



CLCS News

SPRING 2013

The Copake Lake Conservation Society endeavors to protect the quality of the Copake Lake watershed, preserve the ecological balance, and promote safe recreational use of the lake.

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President's Message

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Copake Lake Conservation Society. On behalf of our Board of Trustees, I would like to express our enthusiasm for this organization, and state how proud we are to steward the care of our beautiful lake. Please read the article, "Hidden Heroes: The Founders of CLCS," about some of our history.

As part of the celebration of our 40th anniversary, there will be a special commemorative t-shirt. Keep an eye out for the new design. Our merchandise will be available at our events starting with Shoreline Clean-Up Day, June 1 (Saturday) from 9:00 am-12:00 noon at the CLCS Community bulletin board at County Route 7 and Lakeview Road.

This winter we had a good amount of precipitation and a solid ice cover for most of the season. With luck and some spring rain, we should not experience a water level problem in 2013. Our Lake Management Committee has been monitoring conditions throughout the winter.

I am happy to report that CLCS has a great working relationship with the Town of Copake. Jeff Nayer, the Town Supervisor, and William Gregory, the Highway Superintendent, realize how important Copake Lake is to our entire community and are committed to improving road drainage and culverts in our lake

watershed. We appreciate the hard work of the Copake Highway Department in reducing sediment runoff to divert nutrients from going into the lake and in keeping weed growth down to ensure our lake remains pristine.

Be sure to read the article inside about our CLCS Grant Program. You can apply for financial support to assist in a project that adheres to our mission statement to protect and preserve Copake Lake.

Our new Web site will be up and running by the time you receive this newsletter. Check it out and friend us on Facebook. Be sure we have your e-mail address so you can receive e-mails blasts when there are important announcements pertaining to our lake community. Visit our Web site to submit your e-mail address or include it on our "Annual CLCS Fund Drive" envelope inserted into this newsletter. Remember that our membership year is from December 1, 2012-November 30, 2013, but only members in good standing have voting rights at the CLCS Annual Meeting on Saturday, July 6, 2013.

I hope you had a wonderful winter season. I encourage you to get involved with the Copake Lake Conservation Society. Please contact us and consider joining a committee. We can always use more helping hands. I look forward to seeing you this summer!

Denise Chickery, *President*

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January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012

Income:

Ads	2,260.00
Fundraising Activities	10,135.08
Contributions	63,021.86
Interest	1,068.70
Total Income	76,485.64

Expenses:

Administration	3,232.86
Communications	10,509.94
Lake Management	58,231.79
Total Expense	71,974.59

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Happy Spring to all of you! Hard to believe that CLCS has reached a 40 year milestone! The dedication and enthusiasm of generations of families and businesses around our lake community has been instrumental in maintaining the Copake Lake Conservation Society. Each of your individual contributions, whether monetary or voluntary, has supported CLCS in accomplishing the objective of preserving our lake's magnificence. The nature that abounds us echoes the serenity and harmony that gives each of us pride in being part of this wonderful lake community. We are each responsible for protecting the quality of our lake for future generations.

I am looking forward to another 40 years of CLCS's leadership around our lake community and doing my share to help. My hopes are that each of you feels the same way and will continue to support the CLCS in its mission to preserve the health and well being of Copake Lake. In this newsletter you will find the Annual CLCS Fund Drive's donation envelope. Please take a moment to look it over and return it with your contribution.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Debra Ruggieri, Membership Chairperson

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Proposed 2013 Schedule Of Meetings And Events

Saturday, May 4, 2013
9:00 am

CLCS Board of Trustees Meeting
The Greens Restaurant

Wednesday, May 8, 2013

Lake treatment with Reward Herbicide
There is a 14 day swimming restriction which will end on May 23 prior to Memorial Day weekend.

Saturday, May 18, 2013
9am - noon

Town of Copake Clean-Up Day
Town Garage, 44 School Road. No construction or demolition waste.

Saturday, June 1, 2013
8:00 am - noon

Columbia County Household Hazardous Waste Collection
Route 23 County Highway Department, Greenport. For more information go to www.columbiacountyny.com and go to Solid Waste Division.

