LETTER OF NOTIFICATION

Date: February 7, 2025

Re: Herbicide applications for the control of **invasive curly leaf pondweed and Eurasian** watermilfoil in portions of Chautauqua Lake.

The Towns of Ellery, Ellicott, and Busti are applying for permits from the NYSDEC to apply the following aquatic herbicide application to control invasive lake plants in the lake:

- a. **Clearcast** (active ingredient: imazamox, EPA Reg.#241-437-67690) application is proposed to occur on 1-2 days in **April or early May, 2025** to control invasive Curly Leaf pondweed located in the shoreline areas of <u>Lakewood</u>, <u>Busti</u>, <u>Ellery</u>, <u>Celoron</u>, <u>Ellicott and Bemus Point</u>. The presence of invasive curlyleaf pondweed in the proposed treatment area will be confirmed prior to application. The application will control the nuisance plants with minimal risk of impacts to native plant or fish species.
- b. **ProcellaCOR EC** (florpyrauxifen-benzyl, EPA Reg.#67690-80) application is proposed to occur on 1-2 days in **late May, June, or July 2025** to control invasive Eurasian watermilfoil (milfoil) in areas adjacent to Celoron, Ellicott, Bemus Point and Ellery. The presence of invasive milfoil in each of the proposed treatment areas will be confirmed prior to application. The application will control the nuisance plants with minimal risk of impacts to native plant or fish species.

Water use restrictions will be in effect for the designated towns and villages during the treatment and for the period indicated in the table below. The areas of the Lake to be treated are shown in the attached maps.

Water Use Restrictions

Herbicide	Swimming/ Bathing	Fishing	Livestock Watering	Drinking, culinary or food processing purposes	Irrigation
Clearcast	No restriction	No restriction	No restriction	Until herbicide concentration levels equal <50 ppb	Until herbicide concentration levels equal <1 ppb
ProcellaCOR EC	No restriction	No restriction	Until herbicide concentration levels equal <1 ppb	No restriction	Until herbicide concentration levels equal <1 ppb

Pesticide product labels, Information on water use restrictions, including herbicide concentrations and lifting of restrictions, will be posted on the Chautauqua Lake Partnership website (http://chqlake.org/), or by contacting the Town or Village Clerks at the numbers or emails below. In addition, signs will be posted at public access sites around the Lake notifying users of the water use restrictions. When all water restrictions are lifted, posted signs will be removed.

For actual application dates and approved treatment areas, or to request a product label please contact Glenn Sullivan of Ready Scout, LLC at <u>GPS@ready-scout.com</u> or 908-310-8775, or your appropriate Town or Village Clerk's office during normal business hours. Notification of the application of the treatment will also be posted at public access points on each day of application.

In the event that you as a riparian owner or those individuals or entities to whom you have granted legal access rights (vested riparian users), have any objections to the proposed application or water use restrictions, please contact the NYSDEC in writing at the address below within 21 days of receipt of this notice. All comments must be in writing and objections must demonstrate that your use of the waterbody will be significantly affected (per the NYSDEC's policy). Lack of comment will be considered consent to the treatment and water use restrictions.

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If you wish further information about the proposed program, please contact:

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Town of Busti

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Town of Ellicott

Amy Bellardo, Clerk, (716) 665-5317 x202, ellicott@townofellicott.com

Village of Bemus Point

Brittany Mulkins, Clerk, (716) 386-4398, villageofbemuspoint@gmail.com

Village of Lakewood

Apryl Troutman, Clerk, (716) 763-8557 x202, troutman@lakewoodny.com

Village of Celoron

Shirley Sanfilippo, Clerk, (716)487-4175, celoron@netsync.net

The product label may be obtained from contacting Ready-Scout at GPS@ready-scout.com, or by pasting the following links into an internet browser:

https://www.ready-scout.com/product-label-info