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President's Letter 2024

Wow! Wildlife sighting reports are flooding in from neighbors. Minks are cavorting on docks on Rippowam and Oscaleta. Osprey are skimming Waccabuc's surface and then winging off with talons of fish. Snapping turtles lie bulky in the shallows. Herons high-step along the shores diligently searching, then fly off with slow-beating wings when disturbed. Resident bald eagles circle above. Painted turtles line up in a traffic jam along a sunny log. Swallows maneuver chasing insects or maybe just for joy. The bursting anticipation of spring gradually yields to the shimmering bliss of summer. All that life out there, amazing us when we take the time to see it. Based on all the reports, our lake residents do pay attention. What a wonderful and special community.

How calm and restful it is to spend time with our lakes. Lakes help make us resilient and able to deal with stressors. And we need to return the favor, to give them the ability to better cope with the challenges of climate change and pollution.

Last fall, scientists and academics revisited The Freshwater Imperative, looking at the "grand challenges" facing freshwater ecosystems. One recommendation was to accompany research with actions and policy. It's a good reminder that in our personal lives we need to take individual actions and also help others understand how important it is to care for our lakes.

This newsletter features photographs Claudia Aronow took around our lakes, another reminder of the beauty of our lakes and our need to protect them. As always, I'm buoyed by the enthusiasm and dedication of the many lake volunteers.



Photo by Don Fisher

The mission of the Three Lakes Council is to help **preserve and protect all of the lakes** so that the community can enjoy their beauty and recreational joy today and in the future. We continue to do research to uncover trends, the board continues to make decisions informed by science.

In this newsletter, dive a bit deeper into important projects around our lakes. Revisit our lake guidelines. Learn why it is so important to limit the addition of phosphorus to our lake ecosystem. Meet some of our volunteers and read their reports. Be reminded to pump out your septic system. Find how you can join the Three Lakes Council and reserve your place at our annual meeting on July 13.

While we are grateful for each and every donor, we want to give a special shout out to 73 donors who have contributed each of the last ten years. Thank you!

See you out on the lakes!

*Janet Andersen, President
Three Lakes Council*

Thanks - from the lakes and me!

I'm sure the lakes wish they could express their appreciation of all that the Three Lakes Council has done. I am grateful for the privilege of serving with so many dedicated 3LC board members. What a rewarding and educational experience it has been!

In the late 1960s, Dr. Peter Treyz stopped a resident from dumping a dangerous herbicide into Lake Oscaleta. That prompted the formation of the Three Lakes Council, and the lake stewardship it has been providing for 54 years.

In 1970, recognizing the need for an umbrella organization to protect and preserve all three of our interconnected lakes, the late Gladys Wolkoff and Wayne VanTassell organized the Three Lakes Council. At the first Board Meeting in 1971, Wayne was elected as President, and I became the Secretary.

The founders knew that human behavior was accelerating lake eutrophication via phosphorus. Therefore, the 3LC has always focused on science-based initiatives aimed at reducing the amount of phosphorus entering the lakes with initiatives that could be carried out within existing regulatory, and financial constraints. Two of them have had an especially positive impact on the lakes...

In 2002, the Board hired our first Lake Manager - limnologist Michael Martin of Cedar Eden. He produced a State of the Lakes report and a Lake Management Plan that included options for action.

In 2008, during Jack Sinnott's presidency, Allied Biological (ABI) conducted aquatic plant surveys on the lakes. They found a new invasive plant, Brazilian Elodea, in Waccabuc's north cove and the Brazilian Elodea Eradication Project (BEEP) began. Funds were raised to hire a suction harvesting company to remove vegetation from the cove, and Jan Andersen obtained the required permits. After 5 years of monitoring, ABI found no more Brazilian Elodea. BEEP



was declared a success because Brazilian Elodea was eradicated before it spread beyond control, a rare occurrence.

In 2013, Jan Andersen became 3LC President. Her well-informed leadership guided

Board decisions as it faced multiple new challenges. Jan has conducted CSLAP water testing on the lakes for years. Every day during the 2-month suction harvesting operation on Waccabuc, Jan and Lou Feeney monitored progress and provided hands-on assistance. She has authored countless newsletter articles and email postings. She created the 3LC Website - a treasure trove of interesting information, and a valuable archive of Newsletters and scientific reference material. And she arranged for Michael Martin's Lake Management Plan update. The depth and breadth of her knowledge and her strong work ethic are important to the implementation of every initiative.

I am grateful to Jan, and thrilled and relieved that Judy Hausman agreed to replace me as Secretary. I am confident that the Board's history of sensible decision making will continue going forward. And, since all initiatives depend on volunteer help, I hope that more folks will become involved and lend a hand to a project of interest.

*Jean Lewis
Outgoing Secretary*

Editors note: I asked Jean for a photo and some recollections of her long service as secretary, and as typical she downplayed her role. Jean's meticulous minutes and sage advice have been essential to the Council's success. Thank you, Jean!

