



**SPRING &  
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2009**

# THE 'SHED SHEET



*Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy*

## CWC MOVES FORWARD WITH CONSERVATION

### *CWC Seeks to Conserve 25-Acre Goose Creek Wetland Site on Lake*

The Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy is pleased to announce that it has entered into a contract to **purchase the Goose Creek wetland site** between Route 394 and Chautauqua Lake (between Ashville Bay Marina and Goose Creek). This site is of the highest conservation value to the lake and to fish and wildlife and possesses 19 acres of wetlands with 500 feet of lakeshore and over 3,000 linear feet of the west side of Goose Creek. The lake in front of this site is one of the most important bird habitats on Chautauqua Lake, with its abundant plant beds providing food and the moving creek waters keeping this area ice-free and available for waterfowl use for extended periods when the rest of the lake is ice covered. CWC has one year to complete this purchase and has been awarded grant funding for 25% of the project cost to date.



*CWC has the Goose Creek wetland site under contract for conservation.*

The CWC is also pleased to announce that it is making significant fundraising progress towards conserving a lakeshore forest parcel in Wells Bay. CWC has raised 60% of the cost of completing the Wells Bay project and, despite the most challenging economic times in decades, has raised \$346,000 toward its *Last Mile Campaign* over the past year! We encourage you help us meet our fundraising goals to complete these important conservation projects by summer 2010!

## CWC RECEIVES LAND DONATION



*Executive Director John Jablonski (left) and donor Allan Hendrickson at CWC's Fairmount Avenue preserve.*

The Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy recently received a donation of land from area resident Allan Hendrickson in memory of his late son, Randy Allan Hendrickson. This 1.8-acre parcel of land is located behind Fairmount Plaza (in West Ellicott, across from Sam's Club) and adjoins the 14 acres of land that CWC acquired there in December 2008 through a New York State Department of Environmental Conservation grant facilitated by NYS Senator Cathy Young. The now 15.8 acre forested nature preserve contains numerous springs and a wetland floodplain stream corridor and will be **named after Randy Allan Hendrickson**. CWC plans to erect signage and construct a small parking area on the preserve some time this summer. Many thanks go out to Allan for his generosity! ❁

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The 'Shed Sheet is a quarterly publication of the Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization founded in 1990 whose mission is to preserve and enhance the water quality, scenic beauty and ecological health of the lakes, streams and watersheds of the Chautauqua region by promoting best land management practices and conserving local, undeveloped shoreline and wetland areas. All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

## A Message from the President

by Arthur D. Webster

Dear Friends,

As we enter the summer season and ramp up our enjoyment of the lake, we do so in the midst of the most difficult economic climate many of us can remember. All of the organizations around the lake that exist to work for the betterment of the lake and the watershed are feeling the pressures of decreased financial support by the public. The CWC is no exception.

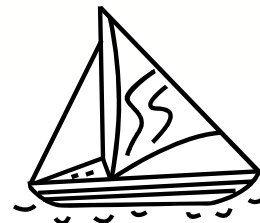
In times like these it is a great temptation for not-for-profit organizations like CWC to become timid and to shy away from the more challenging aspects of their core missions. When organizational survival becomes the goal of an organization, chances are great that it will not survive. A not-for-profit like the CWC must be mission-driven. It is the commitment to and pursuit of our core mission that give us our focus and energy. The mission statement of the CWC says that we exist "to preserve and enhance the water quality, scenic beauty, and ecological health of the lakes, streams, and watersheds of the Chautauqua region."

At a recent meeting, the CWC Board of Directors voted to focus our efforts for 2009 on the following five priorities to help us carry out that mission:

- 1. Lakeshore Conservation and Enhancement.** CWC will continue to work to conserve the last natural shoreline sites on Chautauqua Lake. We will also work to provide technical assistance and limited financial help to waterfront landowners so they can construct buffer zones on their properties.
- 2. Watershed Education for Pollution Prevention.** CWC will use *The 'Shed Sheet*, presentations, website, radio ads and other media to encourage watershed residents, businesses, organizations and governments to manage the watershed according to best management practices.
- 3. Watershed Stream Corridor, Wetland and Headwater Forest Conservation.** CWC will cultivate and pursue opportunities to help landowners who live along streams to provide buffer strips and other stream bank stabilization methods.
- 4. Preserve access improvements.** CWC will continue to develop ways to make the use of *your* preserves more enjoyable through improved parking and signage.
- 5. Collaboration.** CWC will, along with the Chautauqua Lake Association, the Chautauqua Lake Management Commission and other organizations, work to develop a comprehensive lake and watershed management plan.