Saturday, June 1, 2013
9:00 am - noon

Copake Lake Annual Shoreline Clean-up Day
Corner of County Route 7 & Lakeview Road.

Saturday, June 8, 2013
9:00 am

CLCS Board of Trustees Meeting
The Greens Restaurant

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

1st Copper Sulfate Treatment of Copake Lake
Tentatively scheduled, if needed. No use of lake for 24 hours after treatment.

Thursday, June 27, 2013
6:00 pm - 10:00pm

Copake carnival at Town of Copake Park

Friday, June 28, 2013
6:00 pm - 10:00pm

Copake carnival at Town of Copake Park

Saturday, June 29, 2013
1:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Copake Community Day with carnival and fireworks at Town of Copake Park
Check website for details and special events www.copake.org.

Thursday, July 4, 2013
1:00 pm

Annual Boat Parade on Copake Lake
Begins at Southwest Colony.

Saturday, July 6, 2013
10:00 am

CLCS Annual Meeting and Open House
Town of Copake Town Hall, 230 Mountain View Road.

Saturday, July 13, 2013

10th Annual Summer Bash in Honor of our 40th Anniversary
The Greens Restaurant, Cocktails 6:30 pm, Dinner 7:30 pm

Thursday, July 25, 2013

2nd Copper Sulfate Treatment
If needed. No use of lake for 24 hours after treatment.

Saturday, August 3, 2013
9:00 am

CLCS Board of Trustees Meeting
The Greens Restaurant

Saturday, August 10, 2013
9:30 pm

Annual Fireworks at Copake Country Club
Organized by Denise Chickery and supported by community donations.

Saturday, August 17, 2013

Copake Falls Day
For events schedule visit www.copakefallsday.org or call 518-966-2233

Sunday, September 1, 2013
11:00 am

CLCS Labor Day Weekend Raffle
Drawing at the Lighthouse Marina.

Saturday, September 7, 2013
9:00 am

CLCS Board of Trustees Meeting
The Greens Restaurant

Saturday, September 28, 2013

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• Columbia County's mandatory recycling program has been expanded to include recyclable plastics #1 through #7. Still recyclable are newspapers, magazines, catalogues, telephone books, soft covered books, junk mail, envelopes, paper of all colors, cereal boxes, shoe boxes, cardboard, brown paper bags, milk and juice cartons, glass bottles, jars, aluminum, and metal cans.

• Congratulations to Stephanie Marchionne on the birth of her son, Leonardo, on February 10, 2013. Congratulations to all of Leonardo's relatives at Dutch Treat including Grandma Brenda Marchionne, Great Aunt Patricia Leonard, Great Grandma Helen Clough, and Great Great Grandma Millie Albright and all other family members.

• Congratulations to Nicole Clemenza and Michael Barham on their engagement, February 23, 2013. Michael, son of Shelly and Leonard Barham of Sky Farm Road (formerly of Polk Drive) proposed to Nicole on Copake Lake with the Copake Country Club golf course in the background.

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Fireworks Light Up August Sky On Copake Lake

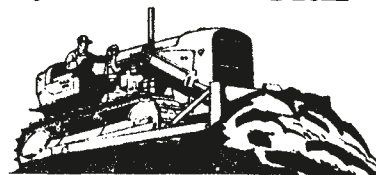
This will be the 11th year for a fireworks display at Copake Lake. Last year the fireworks display was exceptional. It was a beautiful night and Legion Fireworks did an amazing job. We encourage everyone to support this fun community event to be held at The Greens/Copake Country Club on Saturday, August 10, 2013 at 9:30 pm. If everyone contributes, we can make this year's display bigger and better than ever. If you would like to show your support, please contact Denise Chickery, Colleen Closson, or Lindsay LeBrecht. Thank you to everyone who made a financial contribution last year. Let's keep this tradition alive.



Editor's Note: The summer fireworks is NOT a Copake Lake Conservation Society (CLCS) event. However, CLCS supports all activities that seek to build community spirit around our lake.

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Copake Lake Water Level

Where was the water in 2012?? And to think that in August 2011 during Hurricane Irene, some of us had to swim out to retrieve our docks and tie them down so they wouldn't float away! I think we all can say that the difference between the two years was eye opening and gave us a much better appreciation of Mother Nature.