Be a Good Lake Neighbor

Our lakes are special. We want to enjoy them – and we must share them as well. A few lake considerations will help everyone enjoy the lazy hazy crazy days of summer without disturbing our lake neighbors.

Please inform your guests of these rules and guidelines. Post this page for all visitors to see!

Noise



Sounds carry well across water. Please keep your voices

down and remember not everyone enjoys your musical preferences. This is especially true in evenings when other noises diminish.

Town law prohibits noisy motorized equipment from 7 pm to 8 am and all day Sunday. We encourage additional voluntary “quiet times” of late afternoons and evenings on summer Fridays and Saturdays.

Dogs



Town code requires dogs to be on a leash whenever not on the owner’s property. Dog

poop should be picked up and put in your own trash.

Geese and swans



Nice to look at, but please don’t feed them. It’s not good

for the waterfowl and it’s not good for our lakes!

Boating



Local customs supplement NYS and town

regulations in governing motor boat use on the three lakes. Learn the ropes!

Lewisboro Town law

Horsepower limits are 25 hp on Lake Waccabuc and 10 hp for Lakes Oscaleta and Rippowam.

Motor boats can be used between 8:30 a.m. and 1/2 hour after sunset. Skiing and tubing are allowed only between 10am and 4 pm, and both a spotter and a driver must be on the boat. The law requires motorboats to be operated in a safe and prudent manner.

New York laws

NY requires mandatory boat safety education for all motor boat operators born on or after January 1, 1993. Boats with an electric or gas motor should be registered with NYS.

Informal lake use guidelines

Boats at speed should not come within 100’ of a float or a dock. Coves are slow speed areas and boats should not tow anyone in those areas. That means no skiing or tubing in the Waccabuc coves!



Swimmers have the right of way, but common sense safe

swimming means staying within 100’ of shore, where boats should not operate at speed. You can also swim before 8:30 am, when motor boats should not be in use.

The channels that connect our lakes help make these lakes

special. Take care when entering, transiting, or exiting a channel.

Invasive species



Boats, fishing gear, and water toys are the most common

ways for invasive species to move from one lake to another. Please don’t take these items between waterbodies – but if you must, ensure you clean, drain, and treat them as required by law before bringing them to our lakes.

Please don’t release aquarium plants or animals, fish, or any leftover live bait into the lakes. Many of these are invasive and can spread and do harm.

Private property



Of course you can stop on a float if you have an emergency, but remember that

these lakes, docks, boats, and shores are all privately owned. This includes Castle Rock and Rippowam Farms!

Keep it clean!



Please don’t litter in the lake. Carry any recyclables and garbage off the lake

and properly dispose of it at home. Pick up fishing lures and lines as well.

New 3LC officers

Earlier this year, the 3LC board of directors elected a new vice president, secretary, and treasurer. Please welcome our new officers who are essential to our organization:

Vice President: Ron Tetelman
Treasurer: Nan Dale
Secretary: Judy Hausman

These new officers have been long time supporters and volunteers of the Three Lakes Council, and I am grateful to each of them for stepping into a new role with 3LC.

Outgoing officers: Grateful thanks to the outgoing officers who have served so diligently and wished to step down because of other demands on their time:

Peter Gross (VP since 2012),
Ellen Bailey (Treasurer since 2022),
Jean Lewis (Secretary almost every year since 1970).

Please express your best wishes to incoming and outgoing officers when you see these marvelous individuals around our lakes!

Cheers for our volunteers!

Our organization functions because of the dedication and efforts of volunteers. Some of the volunteers are officers and directors, very important jobs that keep us functioning. Others volunteer in a variety of very necessary but unsung ways – picking up trash, removing beaver debris from the channels, oiling goose eggs, offering photos for the newsletter, and organizing the annual potluck.

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Three Lakes Council 2024

Officers		Board Representatives	
President	Janet Andersen	Janet Andersen	President
Vice President	Ron Tetelman	Ellen Bailey	Perch Bay
Treasurer	Nan Dale	Nan Dale	Treasurer
Secretary	Judy Hausman	Linda Broudy	Waccabuc Landowners Council
		Peter Hall	Waccabuc Country Club
		Judy Hausman	Secretary
Committee Chairs		Doug Housman	Lake Waccabuc Association
Annual Meeting Potluck	K. Housman & R. Tetelman	Kevin Karl	At Large
Beaver Debris	David Petro	John Lemke	Lake Waccabuc Association
Boat Stickers	Jan Andersen	Jean Lewis	At Large
Clarity	Jonathan Peter & T Rajwer	Paul Lewis	Two Lake Club
Fish	Ron Tetelman	Jonathan Peter	South Shore Association
Lake Preservation	Paul Lewis	T Rajwer	Lake Oscaleta Association
Membership	Doug Housman	Bonnie Robins	Perch Bay Association
Preserve Patrol	John Lemke	Ron Tetelman	Lakeside Association
Preserve Trails	Kevin Karl		

State of the lakes in 2023 – our water quality scorecard

NYS DEC has changed the format of their CSLAP testing reports. The information for this scorecard was taken from the data. In 2023, all of our lakes had high levels of phosphorus and chlorophyll, which enabled algae growth. Water clarity was about typical for Waccabuc and Osaleta, and slightly worse on Rippowam.