These priorities will help to focus the energy and efforts of the Board of Directors.

As always, however, we can do nothing without you and your support. We are grateful for your help and involvement, and we look forward to working together with you to improve the health of the lake and our watershed. We have a talented and dedicated Staff and Board of Directors, and we can be grateful to them for all of their hard work. Thank them when you see them this summer!



## *A Message from the Executive Director*

by John Jablonski III



### *Conservation Can't Wait!*

I am pleased to report that, despite very tight funding over the past year, CWC has made much progress to conserve important watershed lands. Last year at this time, CWC embarked on the *Last Mile Campaign* to conserve a number of shore land sites. Given the state of the economy, however, CWC realistically scaled back the short-term objectives of the campaign to focus on funding for the Wells Bay Lakeshore Forest site and Goose Creek wetlands site. But, until all of the necessary funds are committed for these two sites, CWC cannot commit to additional shore land projects.

### *Why is it so important to conserve remaining natural shore lands on our lakes?*

Ecologically speaking, it is where the action is—the transition zone of land and water that provides for a concentration of species. There is good food, cover, shelter and the most important need for all life—water. These are the fish spawning



*With its rare remnant moist forest, stream and small forested wetlands, the Wells Bay Lakeshore Forest site is one of the last remaining natural shoreline sites on Chautauqua Lake.*

and nursery areas, the waterfowl nesting areas, the homes for mink, beavers, muskrats, turtles, frogs, snakes and maybe even again for Osprey and eagles... the places that muskies can still successfully reproduce, feed and grow. It is also where the action is as habitat for humans. We want to be there too! The Watershed Characterization Report developed by Bergman Associates as part of the Chautauqua Lake Watershed Management Plan shows that almost half of the entire year-round population of the Chautauqua Lake watershed is concentrated in the south basin periphery area (i.e., West Ellicott and Busti/Lakewood) and that 59% of the watershed population lives in the north and south basin periphery areas. Most of the watershed's urban development is concentrated in the shore lands, and this urban development of lawns and grounds has consumed 90% of the shoreline! **This means that we have lost 90% of shoreline habitat, one of our most important ecological habitats in the watershed!**

To date, the State of NY and CWC have conserved about 5% of the lake's shoreline as natural habitat. We need to save that remaining 5% of shoreline for wildlife habitat and the scenic beauty that makes our living and vacationing experiences here something special to us and people from all over the world.

Perhaps it was best said in Cottage Life's publication *The Shore Primer*: "the waterfront is...a lake's lungs, doormat, cafeteria and daycare—a living retaining wall for the shore. It's a sophisticated ecosystem that serves as the 'glue' holding a shoreline together, through roots and foliage. It's also a zone where contaminants from land can be filtered, where fish can lay their eggs and where smaller critters can hide out." **What remnants of shoreline habitat remain are priceless from an ecological perspective!** Once developed, the complex multi-tiered community of life that exists in this land-water interface, which took thousands of years to develop, cannot be re-created! **For the health of the lake and our region's economy, we need to package the will and resources to conserve the best of the last 5% of undeveloped lake shoreline!**

### *You Can Help!*

The CWC and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County are seeking property owners who want to enhance their shorelines for water quality protection and habitat. Are you part of an association or entity that owns lakeshore property and may want to explore the steps toward restoring watershed functions to your property? If so, please contact CWC to arrange a site visit or presentation to your association. In closing, I send my sincerest thanks to each of you who has chosen to support CWC's conservation work despite the economic uncertainty we all currently face. CWC's conservation projects couldn't keep moving forward without your help! I hope to see each of you soon at one of our many summer events. Have a great summer! ❁

*John Jablonski III*

## **County-Funded Lake & Waterways Projects Underway**

The County Legislature allocated \$130,000 to the Chautauqua Lake Management Commission (CLMC) for 2009, and the Legislature made its first project allocations from its new 2% occupancy tax (“bed tax”), “which by law is to be dedicated solely to the enhancement and protection of the lakes and streams of Chautauqua County.”