So what are the mechanisms that determine the level of the water in the lake? In general, lake level is controlled by spillway height, watershed contribution, summer rain and evaporation.

The spillway height is "set in concrete" (pun intended), as it is a fixed feature of the dam and the lake. This is the most important contributor to the water level of Copake Lake, at least as to how high the level is. The water level won't be any higher than the spillway height; well maybe, for a few days after a significant rain, but not for long. Anytime rain raises the level above the spillway, flow over the spillway returns the level to the spillway level within a few days after the rain stops. Or maybe a week or two, after the rain stops, as 2011 demonstrated! The key here is normal rains; the rains that we had early in 2011, delivered 8 inches of rain in one week. That contributed 12 inches to the water level; the additional 4 inches was run off from the watershed. The lake watershed is defined as the land around the lake that will allow or channel water INTO the lake. For the size of our lake (400 acres), our water-shed is extremely small; just 950 acres.

The winter runoff contributes much of the annual water to the lake and positions us for the rest of the summer season. This runoff is determined by the amount of snow and how frozen the ground is. The colder it is, the more runoff we have. The more snow we have, the more runoff we have. If the ground is not frozen, the runoff will mostly seep into the ground.



Copake Lake sunrise taken by Nancy Schultz

After the winter runoff completes, only rain will add to the level of the lake, and there are no other sources to raise the water level. We are wholly, solely and totally dependent on precipitation to have any water in the lake. Contrary to popular belief there is no spring that feeds the lake.

The evaporation period is from mid-May until the lake freezes in the winter. During this period, the lake level is ALWAYS going down unless it's raining or snowing. The losses due to evaporation can be as much as 3 inches in one month. The evaporation rate depends on humidity, temperature, airflow, surface area and other factors. Therefore, unless we have rain during the evaporation period, the level can and will be below the spillway depending on the amount of recent rainfall. For every inch of rain we have, the lake will get about an inch and a half of water; the extra half of inch is from runoff from the watershed.

So, that's how water level works in the lake. There is a science to it, but it is really Mother Nature that runs the show.

Based on a 1991 hydrological report (IEP, 1991), CLCS lowers the water to 18 inches below the spillway. The report actually suggests that we could be more aggressive in lowering >>>



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the level of the lake, stating that we should lower the lake by 2 ½ to 3 feet. The draw down is to protect the shoreline and to limit the damage done by ice erosion. During the winter, depending on the depth of the ice, the ice surface will weigh close to 400,000 tons. The wind will move this rather flat iceberg against the shore and do substantial damage. Shoreline erosion can be random, sudden and localized. It can occur in a very brief time period, at any hour and not be noticed for several days. Once it starts, there is nothing that can be done to prevent it. The only action that can be taken is to repair the damage. The draw down will limit the amount of the damage below the shore line, keeping our places where we put our docks, protected.

Based on our 2012 experience and concerns we heard from the Copake Lake community last summer, the draw down was limited to 12 inches below the spillway. Based on 2012 precipitation the lake should be at the top of the spillway by mid-May. Sometimes this occurs before May if we have normal spring rains. The level of the lake is checked almost daily to determine when to close the valve.

To more precisely manage the water conditions of the lake, CLCS will be installing a localized weather station. This will monitor the amount of rainfall and water level and flow over the spillway or through the dam, as applicable. Information from the weather station will be available on the Internet for all to see. Another hydrological study has been ordered, as it has been 22 years since our last study. Results from this study will be used to modify our procedures.

Well, that's it in a nutshell. While we might think we control the amount of water in our beautiful lake, we actually have very little impact on what Mother Nature decides to do.

Ernie Cutler and Keith Schaefer

Lake Management Committee



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Town Of Copake Clean-Up Day & Copake Lake Shoreline Clean-Up Day

Although these two events are similar in nature, there are important differences to note.