Water quality indicators		Waccabuc		Osaleta		Rippowam	
		Typical Year	2023	Typical Year	2023	Typical Year	2023
Trophic Status	Phosphorus	Mesotrophic	Eutrophic	Mesotrophic	Eutrophic	Eutrophic	Eutrophic
	Chlorophyll	Mesotrophic	Eutrophic	Mesotrophic	Eutrophic	Eutrophic	Eutrophic
	Secchi	Mesotrophic	Mesotrophic	Mesotrophic	Mesotrophic	Mesotrophic	Eutrophic
Aquatic invasive species		Present		Present		Present	
Lake Perception		Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair

Aquatic plant growth trends.

With climate change, we have a longer growing season for lake plants. Warmer water increases plant metabolism. The results is increased weed and algae growth in our lakes.

Three Lakes Council hires a vendor to do plant surveys. We sample our lakes on alternate years. The most important reason to survey is to search for new invasives, and we are happy to report that **no new invasives were found** in 2023.

We sample the littoral zone, the shallow area around our lake shores where plants can grow. Fortunately, each of our lakes has a deeper area where plants don't grow, easing swimming.

At each plant sampling site, the type of plant and the density (trace, sparse, medium, dense) is recorded. Medium and dense densities are **nuisance** levels, and trace and sparse levels are **non-nuisance density**.

We summarize the plants into **floating** (like lilies) or **submersed** (like milfoil). Some year to year variability is normal.

Trends and Factors

While the overall coverage of plants on the lakes hasn't changed greatly, the trend is for

more locations to have plants at nuisance density. Watch your phosphorus to limit plant growth!

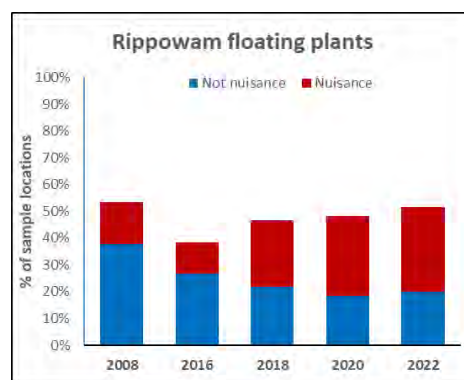
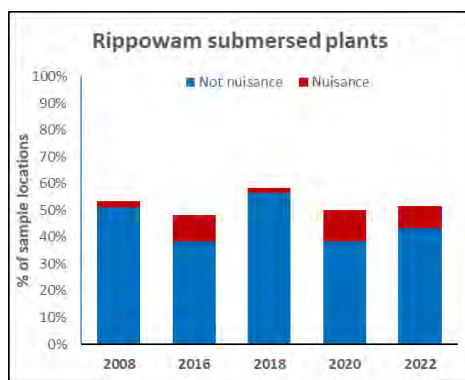
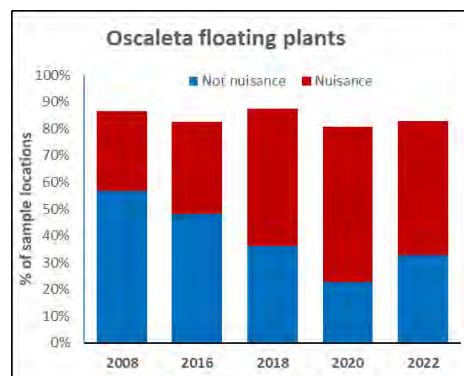
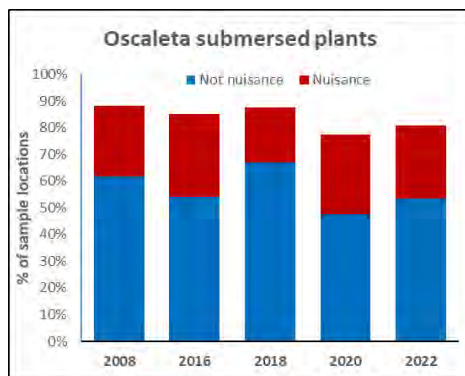
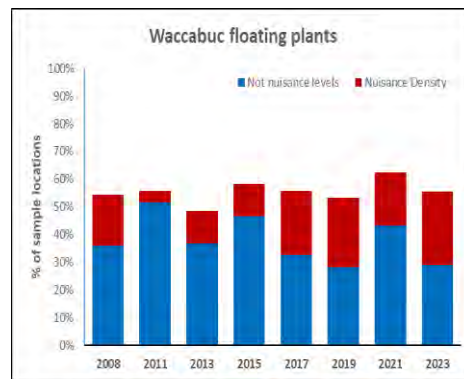
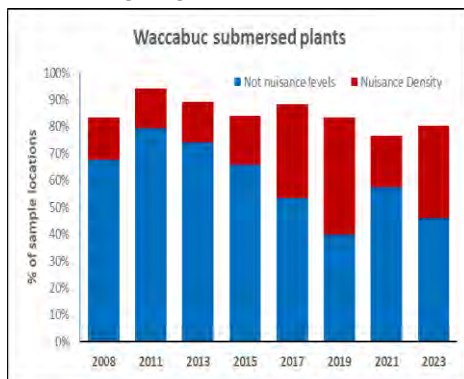