The CLMC is working with a \$429,161 budget for 2009, including allocations for ongoing projects. Projects proposed for 2009 include development of a watershed management plan, erosion control demonstration projects, shoreline maintenance (subcontracted to the Chautauqua Lake Association), stream bank willow planting, stream bank restoration projects at Goose and Dewittville Creeks, watershed education (subcontracted to a partnership of the Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County), and plant and invertebrate studies as part of a Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Plan. Bergman Associates/Academy of Natural Sciences have begun working on the Chautauqua Lake Watershed Management Plan. The Academy of Natural Sciences was also selected to undertake storm water, flooding and erosion studies of Dewittville and Crescent Creeks.

The CLMC is preparing a Request for Proposals for a consultant to assist the CLMC to develop a Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Plan, which will supplement the Watershed Plan. The CLMC’s regular meetings are open to the public and held the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in room 331/333 of the Gerace Office Building in Mayville. A draft Watershed Characterization for the Watershed Management Plan under development will soon be available at <http://gis.bergmannpc.com/ChautauquaLakeWatershed/documents.html>. The first public meeting on the development of this plan was held on May 13th. The next public input meeting on potential watershed management strategies proposed for this plan is tentatively scheduled for the second week in August. Work will also soon begin on a study of Goose and Dutch Hollow Creeks and investigating the feasibility of dredging as a lake improvement strategy.

On February 4th, the Chautauqua County Legislature allocated projected revenues from the 2009 Waterways Occupancy Tax program. The Legislature authorized a “Waterways Panel” subcommittee of the County Water Quality Task Force to develop criteria, accept applications and prioritize projects based upon their water quality pollution control impact. Here is the project funding list as approved by the Legislature:

Organization/Agency	Project	Amount Designated
CLMC/Chautauqua Co. Soil & Water Conserv. District	Goose Creek Stream Bank Stabilization	\$ 22,150
Lighthouse Point Corporation & Association	Lt. House Pt. Shoreline Restoration & Landscap.	\$ 10,000
CLMC/Chautauqua Co. Soil & Water Conserv. District	Dewittville Creek Stream Bank Stabilization	\$ 38,650
Chaut County Soil & Water Conservation District	Bachelor Hill Road Ditch Stabilization	\$ 6,250
Findley Lake Nature and Wildlife Education Center	Findley Lake Small Island Restoration	\$ 33,000
Chautauqua Lake Management Commission (CLMC)	Watershed Technical Services (county-wide)	\$ 25,000
Maple Springs Improvement Committee, Inc. (MSIC)	Maple Springs Shoreline Preservation	\$ 48,375
Chautauqua County Soil & Water Conservation Dist.	Darby Switch Road Stream Bank Stabilization	\$ 39,000
CLMC, SWCD, Village Lakewood, Cornell Coop. Ext.	Lakewood Beach Storm Water Mngt Demonst	\$ 15,000
Town of Busti	Shadyside Rd Debris Basin/Constr. Wetland	\$ 49,400
Town of Ellicott	Green Street Storm Water & Erosion Control	\$ 50,000
Town of North Harmony & CLMC	Cheney’s Pt. Debris Trap/Constructed Wetland	\$ 40,000
Town of North Harmony & CLMC	Stow Area Storm Water Quality Treatment	\$ 38,175
City of Dunkirk	Inner Harbor Weed Control	\$ 10,000
		\$ 425,000

The ranking criteria used by the Waterways Panel were as follows: water quality benefits (15%), ecological benefits (15%), erosion and sedimentation control benefits (15%), implementability (15%), partnerships and project leveraging (15%), relative cost to benefits (10%), recreational and educational benefits (5%) and other benefits (10%). If you have a serious erosion or other water pollution problem and would like to explore developing a conservation project which might be eligible for future funding, please contact County Watershed Coordinator Rick Constantino at 661-9815 or SWCD District Manager Dave Wilson at 664-2351.