Town of Copake Clean-Up Day is being held on **May 18, 2013** (Saturday) from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon at the Copake Town Garage, 44 School Road (off Route 22 by the old Roe Jan School). You can bring your broken lawn chairs, old lamps, old mattresses, tires, and pretty much everything other than household garbage and hazardous waste. Go to www.copake.org for exact information. Proof of residency required.

Copake Lake Shoreline Clean-Up Day is scheduled for **June 1, 2013** (Saturday) from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. This event is sponsored by the Copake Lake Conservation Society for the express purpose of removing debris from Copake Lake and from the shoreline that accumulated over the winter. Copake Lake neighbors are asked to remove debris from the lake and shoreline and place it along the Lakeview Road. Jon Urban of The Greens/Copake Country Club will donate the services of a pick-up truck and maintenance workers, who will drive along the shoreline beginning at 10:00 am, pick up the debris, and dispose of it in the dumpster at the triangle at County Route 7 and Lakeview Road (where we also have the CLCS Community bulletin board). We encourage residents to bring your own lake debris directly to the dumpster, if possible. Carmen Barbato, Inc. donates the dumpster for the three hours and the Town of Copake pays the tipping fee. Please respect these donations and do not bring any household rubbish to this dumpster. CLCS Board members will monitor the dumpster from 9:00am-12:00noon. CLCS began Shoreline Clean-Up Day nearly two decades ago and since then we have removed tons of debris from Copake Lake and its shoreline.

Jack Schultz, *Lake Management Committee*



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2013 Copake Lake Boating Rules And Regulations

BOATING HOURS: Watercraft must not exceed 6 mph between 8 pm and 9 am (Town Ordinance).

NOISE: All watercraft must have effective mufflers (Town Ordinance). Watercraft noise must not exceed 75 decibels (NYS Law).

SPEED: All watercraft must slow down to 5 mph when less than 100 ft from shore, dock, or other vessel, or in “no wake” zones (NYS Law).

RIGHT OF WAY: Motorized watercraft must yield to swimmers and non-motorized watercraft (NYS Law).

AGE: Motorized boat operators must be 18 or over. Or, between the ages of 10 and 18 must have completed certified boating safety (NYS Law).

AGE: As of 1/1/04 ALL PWC operators 14 years and older must complete the NYS Safe Boating Course. Go to www.nyparks.com/boats/yb for more informations and to find a course closest to you.

SAFETY:

- a. Personal Flotation Devices: Children under the age of 12 must wear approved PFD while in a watercraft. Approved flotation devices are required for each person on board (NYS Law).
- b. Water Skiing: Water skiers must have a “look-out” over the age of 10 (NYS Law).
- c. BWI: Boating while impaired or intoxicated subject to fines or imprisonment (NYS Law).
- d. Fire extinguisher, distress signal and anchor are required on ALL motorized watercraft.

PERSONAL WATER CRAFT (NYS Law):

- a. Operators must wear an approved PFD.
- b. Operator must be attached with a cut-off device.
- c. Can only be operated between sunrise and sundown and the town ordinance speed limit on the lake is less than 6 mph between 8:00 pm and 9:00 am for any motorized vessel.
- d. May not be operated within 500 ft of a designated swimming area.
- e. Reckless operation prohibited (wake jumping, weaving through traffic, or other maneuvers that jeopardize safety).

REGISTRATION: All motorized watercraft must be registered and display the registration numbers (NYS Law).

ENVIRONMENT:

- a. Help keep unwanted aquatic plants and zebra mussels out of the lake. Thoroughly wash your vessel and flush the cooling system at a location away from the shoreline.
- b. Avoid spilling gasoline or oil. Repair leaks immediately.
- c. Dispose or litter properly in bins on shore.
- d. Do not use soaps or cleansers in or near the lake.

Common sense and respect for others are the way to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone using the lake. CLCS is not a law-enforcement agency and leaves such duties to the Columbia County Sheriff's Department. The CLCS has posted rules and regulations and distributes these excerpts to encourage lake users to know the rules and observe them.