Photo of Blue Heron thanks to Claudia Aronow

Why phosphorus is so important

We talk about the need for phosphorus reduction actions often. Why? All living things need a mixture of elements in order to grow. Plants and algae in our lakes have plenty of the carbon and nitrogen they need to grow. In freshwater, generally the amount of growth is limited by the how much phosphorus is available. Adding a pound of phosphorus will allow the growth of 500 to 1100 pounds of plants and algae.

In our watershed, the sources of phosphorus are diverse and dispersed. The good news is that residents can take many actions to help reduce phosphorus entering our lakes.

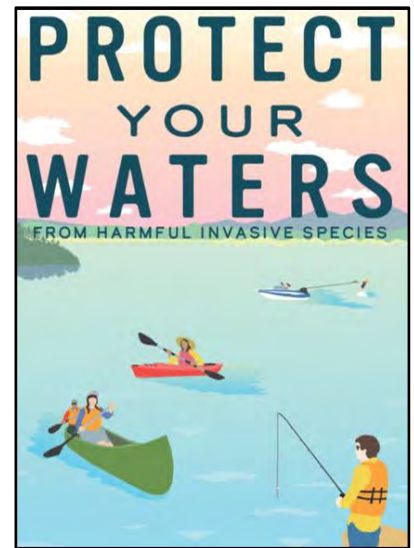
- Inspect your septic system regularly and pump often.

- Plant a buffer of native shrubs and ground cover between the lawn and the lake to slow runoff flow to the lake.
- Pick up after pets. Throw the poop in the trash.
- Add permeable areas and tall shrubs to your property to slow polluted runoff.
- Don't feed ducks, geese or other waterfowl.
- Limit use of fertilizers and pesticides. Use phosphorus-free fertilizers only.
- Plant or mulch all bare soil.
- Compost or mulch your leaves, and leave them lie in wooded areas.
- Support watershed actions that reduce phosphorus runoff.

Your actions to reduce the phosphorus inputs to our lakes will help keep our lakes clean and swimmable!

Join our Google Group!

Our Three Lakes Council email distribution allows us to send stewardship updates quickly. This is our best way to rapidly alert people if we spot harmful algal blooms in our lakes. If you aren't yet a member, send your name, lake address, and email address to threelakescouncil@gmail.com



Get Pumped! Septic, that is



The Three Lakes Septic Committee wants each home to pump their septic system as often as required by law. The law requires septic systems to be pumped once every five years. Experts agree that because of the soil conditions around our lake communities, we should pump our septic tanks every 2-3 years. The pumpers will also inspect the conditions of your tank.

This initiative has resulted in many people pumping out their tanks and becoming more aware of the importance of septic systems and phosphorus to our lake health.

Don't know who to call? A list of septic haulers is on our website: www.threelakescouncil.org See septic systems under the living on lakes tab.

We need everyone to be responsible for their homes and for their impact on the lakes.

Maintain your septic system to reduce pollution in our lakes.

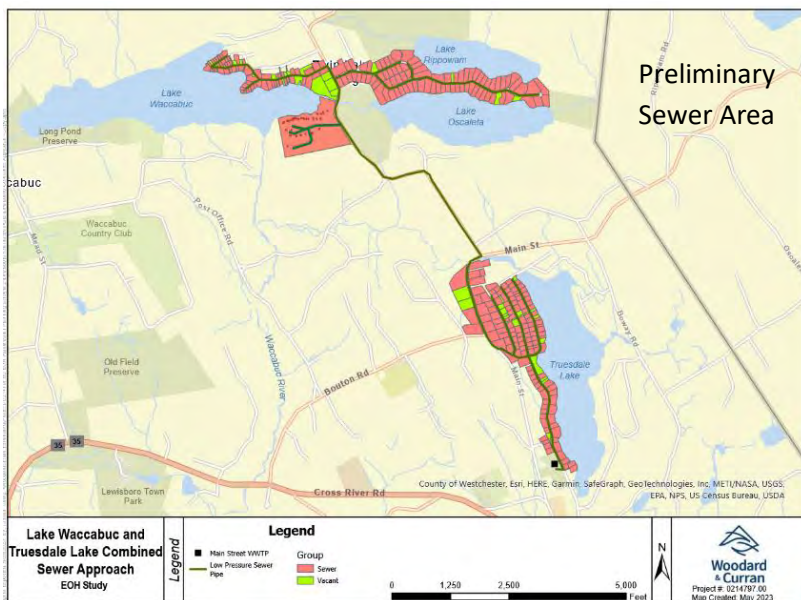
*Renee Goldstein and Nan Dale
Co-chairs, Septic Sub-committee*