## **Host a Cottage Meeting This Summer!**

The Conservancy invites you to get your neighbors together for a cottage meeting with the CWC. We ask you to invite the CWC and your neighbors into your home or onto your deck to:

- Learn what you can do as individual lakeshore or watershed property owners to reduce runoff, nutrients and topsoil reaching the lake
- Learn the steps your neighborhood or association can take to collectively reduce storm water runoff and control the factors fueling lake algae and plant growth
- Learn about conserving and re-establishing lakeshore buffer vegetation
- Learn more about the Conservancy's programs and conservation initiatives
- Discuss lake issues and get questions answered
- Encourage your friends and neighbors to support these conservation initiatives



This is a great way for you and your neighbors to get involved in helping the lake! For more information on scheduling a cottage meeting in your home or neighborhood, please contact Robin Turnquist at the Conservancy office at (716) 664-2166 from 1:30 to 5:00 PM or at [robin@chautauquawatershed.org](mailto:robin@chautauquawatershed.org).



CWC's PR/Development Consultant Robin Turnquist and CWC Director Bob Lannon celebrated Earth Day 2009 at Jamestown Community College's annual "Earthfest," which was sponsored by the JCC Earth Awareness Club.

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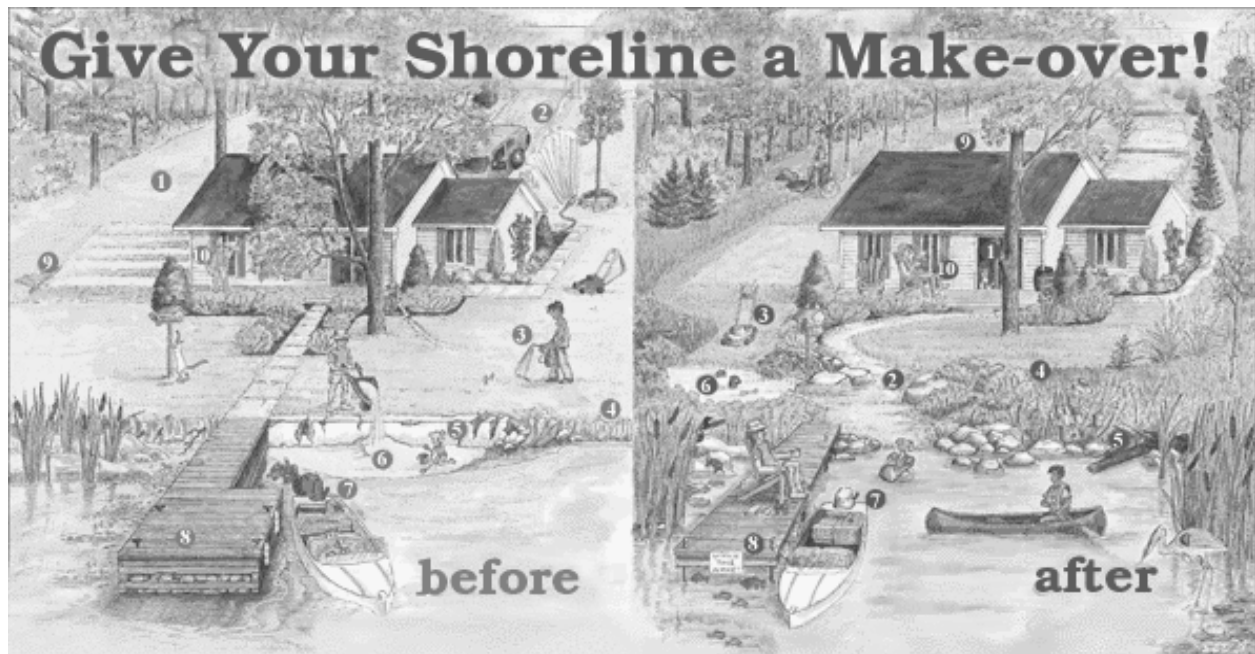


JCC Professor/CWC Director Becky Nystrom (center) identifies one of many wildflowers seen during CWC's annual Wildflower Walk held in May. Ornithologist/CWC Director John Rappole was also on hand to identify any birds seen during the Walk. More than 40 people attended the event!