**Concerns about speed, noise, or safe handling of any motorized watercraft on the lake should be directed to:
COLUMBIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT 518-828-3344.**

Hidden Heroes

Once upon a time, there was this new technology called e-mail and Web sites. The Copake Economic Advisory Board had met with an enthusiastic Marge David about developing a town Web site. Marge had lived in Copake for a very long time. She loved our town. Marge loved the people. She extended a special reduced fee to develop Web sites for Copake businesses and non-profits. Together with Helen and Sheldon Gross, long-time members of CLCS, they and Marge launched the CLCS Web site. It is with deep regret that we note the passing of Marge David this past fall and we send our most sincere sympathies to her family.

Come Join The Annual July 4th Boat Parade!

This longstanding Copake Lake tradition is an event not to be missed. Celebrating our country's birthday from water or shore, the sounding of horns, clapping of hands, cheering the RED, WHITE AND BLUE, the lake comes alive.

All types of vessels including pontoon boats, motorboats, sailboats, personal watercrafts, kayaks, canoes, and rowboats are entered to win prizes and the coveted 1st place trophy.

Last year the 2012 boat parade trophy went to The Gippest II, including Captain Scott Robichaud and First Mate Dana Gips along with their crew, Phil and Barbara Gips; Keith, Alex, and Dylan Robichaud; Liz Anderson; Rachel and Zach Nichols. These folks will be our judges for 2013.

July 4th falls on a Thursday this year. The parade will depart from Southwest Colony promptly at 1:00 p.m. The procession will go completely around the lake, following the shoreline, and will end at The Lighthouse Marina, where the judges will make their decisions.

Join in the festivities and see the entries. Be there to see who will be this year's winners.

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A Guide to Aquatic Plants in Copake Lake

Copake Lake is home to a number of **native, desirable plants** that are good for the ecology of the lake and the well-being of its fish and wildlife. However, in Copake Lake

there are also **non-native, invasive plants**. These plants can destroy the ecology of the lake by spreading and choking out our desirable plants and eventually interfer- >>>

Native (desirable) Plants

These plants are desirable for the well-being of Copake Lake.

Waterweed *Elodea nuttalli*



Slender naiad *Najas flexilis*



Bushy Pondweed *Najas guadalupensis*



Common elodea *Elodea Canadensis*



Pondweeds *Potamogeton pusillus*



ing with swimming, fishing, and boating.

The CLCS Education Committee hopes that by using information about the weeds in Copake Lake as well as

these pictures, each of our members can make informed decisions about the growth of weeds and proper removal of weeds in their immediate area.

Joyce Crow, Co-Chair
Education Committee

Non-Native (invasive) Plants

If you find any of these plants it is best to pull them out by the roots, bag them, and discard.

Avoid tearing parts of the plant as many of them can re-grow from fragments.

CLCS is removing many of these invasive weeds through its spot chemical treatments.

Curly-leaf pondweed *Potamogeton crispus*



Najas minor



Water chestnut *Trapa natans*



Leaves

Eurasian water milfoil *Myriophyllum spicatum*



Be on the
lookout for
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NYS Rules and Regulations for Non-Motorized Watercraft (Kayaks, Paddleboards, etc.)

“Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) must also be worn year-round by all children under 12 years of age on any boat less than 65 feet in length, unless within a fully enclosed cabin; by anyone engaging in towed activities, such as water-skiers or wake-boarders; and while on board a personal watercraft. Otherwise, a wearable life jacket must be available for every passenger on board every vessel, including non-motorized watercraft such as canoes and kayaks.” New York State Boating Laws and Regulations, 2010, see www.nysparks.com/recreation/boating.

Along with rowboats, kayaks, canoes, and sailboats, paddle boards are considered boats and must have a U.S. Coast Guard approved, properly sized, serviceable, and readily accessible life jacket on board for each person, just like any other boat, mechanized or not. From May 2 through October 31 such persons are not required to wear a life jacket, though it is highly suggested (but they must have one on board and readily accessible).

From November 1 to May 1, everyone on all pleasure vessels which includes Paddleboards, rowboats, kayaks, canoes, sailboats, and motorboats must be wearing a life jacket while underway, which means as long as the boat is not anchored or tied to a dock. Drifting counts as underway.

