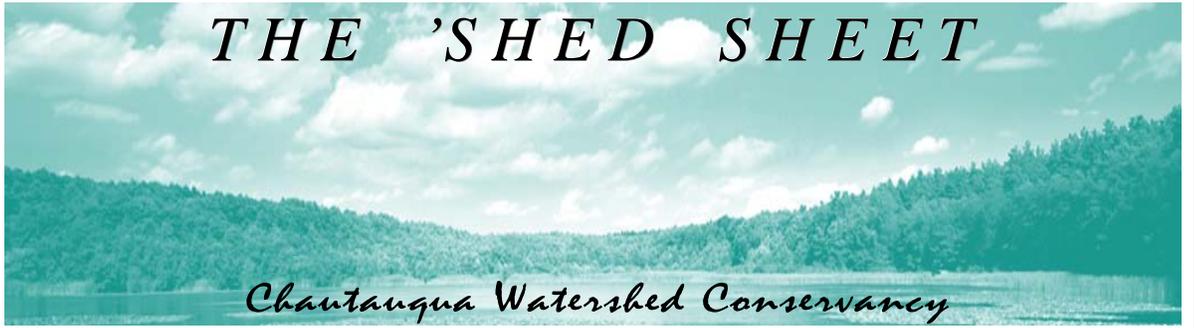




Spring 2010

# THE 'SHED SHEET



*Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy*

## CWC FOCUSES ON LAST MILE CAMPAIGN

The CWC is continuing work on its *Last Mile Campaign* to conserve Chautauqua Lake's most threatened shore-line sites, focusing first on **conserving the 25-acre Goose Creek Wetland in Ashville and the 3.5-acre Wells Bay Lakeshore Forest Site in North Harmony**. With little more than one mile of the Lake's shoreline left in a natural



Wells Bay Lakeshore Forest

condition and available for conservation, there is an urgent need to save these sites before they are sold and permanently altered. Executive Director John Jablonski III stated, "Each year, more research is produced showing that healthy natural shoreland vegetation is essential to healthy lake biology. Caddis flies and other insects, which help control the invasive nuisance lake plant Eurasian watermilfoil, need abundant emergent and/or shoreline vegetation to complete their reproduction life cycles, and aquatic weevils need woody debris along shorelines for winter shelter. Healthy lake-shore buffers of natural vegetation and deep roots protect the shore from eroding and filter nutrients before they can get to the lake and fuel the growth of algae and aquatic

plants. In fact, the *National Lakes Assessment*, released in 2009, found that shoreline condition was the most important indicator of the biological quality of a lake!" CWC is seeking funds from foundations and lead gifts from families and individuals for the **remaining \$200,000 needed** to permanently conserve these two sites. **Your help in conserving these sites is urgently needed...the lake can't afford any further degradation of its shoreline!** ✿

## TWO-PART BLUE THUMB WORKSHOP PLANNED

*Making it easy for homeowners to design and install beautiful shorelines that protect water quality*

Is your lakeshore eroding, unsightly or seem to be a goose magnet? Does your lake water turn green each summer? Then join Cornell Cooperative Extension and the Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy for a two-part workshop series to learn how to design and install beautiful shorelines that protect water quality.

Part 1 of the series is an introduction to the Blue Thumb Planting for Clean Water Program and will cover the what, where and why of installing shoreline gardens as well as provide instruction on how to conduct a shoreline assessment. Part 2 of the series will focus on shoreline project planning and design. Participants will receive aerial images of their property on which they will design their own shoreline garden plan. They will be led step-by-step through the design process as well as be given tips and techniques for successful installation. Part 1 of the series will be offered twice. The first workshop will be held on Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Lakewood Community Recreation Center, and the second will be held on Tuesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00-8:00 pm at the new Carlson Community Center located at Mayville Park. Part 2 of the workshop series will be held on Wednesday, June 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30 pm at Jamestown Community College and requires attendance at one of the two Part 1 workshops. The cost of the workshops is \$5.00 for each session.



Registration is required, so please call Betsy Hite at 716-664-9502 (x 204) to sign up today! And don't forget to encourage your neighbors to join you in keeping our lake clean. After all, protecting the lake enhances everyone's enjoyment of our region while also preserving property values. ✿

**CWC ~ 1990 to 2010 ~ CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF CONSERVATION!**



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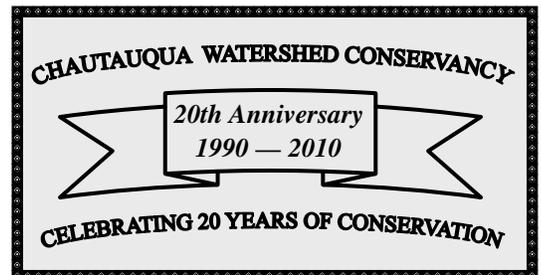
The 'Shed Sheet newsletter is a publication of the Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization founded in 1990 whose mission is to preserve and enhance the water quality, scenic beauty and ecological health of the lakes, streams and watersheds of the Chautauqua region by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

## **Message from the Leadership**

Dear Friends,

This is an exciting year in the history of the Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy. We celebrate our 20th Anniversary of existence as an organization dedicated to preserving and enhancing the lakes, streams and watersheds of the Chautauqua region! We will celebrate throughout the summer with a series of events that will highlight our progress; recognize the critical role of our members, volunteers, friends and donors; and inform everyone within the Chautauqua region's watersheds of the continuing challenges and need for good watershed and lake stewardship.

