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**ALLIANCE ANNOUNCES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

The Chautauqua Lake & Watershed Management Alliance has named Randall Perry as its new Executive Director, effective November 1, 2020. Perry will succeed Vince Horrigan, who has served as the organization's Interim Executive Director since September 2019.

During his tenure with the Alliance, Horrigan worked closely with the Alliance Board of Directors and staff to evaluate the myriad roles the Alliance serves, assess capacity and focus areas, and plan for the future, including identifying a new permanent Executive Director. At the same time, Horrigan and his staff continued to manage and administer the Alliance's existing programs and projects – including securing over \$600,000 in lake and watershed project funding for its Members in 2020. Under Horrigan, the Alliance also helped launch several new scientific and technical initiatives aimed at increasing unity of effort and operational efficiency for lake management and continuing to improve the understanding of lake and watershed dynamics and their effects on cyanobacteria and Harmful Algal Blooms on Chautauqua Lake.

Perry has worked for the Alliance since 2016 as its Project Manager, working on a variety of lake and watershed projects in partnership with Alliance Members from project development through funding and completion. Prior to joining the Alliance, he served as an Adjunct Instructor at the State University of New York at Fredonia teaching Geoscience and Environmental Science courses with a focus on water resources, geochemistry, surficial processes, and environmental assessment. Before that, he worked as a geological consultant specializing in environmental and water resource projects. Perry is a native of Maine and earned his B.S. and M.S. in Earth Sciences from the University of Maine with a focus on environmental geochemistry.

"I want to recognize Vince for the amazing work that he has done and continues to do as the Interim Executive Director. We are all deeply indebted to him for his service," said Pierre Chagnon, Chairman of the Alliance Board of Directors.

"Randall has demonstrated impressive skills coordinating Members, engineers, and contractors in managing many successful Alliance projects. He has also developed solid skills in grant writing, grant administration, and funding management in the various platforms involved. He has been an incredible rock solid foundation for the Alliance through our extended period with an interim executive director," said Chagnon.

Horrigan, Perry, and the Alliance Board of Directors will complete the leadership transition and coordinate accompanying staffing adjustments over the next several weeks.

The Alliance is a 501c3 non-profit organization in Jamestown, New York. For more information about the Alliance or this announcement, please contact Vince Horrigan at (716) 661-8918 or visit the Alliance website at [chautauquaalliance.org/](http://chautauquaalliance.org/).



Above: Incoming Chautauqua Lake & Watershed Management Alliance Executive Director, Randall Perry.