## **US Army Corps Issues Draft Reconnaissance Report**

In March, officials representing Chautauqua County and scientists and staff representing the Chautauqua Lake Association and Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy met with US Army Corps of Engineers officials from the Pittsburgh District to review and comment on the Corps' *Draft Reconnaissance Report, Aquatic Control Program, Chautauqua Lake, NY*, which examined five aquatic control options for Chautauqua Lake: 1) No action, 2) Mechanical methods (harvesting), 3) Biocontrol (insects, etc.), 4) Aquatic herbicides, 5) Benthic barriers (bottom-covering mats). This report, funded through the assistance of US Senator Charles Schumer (NY), is the second step in a four-step process: 1) Initial Appraisal (completed), 2) Reconnaissance Phase (transmitted to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for approval), 3) Feasibility Phase/detailed study report (to be cost shared 50/50), and 4) Control Actions (implementation – cost shared). The next phase, a feasibility/detailed study report, if pursued with federal and local funding, would incorporate information generated in the Chautauqua Watershed Management Plan and Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Plan commissioned by the County and would be intended to lead to a federally-funded, cost-shared aquatic management program with the Army Corps of Engineers. The Corps anticipates releasing the final version of the Reconnaissance Report later this year.



before

1. Cleared, manicured lot: lacks shade and privacy, loss of native plants leads to more erosion and runoff...and work for you!
2. Runoff—flows over solid surfaces accelerating erosion; pollutants and excess silt degrade habitat for aquatic life.
3. Chemical fertilizers and pesticides—degrade water quality, are hazardous to your health, can be deadly for fish and other wildlife.
4. Lawn to the waters edge—lacks deep roots required to stabilize bank.
5. Hardened shoreline—can deflect erosion downstream, eliminates “natural filtering” of pollutants and sediment, degrades habitat.
6. Artificial beach—requires ongoing sand replacement, reduces water quality, degrades aquatic habitat.
7. Old 2-stroke engine—dumps 25-40% of uncombusted fuel into water and air.
8. Solid crib dock—destroys aquatic habitat, alters currents, can deflect erosion downstream.
9. Malfunctioning septic system—allows phosphorus and bacteria to leach into adjacent waterways.
10. Harmful household chemicals and cleaners—damage septic system and degrade water quality.

after

1. Prune trees rather than removing them; plant low maintenance native trees and shrubs to reduce erosion and absorb runoff.
2. Replace solid surfaces with porous materials where possible; redirect runoff into settling areas, away from the water’s edge.
3. “Mow it and let it lie” — leave grass 8cm (3”) high to retain moisture, mulch clippings for fertilizer.
4. Start a buffer—leave some grass uncut along the water’s edge,; restore with deep rooting native plants.
5. “Soften” your shoreline—improve erosion protection with native trees, shrubs, grasses and aquatic plants.
6. Create a “dry land” beach above the high water mark; let imported sand erode away naturally and native plants grow back.
7. Use a well maintained electric motor or a 2 or 4-stroke engine that meets or exceeds EPA 2006 guidelines.
8. Remove solid dock—try a pipe, cantilever or floating dock, avoid treated wood; use public access where possible.
9. Replace and properly maintain your septic system—consult an expert.
10. Use environmentally-friendly products or alternatives like baking soda and vinegar.

