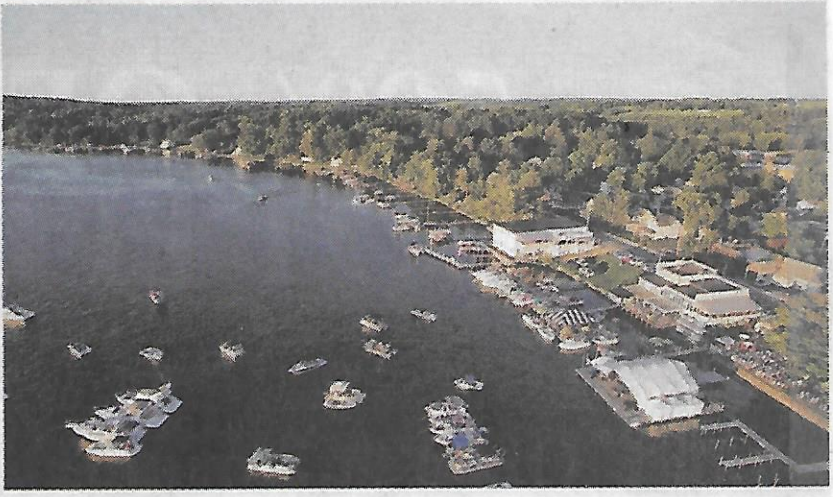


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Chautauqua Lake Partnership, Inc. Seeking a Greater Future



The CLP's Summer 2017 Program includes Weed Management and Near Shore/Shoreline Cleanup Demonstration Projects in Bemus Bay. Photo/ Jon Elder Productions.

The Chautauqua Lake Partnership, Inc. (CLP), a non-profit corporation formed in 2002, seeks improvement in Chautauqua Lake water quality and enjoyment. The Partnership recently increased its membership to over 100 property owners with the addition of a group of Bemus Bay Property Owners and established a Summer 2017 Work Program

in support of Chautauqua Lake improvement. Partnership officers include: Dr. Jim Cirbus, President; Jim Wehrfritz, Vice President; Mike Latone, Treasurer and Karen Rines, Secretary. Sara DeMink is the Fundraising Committee Chairperson.

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Management and Near Shore/Shoreline Cleanup Demonstration Projects in Bemus Bay. These Projects will provide new approaches and techniques which can be made available to other Lake communities.

CLP is using a grassroots Bemus Bay community-based approach to lake improvement. Approximately 75 Bemus Bay individual and business property owners have teamed with the Town of Ellery and Village of Bemus Point on the **Weed Management Demonstration Project**. That Project will include the proposed application of NYS-approved herbicides to a limited near shore area of the Bay. Herbicide application is one of the acceptable weed management methods included in Chautauqua

County's recently-completed Macrophyte (Weed) Management Strategy and an alternative to weed cutting, the method almost exclusively used since the early 1990's.

The Town of Ellery and Village of Bemus Point have joined to submit applications to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for approval of the herbicide treatment. In conjunction with that submission, ~650 shoreline property owners in Bemus Bay and its vicinity have been formally notified of the plan and provided an opportunity to request additional information and/or submit comments. Treatment is a one day operation and is targeted for a day between mid-May and late June. Lake residents and users will be notified of plans and timing prior to treatment.

CLP will also pursue a Near Shore/Shoreline

Cleanup Demonstration Project seeking a safer, less labor intensive and more cost effective method to remove weed fragments and rotted-weed sludge from the near shore and shorelines. These weed fragments and sludge foul the shorelines and near shore, making Lake access difficult or impossible and create the foul odor experienced in late summer and fall.

CLP is seeking funding for its 2017 Program from local and state governments, foundations, individual and business property owners and all those seeking a Greater Future for Chautauqua Lake. This is a great opportunity to try something new and make a positive improvement in the lake for ourselves and our children. **CLP can be contacted at info@chautauqualakepartners.com for additional information or contributions.**