Continued push for sewer proposal

A brief recap: In 2021, the town obtained grant funds for engineering studies on lakes Kitchawan, Truesdale, and Waccabuc. Study results pointed to failing and poorly functioning septic systems as a source of phosphorus pollution to our lakes – and, as you know, phosphorus enables growth of algae and aquatic plants. While

Oscata lakes. The wastewater treatment plant would be near the current recycling center and highway garage. A collection system will run from the homes, along the roads, to the wastewater treatment plant. After treatment, plant effluent would be discharged into the stream that flows out of Truesdale Lake.

Many steps remain before implementation. The town must be successful in two



well-sited and maintained septic systems can treat waste effectively, sewers, where affordable, will ensure that the waste is properly handled.

Initial wastewater solution

With a lot of input from community members, elected officials, and engineers, a preliminary sewer approach was established, sized based on anticipated funding availability of \$40M. The plan includes selected parcels on Truesdale, Waccabuc, Rippowam, and

different grants. The town will reapply for grants in 2024. Additional funding from Westchester County and NYCDEP needs to be approved. The plan requires approval by a host of permitting agencies. Homes that would be in the project must vote in favor.

The draft plan may change for many reasons, including funding availability. It is very exciting to see these proposals moving forward. Stay tuned for more updates.

Geese patrol perseveres!

In 2006, 88% of residents on the lakes told us that geese were a problem. Since geese poop an average of 92 times a day, we get it! And we got on it!

In 2007, volunteers for the Three Lakes Council began a goose management program to reduce geese nesting success. Since geese without goslings will fly off to greener pastures, this decreases the number of geese who stay on our lakes during their summer molt.

The geese team has oiled goose eggs on our lakes each spring since 2007. This volunteer team gets it done! As Peter Beardsley said, "The geese were, as usual, eager to see me and greeted me with their usual enthusiasm." Thanks to Peter and Lyn Beardsley and J. Durst on Waccabuc, and Chris and Rick Ferrarone on Rippowam for braving all the squawking!

Geese management remains an effective action with immediate and visible benefit to our lake users. Thanks geese patrol!



Photo of Merganser by Claudia Aronow

Boat stickers!



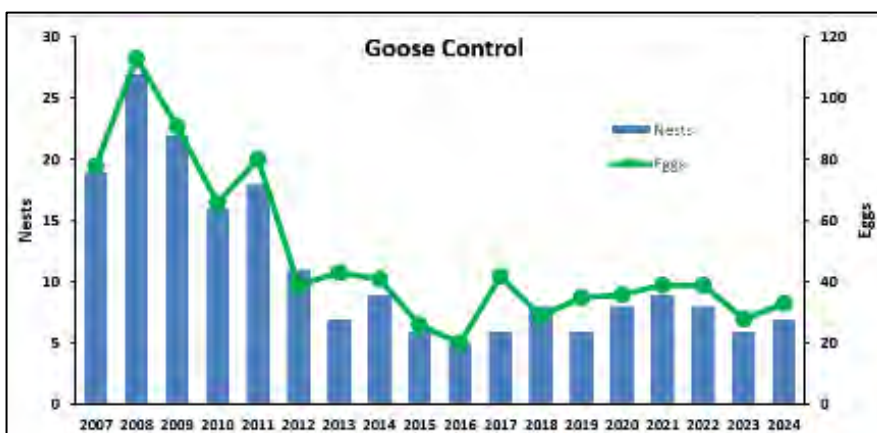
If your boat isn't sporting one of these snazzy boat stickers, you are missing out! And if your boat goes wandering, it could be missing too! Register boats : www.threelakescouncil.org/boats
Report found boats to threelakescouncil@gmail.com

Do not release fish or aquatic plants

Far too often, people spread invasive species to lakes and streams by dumping an unwanted aquarium into the waterbody. This can spread aggressive invasives like Brazilian elodea, hydrilla, mystery snails, and crayfish. Please only use native plant, fish, and snails in outside water gardens, since animals or heavy rainstorms can spread them. Some alternatives to releasing unwanted aquarium pets, fish, snails, or plants in our lakes include:

- Return them to a retailer for proper handling.
- Give them to a responsible aquarist or water gardener.
- Wrap unwanted aquatic plants in plastic bags and dispose in the trash

Thanks for helping to keep new invasive out of our lakes!



Tree (re)placement

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is today.