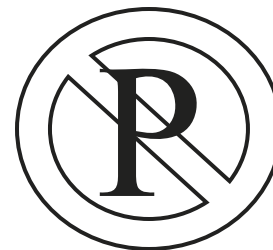
## **Reminder ~ Don't "P" in the lake this summer!**


With the arrival of warmer weather, many people are thinking about landscaping their yards. If you are one of the few people who need to use fertilizers in your yard, you can help reduce the amount of phosphorus (P) entering area waterways by using phosphorus-free fertilizers. You can also do so by using phosphorus-free automatic dishwasher detergents. Phosphorus from these products can enter area waterways and, as a result, promote algae and bacteria blooms and weed growth there. **Just one pound of phosphorus can produce 1,100 pounds of algae in our lake!**

This fact has gotten the attention of NYS Governor David Paterson, who recently submitted a bill to the NYS legislature which would ban the sale of automatic dishwashing detergents containing more than a trace of phosphorus and would discourage the sale of lawn fertilizers containing more than a trace of phosphorus. CWC and the Chautauqua Lake Association have both passed resolutions supporting the enactment of this legislation. Senators Carl Levin (D-Michigan) and George Voinovich (R-Ohio) have also introduced legislation in the US Senate to limit phosphorus in automatic dishwasher detergents.

Brands of phosphorus-free automatic dishwashing detergent include:

<i>Amway</i>	<i>Method</i>	<i>Seventh Generation</i>
<i>Biokleen</i>	<i>Mrs. Meyers</i>	<i>Shaklee</i>
<i>CitraDish</i>	<i>Palmolive (eco+)</i>	<i>Sun &amp; Earth</i>
<i>Earth Friendly Products</i>	<i>Planet</i>	<i>Trader Joe's</i>
<i>Ecover</i>	<i>President's Choice</i>	

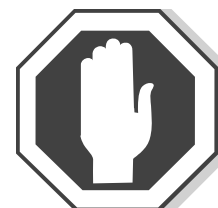


Phosphorus-free automatic dishwashing detergents can be found locally at Wegmans, Quality Markets, WalMart, Tops, KMart, Lakewood Apothecary, Lighthouse Grocery and Shaklee and Amway suppliers. Phosphorus-free lawn fertilizers can be found locally at Mike's Nursery, Red Brick Farm, Brigiotta's Farmland Stores and the Chautauqua County Soil & Water Conservation District. If your favorite supermarket, nursery or store doesn't carry phosphate-free automatic dishwashing detergents or fertilizers, why not ask them to? Have you found a brand of phosphorus-free automatic dishwasher detergent or a local business selling phosphorus-free dishwashing detergents or lawn fertilizers that is not on our list? Let us know at [info@chautauquawatershed.org](mailto:info@chautauquawatershed.org). 

### **Help Stop Aquatic Invaders!**

Help stop the spread of invasive aquatic species to Chautauqua Lake! Invasive aquatic species are non-native plants, animals and/or other organisms which, when introduced into a new ecosystem, can threaten the biodiversity of, functions of and human use of that new ecosystem. They can also adversely affect human health and local economies. You can prevent the introduction of these "invaders" by not transporting water, animals or plants from one body of water to another by performing the following tasks each time you leave a body of water:

- **DRAIN** water from all equipment (boats, motors, trailers, bilges, live wells, bait containers, etc.)
- **REMOVE** any mud or plant/animal material from all equipment, including fishing poles/tackles
- **DISCARD** any removed materials in a trash receptacle away from the lake
- **DISPOSE** of unused/unwanted bait in a trash receptacle away from the lake
- **RINSE** boats and other equipment with tap water (preferably hot and/or high pressure) or **DRY** for at least 5 days before using in another body of water
- **DON'T RELEASE** plants, fish/bait, animals or water into a body of water unless they originally came out of that body of water



## *Tips to Keep Your Yard Healthy & the Lake Clean*

How we manage our yards is important to the water quality of our area waterways. A healthy yard can help filter pollutants and reduce or eliminate runoff that can carry soil and other contaminants into area waterways, including Chautauqua Lake. Here are some easy ways for you to have a healthy yard and also help protect the Lake:

### **Mowing your lawn**

- ◆ Keep your mower blades sharp. Dull mow blades tear and wound grass instead of cutting it. Torn grass loses 30% more water, thus requiring more frequent watering, and wounds allow disease to more easily enter the grass.
- ◆ Only trim your grass to a height of 3 inches or higher.
- ◆ Taller grasses are healthier overall because they are able to grow a deeper and healthier root system and because their height helps shade out weeds. They also cool the surface of the soil, which ultimately reduces water loss from the soil as well as the amount of competition from weeds.
- ◆ Shorter grasses and small root systems leave your lawn more susceptible to drought, weeds and insects, and require more frequent fertilization.



