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Recycling activist heads OCCA board

COOPERSTOWN _ Martha Clarvoe was elected president of the board of the Otsego County Conservation Association recently by the group's directors.

She takes over for Win McIntyre, who has served in that capacity since 2006, having joined the OCCA board of directors in 2005. McIntyre will remain on the board.

A retired engineer from Procter & Gamble, McIntyre has worked on Otsego Lake issues since 1999. He is currently the watershed coordinator for the Otsego Lake Watershed Supervisory Committee.

McIntyre's overall focus was implementation of the management plan of the Otsego Lake Watershed, adopted by the towns of Middlefield, Otsego and Springfield and the village of Cooperstown in 1998. In particular, he worked with the Army Corps of Engineers to restore wetlands in the watershed and procured more than \$500,000 in grant funding to dredge Clarke Pond and repair its dam.

He is currently supervising the implementation of Otsego Lake's septic system management plan, securing a \$76,000 water quality improvement grant from the state Department of Environmental Conservation for six demonstration wastewater treatment systems on Otsego Lake.

Clarvoe, of Hartwick, joined the OCCA board in 2000 and became involved in OCCA programs and administration on a regular basis. Besides assisting with routine office work, she played a key role in researching and organizing information for OCCA's light pollution and making presentations to municipalities on this issue.

Her efforts in recycling include compilation of OCCA's recycling alternatives brochure, research and promotion of recycling alternatives for agricultural film wraps, constructing container recycling bins for the village of Cooperstown and managing a seasonal recycling program for the village's Main Street for four years, recruiting volunteers for Otsego County's annual household hazardous waste collection day, and, with the Cooperstown Central School Leo Club, helped with the cafeteria recycling at Cooperstown Middle and High School.

In 2000, Clarvoe was appointed by the county board of representatives to serve on the Otsego County Burn Barrel Education Committee, all of whose members received recognition from OCCA as Conservationists of the Year in 2002.

Clarvoe is a longtime member and former president of the League of Women Voters of the Cooperstown Area and a member of the board of directors of MOSA.