Recently, our community has lost many trees. Most mature ash trees were killed by the emerald ash borer. In addition, since trees cause about 50% of power outages, NYSEG has cut many roadside trees in order to improve power reliability. And all too often, people who move into a new house cut some of the trees, not recognizing their essential place in the landscape.

Trees are important in the ecosystem for many reasons, and more trees in the watershed can help improve the conditions of the lakes. Trees slow runoff after rains, stabilize soil, and moderate water temperatures. They also sequester carbon and provide habitat for insects, birds, and wildlife. Many of the mature trees around us have been here at least 75 years, and some specimen trees have been growing since the American revolution.

When planting trees, plant natives. Place them at least 10 feet from power lines. NYSEG suggests www.arboday.org for suggestions about the right tree to plant in the right place. If you must plant under a power line, consider shrubs that won't reach the lines or poles.

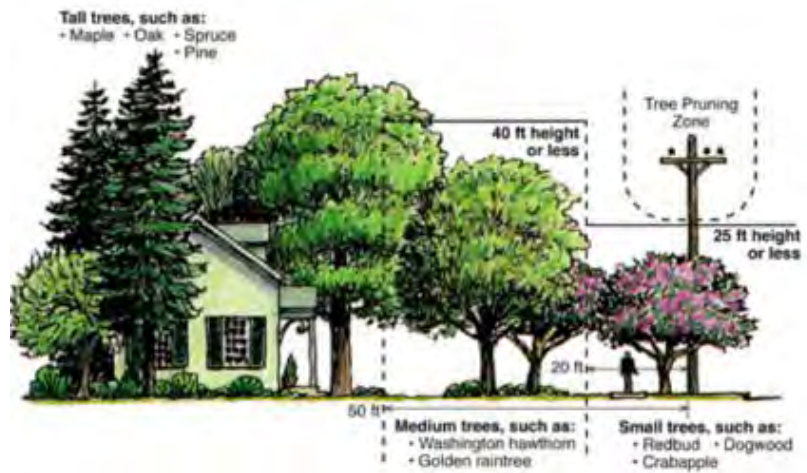


Photo of Hooded Merganser thanks to Claudia Aronow

Reduce hard surfaces to protect water quality

Hard surfaces like roads, roofs, patios, and driveways don't let water infiltrate into the ground. The more impervious surface you have, the more runoff – and the bigger the impact on water quality. Runoff carries polluted rainwater including phosphorus. Research shows the impact of impervious surface in a watershed on the water quality of the receiving waterbody.

Impact of impervious surface amounts on waterways	
% impervious	effect
up to 10%	protected
10% – 25%	impacted
above 25%	degraded

The lesson from these studies is that we should try to avoid adding impervious surfaces. Add beds of native plants, especially on slopes, to help slow the runoff from lawns and hard surfaces. This will also help capture phosphorus before it reaches our lakes.

Fish report 2024



Fishing in the Three Lakes so far this year has produced a good quantity of panfish, including crappie and perch, bass and pickerel . Mepps spinners, dardevles and rubber worms are working. As the weather continues to warm up you can expect bass fishing to pick up throughout the Three Lakes.

You may be interested to know that the stocking of trout will continue next spring as we observe how our stocking efforts are going.

Have fun out there and tight lines.

*Ron Tetelman
Fish Committee Chair*



Photo of Cormorant with fish thanks to Claudia Aronow

Care for the lakes by caring for your septic system

Septic system upkeep has for elements, according to the EPA:

- Pump frequently.
- Limit water use.
- Control what you flush.
- Respect the fields.

experts say older systems need pumping every 2 to 3 years.

Leaky appliances and dripping faucets can quickly overload the septic tank and sweep solids and scum out to the fields, affecting their performance. More water may carry phosphorus to our lakes. Spread out water use to extend the life of your septic fields.

Nothing but human waste and toilet paper should go down your toilet. Your septic system can't handle "flushable wipes".

Septic fields are an important part of the wastewater treatment process. Divert water away from the fields, and don't drive over them. Fields need air and function best when dry.

Our lakes will thank you for your attention to the septic system!

An infographic with a blue background and white text. At the top, it says "DO FLUSH" in large blue letters, followed by "The following can be flushed down the toilet." Below this is an icon of a roll of toilet paper labeled "Toilet paper". The middle section says "DO NOT FLUSH" in large blue letters, followed by "The following cannot go in the toilet as they can clog pipes and septic systems." Below this are ten icons, each with a red circle and a diagonal slash, representing items that should not be flushed: Paper towels, Cigarette butts, Disposable diapers, Wipes (Baby or flushable), Feminine hygiene products, Plastics, Medications, Cotton (Cotton swabs or balls), Dental floss, and Toxic Substances. At the bottom, it says "Dispose these items in the trash."