### **Grass Clippings**

- ◆ After mowing, leave grass clippings on the lawn. Grass clippings are 80% water, 10% fiber, and 10% contains the same elements found in a balanced fertilizer. Grass clippings rapidly decompose and will recycle their nutrients right back into your lawn. Removing them significantly increases your lawn's fertilization needs. Use a mulching mower to remove the aesthetic desire to bag up clippings.

### **Fertilizing**

- ◆ Over-fertilization leads to excess plant and algae growth in the lake. For most yards, the only time fertilizer is needed is when new grass seed is planted.
- ◆ If you feel you must improve your lawn, contact Cornell Cooperative Extension (664-9502) to get it tested and see what chemicals it really needs.
- ◆ If phosphorus and pH levels are adequate in the soil, nitrogen is the most important nutrient to enhance grass growth. Select a slow-release fertilizer where at least half of the nitrogen is water insoluble (check the label).



### **Spray Insecticides & Pesticides Sparingly**

- ◆ When using pesticides, use a hand-held spray container and individually treat weeds rather than doing an all-over application.
- ◆ Never use insecticide unless the problem justifies the usage — 75% of lawn insecticide applications in New York State are unnecessary or ineffective.
- ◆ Avoid the use of combination “weed and feed” products. One treatment of herbicide or pesticide will generally keep the targeted weed or insect population below threshold damage levels for two or more years.

### **Rain Gutters & Driveways**

- ◆ Direct rain gutters onto your lawn. Not only does it reduce runoff, but it also waters your lawn.
- ◆ Driveways should drain towards the lawn rather than into the street to minimize runoff.

### **Landscaping**

- ◆ Select native plants — they require less water and fertilizer and are more disease-resistant.
- ◆ Avoid over-watering your yard — most lawns only need one inch of rain per week.
- ◆ Use mulch around trees and plants to help retain water, reduce weeds and minimize the need for pesticides.



### **Repair Damage**

- ◆ Quickly repair lawn damage — reseed thin or damaged areas in order to keep weeds from invading those areas and to minimize soil erosion.





## Upcoming Summer Events



FRIDAY, JULY 10th  
8:30—9:30 am

**Morning Watershed Walk—Cheney Farm Lakeshore.** Meet at the Viking Trader on Route 430 in Bemus Point for an approximate one-mile moderate hike. Wear shoes/boots for possible muddy conditions. Refreshments provided by the Viking Trader at the store at the end of the walk. (Please RSVP by Wednesday, July 8th.)

SUNDAY, JULY 12th  
3:00—5:30 pm

**Member Appreciation Event—“Dobbins’ Woods Open House”** Join us for refreshments, hors d’oeuvres, fellowship and nature at the Dobbins’ Woods preserve located on Bly Hill Road, ½ mile west of Route 394, Ashville. (Turn at Candle Escent.)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15th  
6:15—8:30 pm

**Outlet Paddling Tour**—Guided by CWC Director/ornithologist John Rappole and co-hosted by Evergreen Outfitters. Bring your own canoe/kayak or rent one from Evergreen (boat reservations are \$25 and due by July 8th). Meet at McCrea Point, Jones & Gifford Avenues, Celoron.

