

## **KLA Newsletter June 2013**

### **KLA Awaits DEC's Hydrofracking Decision**

The Keuka Lake Association (KLA) again wrote to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS-DEC) and the Governor's Office restating the KLA position that High Volume Hydraulic Fracturing for natural gas (HVHF) be prohibited in the Keuka Lake Watershed plus a 4000-foot buffer. The KLA also requested a meeting with the DEC, or at least, feedback on the current DEC thoughts relative to the Keuka Lake Watershed. (A map of the Keuka Lake Watershed is included on the KLA Website.)

The KLA is encouraging the Finger Lakes Regional Watershed Alliance (FLRWA) to restate in writing its 2011 Comments to the NYS-DEC that HVHF should be prohibited throughout the Finger Lakes Watershed. Furthermore, the KLA is urging the FLRWA to include Hemlock and Canadice Lakes Watersheds in the prohibition of HVHF in the Finger Lakes Watershed. Canadice and Hemlock Lakes are both Finger Lakes and are now owned and managed by the NYS-DEC. These lakes are water sources for Rochester.

The KLA is thankful that the New York State Appellate Court ruled that the New York Towns of Dryden and Middlefield have the right under zoning laws to prohibit HVHF in their respective towns.

The KLA still awaits the decision of the New York State DEC on permitting HVHF and is evaluating what position should be taken by the KLA should the NYS-DEC permit HVHF in the Keuka Lake Watershed.