Life jackets are the most important piece of equipment on a boat and can save your life; we recommend that they be



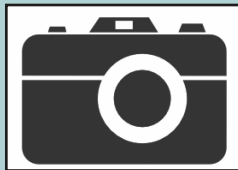
Hannah Westlake wearing proper safety equipment. Photo taken by Denise Chickery.

worn at all times (see accompanying photo taken by Denise Chickery).

Thank you to Ro Woodard, Education Specialist, NYS Parks, Marine Service Bureau for helping to gather this information.

Joyce Crow, Chairperson

Education Committee



CLCS Members' Photos

Send your photos of beautiful Copake Lake and Copake Lake community events to Jed Luchow, Editor-in-Chief, at profluchow@aol.com. Please include: date of photo, event (if relevant), location of photo, names of individuals in photo, and name of person taking the photo.

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CLCS Fundraising Activities For 2013

The Fundraising Committee is excited about our upcoming 2013 events and celebrating the 40th anniversary of CLCS this summer. Here's a preview, so you don't miss out.

T-SHIRTS AND MERCHANDISE

A "must have" for Copake Lakers. Be sure to look for our new 40th anniversary commemorative t-shirt which should be making its debut at Shoreline Clean-up on June 1 from 9:00 am-noon at CLCS Community bulletin board (triangle at the intersection of Lakeview Road and County Route 7).

SUMMER BASH 2013

Save the Date for the best party of summer 2013! The 10th annual Summer Bash will be held on Saturday, July 13th at The Greens Restaurant. This year's theme is the 70s. Get busy cleaning out those closets. Hoping to see some men in leisure suits! CLCS Summer Bash is always a sell-out and always a remarkable night of great food, drinks and dancing with your friends and neighbors.

LABOR DAY RAFFLE

Come join in the fun on Sunday, September 1st at the Lighthouse Marina. The CLCS Labor Day Raffle is always a success with fantastic prizes and the \$1,000 grand prize.

So, how do YOU keep current on all the CLCS activities? It's as easy as 1-2-3 and 4:

1. Go to our Web site at www.copakelakecs.org. There you can pay your dues, purchase your Summer Bash tickets and email us with your questions or requests.
2. While you're on the Web site, sign up to receive CLCS "Blasts" – current information about lake events and announcements.
3. The Copake Lake Conservation Society is now on Facebook.
4. Look for our signs around the lake.

Colleen Closson, Fundraising Committee Chairperson

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CLCS Grants

The Copake Lake Conservation Society began a grant program in 2012. The objective of this program is to assist local projects that improve or protect the Copake Lake Water Shed. CLCS implemented this program as a way to get proactive in 'preventing' damage to the water shed, rather than spending money to 'correct' damage to the water shed. I think we can all agree that is money better spent.

Work proposals must demonstrate how it would support the mission of CLCS. The Copake Lake Conservation Society endeavors to protect the quality of the Copake Lake watershed, preserve the ecological balance, and promote safe recreational use of the lake. Grants are limited to 50% of the costs of the proposal and would not exceed \$5,000. The grant committee may use subject matter experts to help determine the value and validity of the proposal. You do not have to be a member of CLCS to apply for a grant.

While we expect most work proposals to be directed at 'run off' projects (catch basins, minor road work, etc.), we are open to any proposal that will improve the water shed. We've made the form as simple and straightforward as we can, and a copy of it can be found in this newsletter. Additional forms and guidelines can be found on the CLCS Web site. Completed forms can be mailed to us at the following address: CLCS, P.O. Box 37, Craryville, NY 12521

Ernie Cutler

Lake Management Committee

Proposal Information

Describe your request, incorporating the following points:

- A. What is the project? Attach any supporting documentation
- B. How the project supports the mission of CLCS
- C. Who will do the work (name of contractor, estimate, etc.)
- D. When the project will start and end

CLCS Grant for 2013

Application

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Board Meeting Date _____	Approved _____ Denied _____

Applicant Information

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Telephone # _____ E-mail _____

If Organization, Contact Name _____

Contact Mailing Address _____

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Do you have any relationship to the Copake Lake Conservation Society? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, in what manner? _____

Amount Requested _____ Total Project Cost _____

Project Start Date _____ Project End Date _____

Make Checks Payable to _____

If awarded this grant, you agree to indemnify and hold harmless Copake Lake Conservation Society of and from any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action, losses, damages, lawsuits, including attorneys' fees and court costs. And, that you acknowledge that CLCS may publicize awarding this grant including photos.