The system is inspected when a tank is pumped, an important step to ensure your system is operating properly. Our town law says pumping should occur at least every 5 years, but most

Treasurer's Report

Early in 2024, Ellen Bailey asked to step down from her role as 3LC Treasurer because of the increased demands on her time from her new position. Thank you, Ellen!

When the board asked me to become Treasurer I was glad to do so – so long as I could still be involved in the septic committee's important work.

Three Lakes Council remains in a good financial position. Our membership and donations were strong in 2023. Our 2023 income of \$59,491 was compared to 2022, boosted by \$3620 of interest.

The total expenses of our organization totaled \$35,215, about 9% lower than 2022 but still higher than our recent average annual spending. This meant that we are able to direct \$24,276 to future projects.

We try to ensure that our effort and spending matches the priorities of the Three Lakes Council. Accordingly, we look at our expenses by initiative, with gratitude for all the volunteer labor that supports many of these priorities (not reflected in the annual spending amounts.)

In 2023, our largest category of spending was for **stewardship**, where we spent \$9,674. In 2023 this included tree work and clearing the channel. This was about 27% of our spending.

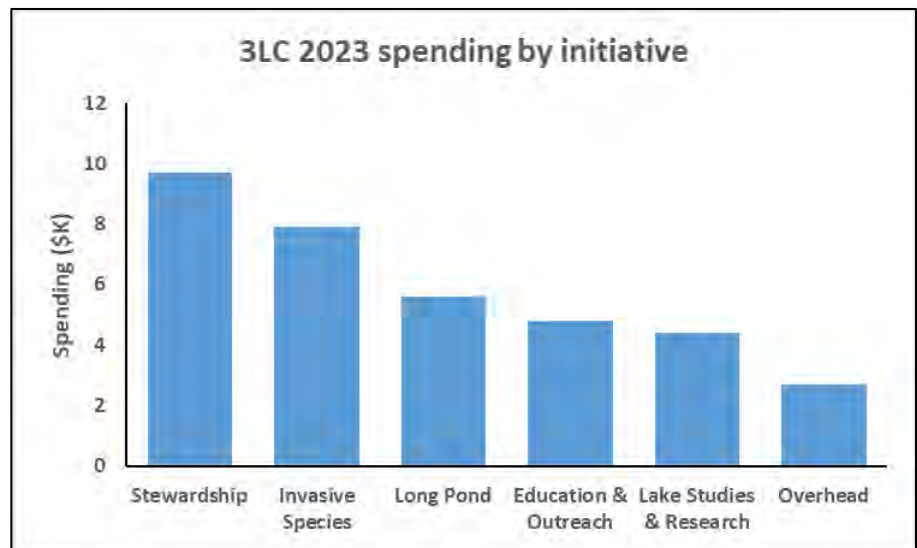
The second largest component of our 2023 spending was for control and detection of **invasive species**. The \$7,935 in this category includes mile-a-minute weevils for Long Pond Preserve and a plant survey on Waccabuc. This was 23% of our 2023 expenditures.

In addition to our general stewardship spending, we continue our investment in stewardship on **Long Pond Preserve**, so important to protecting the health of the lake. The

contribute to harmful algal blooms. At 13% of our 2023 spending, this remains a vital aspect of our mission.

Our newsletter, website, and stewardship postcard expenses support our **education and outreach** purpose. We spent \$4,842 in this category in 2023, about 14% of the total.

Overhead represents our spending on fundraising and business operational fees. In 2023 it was \$2,733, or 8% of our spending.



preserve requires on-going attention, and we spent \$5,613 in 2023, or 16% of our total expense. If we add the 2023 Long Pond stewardship expenses to our general stewardship category, it totaled 43% of our expenses for 2023.

We spent \$4,418 on **lake studies and research**. This includes fees to participate in CSLAP and expenses of extended season sampling. This helps us assess conditions that

Recognizing that we have successfully accumulated funds for future projects, the board agreed to invest some of our assets in safe certificates of deposits. This should provide additional interest income in the future.

Thanks once again to our donors. You make our work to maintain this beautiful lake environment possible.

*Nan Dale
Treasurer, Three Lakes Council, Inc
501 (c) (3) charitable organization*

Long Pond Preserve update

We welcome visitors to Long Pond Preserve. When you walk the trails of this beautiful nature preserve, you can appreciate the open wet meadow and the upland forest, and the creatures that visit and reside there. Trees planted along the stream keep the meanders from further intrusion into the meadow. They also provide additional habitat for insects, birds, and mammals.

Kevin Karl is our outstanding preserve trail steward. He has cut unsafe trees and is waging a battle against invasive phragmites. His bog bridges make the trail enjoyable even after heavy precipitation. Please follow posted rules to keep this as a welcoming site for others.

Three streams that cross the preserve have eroding banks and the sediment that is transported to Lake Waccabuc is a significant source of phosphorus pollution. The East of Hudson Watershed Corporation (EOHWC) has designed an approach for streambed stabilization which would dramatically reduce this phosphorus pollution. Currently, this project will only remediate one stream, and is on hold pending legal agreements with the town. We hope this project can move forward soon and will keep you informed.

