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## CITY OF AUBURN

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### Notification: Owasco Lake Elevation

The level of Owasco Lake has reached its traditional mid-summer level earlier than usual due to low amounts of spring precipitation following a lack of winter snow melt.

As of June 20, 2016 the lake is currently measuring 712.08 feet above sea level. The Army Corps of Engineers rule curve states the target should be at or near 713.00 for this time of year.

Precipitation for April 1<sup>st</sup> through June 20<sup>th</sup> of 2016 has been measured at 7.22 inches. This amount of precipitation is down significantly from the previous three year average of 12.82 inches. This low level of precipitation follows a winter in which we only received 45.7 inches of snow.

The City of Auburn is currently operating the State Dam to provide a NYSDEC minimum required flow of 60 CFS for the month of June. The Mill Street Hydroelectric Facility was turned off on June 14, 2016. Operation of the facility will remain off while low water levels are observed.

With little to no forecast of rain in the near future, it can be expected that the lake elevation will continue to drop. City operation staff will continue to monitor the impact of this seasonal drought and reduce elevation impacts to the best of their ability while abiding by all Federal, State, and Local regulations.

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