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2011	Keith Schaefer	Engraved plaque
2009	Sarah Leshner	Engraved plaque
2009	Barbara Rindler	Engraved plaque
2008	Lindsay LeBrecht	Engraved planter
2008	Marissa Shedd	Engraved planter
2006	Dave Craw	Certificate of Appreciation
2005	Barbara Bunger	Framed kayaking picture with friends
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2004	Jim Carmody	Certificate of Appreciation

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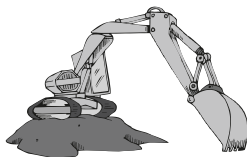
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Copake Lake Storm Water Assessment Plan---Phase III

In conjunction with the Columbia County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and the Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District (WCSWCD), the Copake Lake Conservation Society has undertaken a project to review the storm water runoff situation within the watershed surrounding Copake Lake. Under the direction of CLCS's past-president, Buddy Sinisi, and WCSWCD District Manager, Jim Liebrum, the Copake Lake Storm Water Assessment Plan Phase 3 will consist of:

1. An evaluation of the practices that have been developed and installed from Phase 1 and 2 within the Copake Lake watershed to reduce the impacts of storm water runoff;
2. Conduct a new field assessment that would focus on the private roads within the watershed;
3. Determine possible solutions to expand upon a design for mitigating storm water pollutant input into Copake Lake from newly identified areas of concern;
4. Develop a report outlining all above information concluding with specific ideas for both management options and retrofit concepts key storm water outfalls with storm water treatment devices and/or infiltration systems as appropriate, including estimates of probable costs.

The current cap for this Phase 3 project will be \$1,500.00.

Buddy Sinisi

Lake Management Committee

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Hidden Heroes — The Founders of CLCS

In light of the CLCS's 40th Anniversary, Hidden Heroes is changing the format a little. Usually we would highlight a lake resident and their passions away from Copake Lake. Today we'd like to take you back in time and give you a little snapshot of lake life and the founders of CLCS.

In 1972, a group of concerned Copake Lake residents gathered to discuss the condition of the lake. The lake was congested with milfoil; algae was a nuisance; boats could not make it beyond the shoreline without motors getting jammed; adults and children complained of skin rashes and foul odors. Something had to be done. People were up in arms.

A meeting was held at, what was then, the old Craryville Fire House (now a private residence across from Bert's Inn). Our founders included the Alluisios, Appels, Bungers, Carmody's, Carneys, Drews, Feurensteins, Gladstones, Greenes, Hommes, Karns, Landers, Leshners, Luchows, Nachs, Nachbars, Nicolatos, Rowes, Ungars, Wallsheins, Wagners, Waters, and representatives from the Copake Lake Development Corporation and CBC Realty, Inc. *(Note: every effort has been made to include as many names of founders as possible, but we know we have omitted some very important individuals and families, unintentionally. Please contact CLCS to add names and remembrances as we plan other publications related to our 40th anniversary.)*

By 1973, the wheels of motion were going strong. It was decided to purchase a weed harvester and to consider a chemical treatment plan including the use of copper sulfate. CLCS was beginning to organize, but the organization had no funds. A great deal of money was needed, and as quickly as possible. It was decided to begin that summer with a fundraising dinner.

Millie and Harold Albright were a fixture in the Copake Lake community, looking after properties and catering local events. They were the 'go to' people. With their large family and the community to help, an event was planned at the Craryville Firehouse on County Route 7 past Copake Lake towards the town of Copake. Millie Albright set the menu. Millie's Swedish meatballs were already legend by this time. Harold Albright led a team of grillers along with his sons and assistants including Jim Carmody, Moose Karn, Rick Alluisio, and Jed Luchow. Millie's daughter, Helen, organized her brothers and sisters who served the food, poured the beverages, and did all the clean up. Millie's daughter, Helen Clough, operated the Dutch Treat diner in Craryville for many years until her daughters, Patricia Leonard and Brenda Marchionne, took it over. Some of the servers at Dutch Treat today include

Millie's great grandchildren, Samantha Leonard and Anthony Marchionne. Brenda's daughter, Stephanie Marchionne, just presented her great grandma Millie, with Millie's second great-great-grandchild, Leonardo Marchionne...and the beat goes on! Please note, Millie's recipes and Helen's recipes are NOT for sale.

