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Caring for Commons: Conservation as Reciprocity

Required Reading

There are *three articles* you have to read for this assignment; two new, one you've already read:

- 1. Courtney White's essay "Land Health: A language to describe the common ground beneath our feet" in Knight and White;
- 2. Dan Dagget's essay, "Collaboration as teacher" in Knight and White, and,
- 3. Aldo Leopold's "Conservation Esthetic" from Part IV of the Sand County Almanac.

Assignment:

Use your *watershed field trip notes* and the assigned articles to craft a typed essay of no more than four pages about Owasco Lake watershed management. Consider using the following questions to frame your work:

How does Courtney describe land health, and how can his ideas be applied to conservation in the watershed?

What do Dagget's ideas about collaboration suggest for Owasco Lake watershed management?

Finally, how can Leopold's concept of reciprocity help build responsible land use in the watershed?

Staple your watershed field notes to your completed essay.

Typed responses only.