Please mark your calendars to join with the Conservancy for two very special events that will be held on the Chautauqua shoreline this summer. The first is CWC's "**20th Birthday Bash**" on **Saturday, July 24th at the Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center in Bemus Point, NY**. It will be a fun-filled afternoon for the family including children's activities, exhibits, walks through the conserved shoreline at the Camp, and picnic food to enjoy while simply enjoying the lake.



The second is CWC's "**20th Anniversary Fundraiser & Annual Meeting Dinner Celebration**" on **Saturday, August 21st at the YMCA's Camp Onyahsa in Dewittville, NY**. Camp Onyahsa's beautiful main lakeside lodge will be the perfect venue for this event. The annual meeting portion of the event will be just a short presentation, with the rest of the evening dedicated to celebrating the past and future progress of the Conservancy — including highlights of our 20 years of work and a short, live auction of several special items to raise funds for our continued conservation work. You won't want to miss it!

CWC works hard to provide our members and everyone in the Chautauqua Region with meaningful information on watershed and lake stewardship as well as the activities of CWC in the most cost effective and ecological way. Consequently, you may have noticed that this is a shortened version of *The 'Shed Sheet*. Considerations include more emphasis on an electronic version of the newsletter, use of our web site, and shorter or less frequent printed and mailed versions. Your input on these efforts would be appreciated, so please call or email us with your thoughts or suggestions.

Enjoy this summer around the water, be a good steward of the lake and watershed, and join with the Conservancy to celebrate and continue its work! 🌳

Yours in Stewardship,



Michael K. Lyons,  
Board President



John Jablonski, III  
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#### **SAVE RESOURCES!**

**Sign up to get *The 'Shed Sheet* electronically — email us at [info@chautauquawatershed.org](mailto:info@chautauquawatershed.org)**





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## *SPRING & SUMMER EVENTS*

Wednesday, June 9th:  
5:15 pm — 6:30 pm

**Erosion Control Demonstration Project Tours at Dewittville Creek** — Led by Dave Wilson (Chaut. County Soil & Water Conservation District) & **at Maple Springs lakeshore** — Led by Jane Conroe (CWC/CLMC). (Rt. 430/Cadwell's Cheese House)

Thursday, June 10th:  
6:30 pm — 9:00 pm

**Public Meeting on CLMC's Chautauqua Lake Watershed Management Plan** — An open house from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm and presentation and public discussion from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm on the Plan at the Fletcher Music Hall at Chautauqua Institution.

Wednesday, June 16th:  
6:00 pm — 8:00 pm

**Blue Thumb Workshop (Part I)** — Co-sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension and CWC at the Lakewood Community Recreation Center in Lakewood (see page 1).

Tuesday, June 22nd:  
6:00 pm — 8:00 pm

**Blue Thumb Workshop (Part I)** — Co-sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension and CWC at the Carlson Community Center in Mayville (see page 1).

Wednesday, June 23rd:  
5:15 pm — 6:00 pm

**Erosion Control Demonstration Project Tour at Goose Creek** — Led by Dave Wilson. See the bank reconstruction and willow planting on Goose Creek at Route 394.

Wednesday, June 30th:  
5:30 pm — 7:30 pm

**Blue Thumb Workshop (Part II)** — Co-sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension and CWC at Jamestown Community College in Jamestown (see page 1).

Friday, July 2nd:  
6:30 pm — 8:00 pm

**Beaver Swamp Stroll** — Led by preserve manager Jay Stratton at CWC's East Branch Chautauqua Creek Preserve, Route 430, Town of Chautauqua, just outside Summerdale.

Saturday, July 24th:  
4:00 pm — 7:00 pm

**20th Birthday Bash** — A fun-filled celebration marking CWC's 20th year of conservation efforts in the Chautauqua region. Held at the Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center in Bemus Point with picnic foods, birthday cake, kids games, exhibits and more!

Saturday, August 21st:  
5:00 pm — 7:00 pm

**20th Anniversary Fundraiser & Annual Meeting Dinner Celebration** — A special celebratory fundraiser and annual meeting to mark CWC's 20 years of conservation efforts. Held at the dining hall at Camp Onyahsa in Dewittville.



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