THURSDAY, JULY 23rd  
6:30—8:00 pm

**Goose Creek & Wells Bay Site Tours**—Meet at Hogan’s Hut in Stow for a guided tour of two of CWC’s future preserve sites.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2nd  
5:00—7:30 pm

**Annual Meeting/Dinner** at Webb’s Captains Table in Mayville. Guest speaker Dr. Jerry V. Mead, Section Leader, Watershed and Systems Ecology Section, Academy of Natural Sciences, will speak on the importance of lakeshore and streamside habitats to healthy waters. Dr. Mead is part of the team preparing the Chautauqua Lake Watershed Management Plan and investigating erosion and sedimentation issues on Dewittville and Crescent Creeks on behalf of the Chautauqua Lake Management Commission. Buffet dinner \$40 per person. (Registration/payment no later than Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>.)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9th  
1:30-3:00 pm

**Goose Creek Site Tour**—Meet at Hogan’s Hut in Stow for a guided tour of one of CWC’s future preserve sites led by CWC Director/JCC Biology Professor Becky Nystrom.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14th  
8:30—9:30 am

**Morning Watershed Walk—Cassadaga Creek Preserve.** Guided tour of the preserve in Stockton. Wear shoes/boots for possible muddy conditions. Refreshments provided at the end of the walk. (Call for directions.)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21st  
8:30—9:30 am

**Morning Watershed Walk—Outlet Preserve.** Guided tour of the preserve on Fluvanna Avenue, Jamestown. Wear shoes/boots for possible muddy conditions. Refreshments provided at the end of the walk. (Call for directions.)

MONDAY, AUGUST 24th  
(location and times to be announced)

**2009 Healthy Landscapes ~ Healthy Waters Programs—Lakescaping for Homeowners Program.** Speakers Rebecca Schneider, Dept. of Natural Resources and Jamie Vanucchi-Hartung, Dept. of Landscape Architecture of Cornell University will teach you how to take the first steps to enhance the water quality filtration functions and habitat values of your property to benefit your lake or stream. One session for landscapers, designers and groundskeepers and one session for homeowners.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28th  
8:30—9:30 am

**Morning Watershed Walk—Dobbins’ Woods Preserve.** Guided tour of the preserve located on Bly Hill Road, ½ mile west of Route 394, Ashville. (Turn at Candle Escent.) Refreshments provided at the end of the walk.

**NOTE: All events are open to everyone free of charge unless otherwise noted  
Please register for all events by emailing [info@chautauquawatershed.org](mailto:info@chautauquawatershed.org) or calling 716-664-2166.**

~ *Special Thank You Notes* ~

**Welcome New Members!**

Vicki Aiken  
 Ken & Suzanne Aldrich  
 Cynthia Mace Arnett  
 Bill Bartkus  
 David Carr  
 David Chili  
 Susan Connerty  
 P. Brian Cook  
 Gregory Edwards  
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**Outlet Preserve Kiosk**

Special thanks go out to the following volunteers who helped with the installation of the informational kiosk at the Conservancy's Outlet Greenway Preserve on Fluvanna Avenue in Jamestown: **Jim Andrews of Heil and Andrews Construction, Tim Galbato of Brigiotta's Farmland Stores, Paul Gustafson, Bill Locke, Jim Mayshark, Stacy Sandberg and Chad Enos of Amanste Dock Works, David Todd and John Todd.** An additional thank you also goes out to **CWC Directors Bill Locke and David Todd** for their assistance in coordinating and overseeing the project.



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Last summer and fall, you may have seen CWC's two-sided "*Don't Feed the Weeds*" lawn signs displayed in area lawns. The signs promoted the message of good watershed stewardship — using phosphate-free lawn fertilizers and automatic dishwasher detergents, planting waterfront buffers and properly disposing of pet waste.

Because of the popularity of the signs and the continuing need to educate area residents about watershed stewardship, CWC has printed another 100 signs. If you are interested in obtaining a sign to display in your lawn, please arrange to pick one up by calling the CWC office at 664-2166. If you already have one of these signs from last year, now is the perfect time to put them back out on your lawns! 

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Due to rising costs, CWC will soon be cutting back its mailing list for *The 'Shed Sheet* in paper form. If you have not made a membership contribution to the CWC during the past year, **THIS MAY BE YOUR LAST ISSUE OF THE 'SHED SHEET!** Not sure if your membership is up to date? Contact the CWC office. CWC will continue to offer *The 'Shed Sheet* in electronic form for members or any other interested party. If you would like to sign-up for our "e-newsletter," simply e-mail us your request at info@chautauquawatershed.org. 



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