

Chautauqua Lake, A Great Lake Seeking a Greater Future
Chautauqua Lake Partnership – Agenda

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- **Principles**
- **Origins and Evolution**
- **2017 Program**
- **Requests of Alliance**

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Chautauqua Lake Partnership – Principles

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- Chautauqua Lake water quality is unacceptable and must be improved
- Lowering of expectations/reliance on long term efforts inhibit near term improvement
- Chautauqua Lake Partnership's (CLP) members do not accept that...
 - ...the Lake's decline is natural and to be expected...it's not
 - ...the Lake's getting better and is the best it's been in years...it's not
 - ...shoreline property owners expect a "swimming pool quality" Lake...they don't
 - ...local governments can't or won't deal with Lake issues...they have and are
- Current approaches are not sufficient and new approaches must be tried
 - MMS premise - "one size" (weed management) does not "fit all" areas of the Lake
 - MMS-required weed harvesting 100% recovery is not being realized
- CLP will identify and try approaches not currently utilized
- We expect those who care about the lake will join or support, at least not obstruct

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Chautauqua Lake Partnership – Origins/Evolution

- CLP is a 501 c3 non-profit, formed in 2002, with >125 members and growing
 - Bemus Bay Property Owners group merged into CLP in March, 2017
- New Officers/Directors have been elected
 - President Dr. Jim Cirbus
 - Vice President Jim Wehrfritz
 - Secretary Karen Rine (past President)
 - Treasurer Mike Latone
- CLP is 100% volunteers with very low overhead (e. g., copies, postage)
- Met with many lake-related organizations/government, many several times
- Alliance Founding Membership was recently renewed through 2016-17
 - CLP plans an active role in the Alliance and active use of its services
 - CLP's 2017 Bemus Bay Demonstration Projects support the Alliance Mission/Goals

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Chautauqua Lake Partnership – 2017 Program

- 2017 Program: Bemus Bay Demonstration Projects
 - Weed Management: up to 60 acres along 2 mi shoreline from Summit Park Dr to the Stow Ferry Landing: permitting, notifications, treatment and assessment
 - Near Shore/Shoreline Cleanup: as needed along 2 mi shoreline from Summit Park Dr to the Stow Ferry Landing: development/deployment of safer/less labor intensive and more cost effective/reliable removal of weed fragments/sludge
- 2017 Program Benefits
 - Improved aesthetics, wading, swimming, boating, fishing and general enjoyment
 - Increased property values and property and school tax revenue
 - Improved tourism: increased use of Bemus Point restaurants, Bemus Bay Pops, etc.
 - Reduced potential for shoreline cleanup worker, water user and pet sickness
 - Future assistance to other Chautauqua Lake communities using results

Chautauqua Lake Partnership – Requests of Alliance

- CLP requests active and public Alliance support for its 2017 Work Program
 - Bemus Bay Weed Management and Shoreline Demonstration Projects
 - 2017 Town/Village herbicide permitting (DEC) and treatment
- CLP support expectations are consistent with Alliance Mission/Goals
 - "...in collaboration with lake-related organizations (and) municipalities...promote and facilitate implementation of...Macrophyte Management Strategy..."
 - "Identify...lake related projects...identify probable grant opportunities for each..." and "...aid in working through realities of implementation once plan is finalized"
 - "...promote implementation of projects...secure more funding for lake...projects..."
- County wants CLP to "test drive/reinforce...MMS...adaptive management"
- Near term requests of the Alliance (letters provided)
 - \$10,000 is support of 2017 Projects
 - Letters to Senator Cathy Young supporting CLP grant request
 - Letter to County Executive Horrigan recommending funding of 2017 CLP Program
 - Letters to local foundations supporting CLP grant requests
 - Letter to NY DEC Region 9 Director supporting Town/Village herbicide permit
 - Supportive comments to media, other lake-related organizations and stakeholders