

February 3 with Senator
2017 Young

Chautauqua Lake, A Great Lake Seeking a Greater Future

Bemus Bay Property Owners (BBPO)- Plans/Requests

- Complete the County's MMS with BBPO input and participation
 - November 1 and December 19 letters proposed 10 focused upgrades
 - Major concerns: bias against herbicides/for weed cutting, usefulness of current MMS for herbicide permitting, accountable MMS implementation structure/leadership (request County)
 - **Request: DEC/County commitment to use MMS to facilitate BBPO herbicide permitting**
- Gain state and local government support for BBPO efforts
 - 60 Lakeside Drive property owners (50% and growing) in BBPO, will form 501 c3 in March 2017
 - Town of Ellery supporting BBPO with Point Contact and potentially, as herbicide permit applicant
 - **Request: increased State/County focus given lake's \$70M+/year economic impact**
- Get the Chautauqua Lake Association (CLA) to modify its operations
 - 3 BBPO requests thoroughly reviewed in CLA/County and BBPO/CLA Board meetings
 - BBPO/CLA collaboration offered by BBPO on near shore cleanup and herbicide application
 - BBPO seeking more cost effective/less labor intensive alternative: skimmer-based technology
 - **Request: state funding of \$25k "seed money" to stimulate concept development and use**
- Secure a NYS DEC permit for herbicide application and apply herbicides
 - County "Lake Plan" (MMS), DEC-required for herbicides permit, targeted March-April, 2017
 - Need parallel MMS completion/herbicide permit processing to allow 2017 application
 - **Request: active DEC/County facilitation of BBPO application development and processing**
 - **Request: state funding of \$75k for 2017 Bemus Bay (focus: LPSP to Stow Ferry) herbicide trial**