Membership report

Here's where we talk about the very important people in the organization – our members! We wouldn't be here without you and your support. We take all the volunteer activities that provide stewardship for our lakes on behalf of our members.

We appreciate your confidence in our organization, expressed by your membership and donations. Established in 1970, the Three Lakes Council's mission is to protect and preserve our lakes. We are grateful for every donor, and especially to those who contribute above the minimum membership level. We're delighted that almost 2/3 of our donors contribute over \$55. We also appreciate those who give year after year: those who have given for each of the last 10 years are noted on the 2023 membership list. Thank you all!

Last year our membership dropped slightly to 218. We

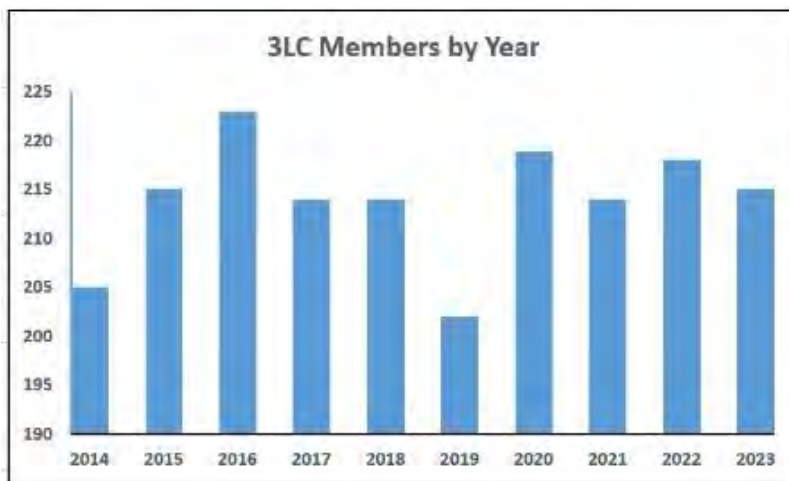
send this newsletter to about 450 homes. We urge those of you who haven't yet joined to do so. With more members, our voice is stronger with the town and with regulatory agencies. And your support will enable us to continue our stewardship of our wonderful lakes.

You can sign up by sending in the membership form on page 14. If you'd prefer, you can donate online through the PayPal giving fund. Please give your name so we can acknowledge your donation. You can donate at this link: <https://www.paypal.com/us/fun/draiser/charity/1371034> or you can use the QR code below to access the same donation page.



If you haven't already done so, please consider joining or renewing in 2024. We can't do it without you.

*Doug Housman
Membership Chair*



Thank you to all our 2023 members and ♥ to those who joined each of the past 10 years! t

Stephen & Betty Ackilli
Ellen Adrian ♥
Susanne & Harry Ainsworth
Mimi & Barry Alperin ♥
Janet Andersen ♥
Steven & Robin Angelilli
Susan Annar
Anonymous
Claudia Aronow
Ellen & John Bailey ♥
Deborah Baker ♥
Eugene Balbir
Gwen Higgins & Bernard Baldwin
Timothy & Katryn Barefield
Peter & Lyn Beardsley ♥
Nicole Heney & Jacob Berkowitz
Elaine Berman ♥
Neal & Karen Blum
Patricia Bobletz
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Ongoing 3LC Activities:

- Scientific research
- Informational website
- Annual newsletter
- Educational seminars & walks
- Stewards of Long Pond Preserve
- Boat registration stickers
- Implement management plan
- Water quality monitoring
- Algae identification
- Aquatic plant surveys
- Wildlife management
- Invasive species monitoring
- Harmful algal bloom alerts
- Group email communications
- Respond to resident inquiries

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Make checks payable to Three Lakes Council and mail to

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THREE LAKES COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK

Saturday, July 13, 2024 – 6:30 PM to 9 PM

Location: Waccabuc Country Club Beach

Rain location: Waccabuc Country Club Carriage House (90 Mead Street)

Menu: Appetizers, filet mignon, chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, beer, wine, soda and your “pot luck” contributions of salads and dessert

Admission:

Free for families who have paid the \$55 annual membership.

Guests and non-members are welcome at \$25 per person.

Reservations are critical to our planning process. If you will attend, please let us know by July 8. Fill out the response form and mail it to:

Three Lakes Council, P.O. Box 241, South Salem, NY 10590

or send an email with the information to ThreeLakesCouncil@gmail.com

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Potluck reservation form

Name _____

Local address _____

Mailing address if different _____

e-mail _____

phone _____

I will bring: salad for 8 _____ or dessert for 8 _____ (please check one)

Number of members attending picnic: _____

Family membership (if not already paid) @ \$55 \$ _____

Adult guests # _____ @ \$25 \$ _____

Total \$ _____



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