches to Achieving Agricultural WQ Goals

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# **The Numbers**

#### ≻ Land Use

- 46% Agriculture
- 37% Forest
- 7% Developed
- 6% scrubland
- 4% Wetland

## ➤ Geology

- High Point 639m
- Low Point 115m
- Soil type B & C Northern End
- Soil Type D Southern End

# ➢ People

- Approximately 50,000
- Public water supply for 25,000
- Private water supply for 7,500



# **The Challenges**

#### Physical Problems

- Flooding
- Erosion
- Heat\*

## Biological Problems

- Harmful Algal Blooms
- Terrestrial/Aquatic invasive species
- Ecological shifts
- Tourists

### Chemical Problems

- Nutrients and sediment
- Salt
- Emerging contaminants



## **Payment for Ecosystem Services**

- Funded Through GLC's Conservation Kick
- ➢ 20K Project
  - 1:1 GLC and Geneva (+SWCD)
  - Dispersed 10 year payment





## **Producer/Consumer Driven Markets**





https://www.youtube.com/@newyorkwines/featured







#### What does sustainability look like?

2. To build, regenerate and conserve healthy soils





#### What does sustainability look like?

3. To protect surrounding reservoirs and waterways from pollution





#### Market Data

	All US regular wine drinkers	Generations			
		Gen Z	Millennials	Gen X	Boomers +
		(21-24)	(25-39)	(40-54)	(55+)
sample size=	2,000	154	601	470	775
I would not be willing to pay more	26%	14%	11%	22%	43%
Up to \$1 more	10%	8%	7%	10%	13%
\$1.00 to \$1.99 more	14%	20%	13%	13%	14%
\$2.00 to \$2.99 more	18%	25%	20%	19%	14%
\$3.00 to \$3.99 more	11%	13%	17%	10%	7%
\$4.00 to \$4.99 more	7%	5%	11%	8%	3%
\$5 or more	14%	14%	20%	16%	8%
Average Extra Value	\$3.0	\$2.9	\$3.3	\$3.1	\$2.5

Data Source: Wine Intelligence, consumer focus groups, April 2019

Sustainable is the next thing... like before it was soy then almond milk, now oat milk... before it was organic, now it's sustainable." – Age 25-39

# **Model Expansion Opportunity?**

- Cover Crop Beer
  - Sorghum
  - Winter Wheat
  - Winter Rye
  - Buckwheat





# **Sustainable Active Management**

- > Accept the truth
  - 1) Loss is inevitable
  - 2) Supply is unstable
  - 3) Passive systems are a myth
- Capture lost/leaving P efficiently
- Reapplication in a form readily plant available
- No co-constituents of concerns



#### BIOCHAR OVERVIEW



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# Field Tests

- In-field drainage
- Adjacent roadsides
- Growth effects\*





# **NRCS BMPs Funded by GLC**

- ➢ 3047 Acres Cover Crop
- 800 Feet Diversion
- ➢ 8700 Ft<sup>2</sup> Grassed Waterway
- ➤ 1545 Ft<sup>2</sup> Lined Waterway
- ➢ 41 Acres Mulching
- > 1586 Ft WASCOB

# **Thank You!**

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