RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CLEAN WATER AUTHORITY
RESTORATION ACT OF 2003
Adopted at the 4/3/03 EMC Meeting

WHEREAS,   the Broome County Environmental Management Council (EMC) is Broome County's citizen advisory group on issues that effect the County's environment, and

WHEREAS,   a recent 2003 interpretation by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) of a 2001 Supreme Court decision severely limits the scope of the Clean Water Act and the definition of waters of the United States by no longer affording federal protection to isolated, non-navigable, intrastate waters, and

WHEREAS,   the Clean Water Act's intent is to protect the waters of the United States, which, through the hydrologic cycle, are inextricably linked to one another regardless of whether visible surface connections are apparent, and

WHEREAS,   the EMC is concerned about the protection of the County's water resources and this interpretation leaves the community at risk from increased flooding, degraded drinking water, exposure to bacteria, pathogens and toxins, and

WHEREAS,   The Clean Water Authority Restoration Act, introduced in both houses of Congress on February 27, 2003 by Senators Feingold, Jeffords and Boxer and Representatives Oberstar, Dingell, Leach and Boehlert, will broaden the definition of "Waters of the United States" to include all isolated, non-navigable and intrastate waters and reinstate federal protection of these waters, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED,   that the Broome County EMC thanks Representative Sherwood Boehlert (NY) for sponsoring the Clean Water Authority Restoration Act of 2003 (HR962 and S473) legislation in the US House of Representatives, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED,
that the Broome County EMC supports the enactment of the Clean Water Authority Restoration Act of 2003 (HR962 and S473), and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED,
that the Broome County EMC calls on Senator Schumer (NY), Senator Clinton (NY), and Representative Hinchey (NY) to co-sponsor this important legislation.