Other fundraising events in those early days included several years of Las Vegas Nights held at the Craryville Firehouse. Moose Karn registered CLCS with New York State officials as a nonprofit organization so we could run these events. Then, Moose fingerprinted and trained many of the CLCS members to be dealers at these Las Vegas Night events. Here is one Moose Karn anecdote that would be easy to understand if you knew or even knew of Moose. Moose insisted that at the blackjack tables all "pushes" went to the house. According to Jed Luchow, who was trained by Moose to be a dealer, a "push" is when the player and the dealer have the same number amount on their cards. In Las Vegas, each party, the player and the dealer, takes his/her money back. Not according to Moose Karn, at the CLCS Las Vegas Night all "pushes" go to the house which was CLCS because CLCS needed money and if Moose Karn said, "Pushes go to the House," trust me pushes went to the House (CLCS).

The funds were beginning to come in; the first "Copake Clipper" was purchased; and the rest, as they say, is history 40 years later. Our technology has changed, the "Copake Clipper II" was sold years ago in favor of more effective chemical treatments. The CLCS has taken a distressed body of water and helped to nurture it back to a healthy, enjoyable lake.

Thanks to everyone who has supported and worked for the Copake Lake Conservation Society. We wouldn't be where we are today if it wasn't for your dedication to our lake.

Jed Luchow and Lindsay LeBrecht

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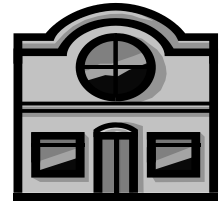


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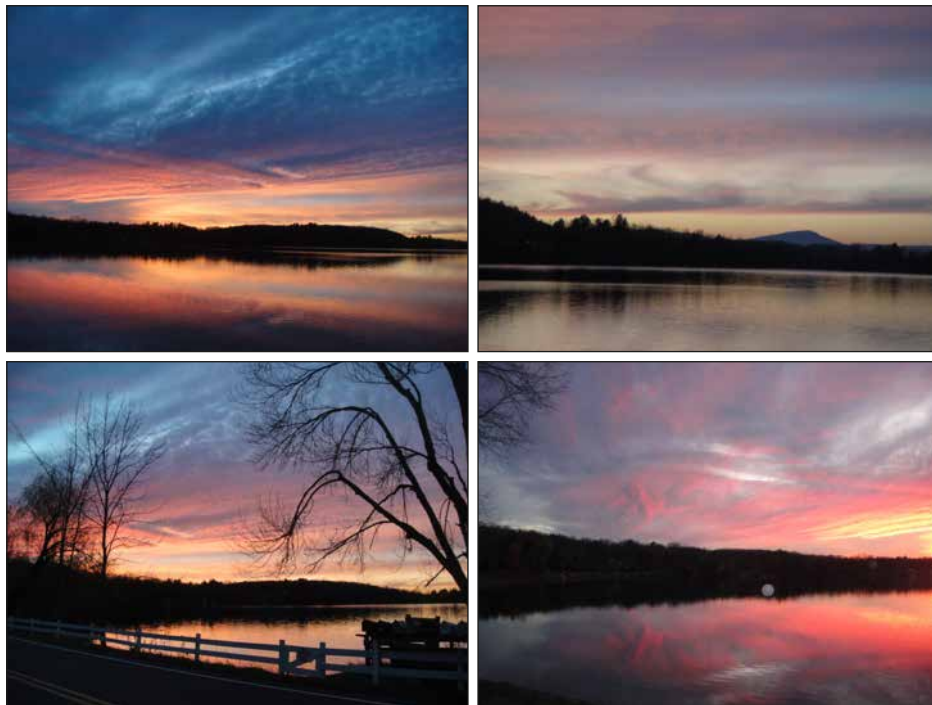
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