

Network News

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CAYUGA LAKE WATERSHED

Contact Information to Communicate with Our Leaders

Hilary Lambert *Steward/Executive Director, CLWN*

Our elected officials need to hear from each and all of us about water quality protection issues. Your letters and comments make a big difference. We have developed a short guide for you to use. If you discover that any of this information is out of date, please notify steward@cayugalake.org.

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I **Elected New York State officials representing the Cayuga Lake watershed:** Names and contact information for the county, state and federal elected officials representing the Cayuga Lake watershed. Links to maps of districts are included.

II **US EPA and NYS DEC offices covering our watershed and region:** A summary of US Environmental Protection Agency and NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation officials, departments, and contact information for our watershed.

You can also view this guide on our website www.cayugalake.org under the “Get Involved: Info & Action” heading.

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Tales from the Littoral Zone

The littoral zone is that three dimensional outer, shallower region of a body of water, including the shore, where most of the life activities take place. These writings originate from the "Littoral Zone".

Cayuga's Cattails

Mel Russo *Finger Lakes area naturalist and life-long resident*

Cayuga's marshes are a precious macro-commodity of our lake. These micro-biomes usually form over a soft, shallow lake bottom and often around the mouth of a stream. Heading north from Ithaca along the west side of the lake on Route 89, the first substantial marsh to be encountered is Canoga Marsh, a wetland formed around the delta of Canoga Creek. Well over 100 acres, this wetland covers about three thousand feet of the northeast shoreline of Cayuga Lake. The marsh begins immediately south of the hamlet of Canoga at North Parker Road where, many years ago, the area between the marsh and the lake was filled in to accommodate a road for cottages and camps. Continuing to the immediate west of this access road the wetland area persists. Canoga Marsh spans northward, fronting the lake shore of the Hamlet of Canoga and extending almost to the Lower Lake Road

entrance off of Route 89. The marsh is visible from the highway slightly north of the hamlet of Canoga. Otherwise to experience the marsh more closely, one would have to drive down one of the private lanes that lead to the "hard pan" shoreline such as that found at Canoga Island. A good portion of the marsh is owned privately and well managed while the balance is managed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and owned by the New York State taxpayers. The Cayuga Lake Watershed Network (CLWN) has this marsh listed as a "priority" in *The Cayuga Lake Restoration and Protection Plan 2017* ([http://www.cayugalake.org/files/all/clwrpp 2017 final 4 30 17.pdf](http://www.cayugalake.org/files/all/clwrpp%202017%20final%204%2030%2017.pdf)).

A substantial wetland a few miles north of Cayuga Lake State Park and visible from Route 89 is the Cayuga Marsh. Consisting of about 30 acres, this wetland begins at the lower lake road extension and runs northward along the shore and across the lake around the area of Silver Bridge. This area is managed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and consists almost entirely of the broadleaf cattail (*Typha latifolia*) along with a small amount of other herbaceous wetland plants.

Further north of Cayuga Lake is the magnificent 10,000 acre Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge consisting of cattails, rushes, other herbaceous plants and open pools. According to the U.S Fish & Wildlife Service, the refuge serves as habitat to over 240 species of birds (at one time or another) and more than 70 species of mammals and amphibians. The refuge is a consequence mostly of ancient terminal moraine subsequent to the last glacier.

Some small, cattail marshes exist in the sheltered, bay and harbor areas of the northeast side of the lake but none in comparison to those of the northwest side of the lake. The east side of Cayuga is otherwise battered too much by the prevailing westerly winds to maintain a substantial stand of cattails.

Prior to 1890, an extensive wetland of several hundred acres existed at the south end of Cayuga Lake known as Renwick Marsh. The creation of this area was naturally facilitated by the entrance of four tributaries into the lake: Fall Creek, Cascadilla Creek, Six Mile Creek and Cayuga Inlet. The marsh and its inhabitants was the subject of many scientific papers at Cornell University and Ithaca College. In 1890 a portion of the marsh was filled in to accommodate an amusement park. Later Cass Park, Stewart Park, a municipal golf course, and a flood control channel were constructed within the marsh which further filled in and drained the land. Only a small portion of Renwick remains today.

The dominant species of plant in all of these marshes is the broadleaf cattail (*Typha latifolia*). It is useful as nesting and living substrate for many species of waterfowl, other vertebrates and invertebrates. The roots and young shoots are also useful as food to the various animals of the area. If accessible, ducks and geese may

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Looking toward the north end of Cayuga Lake from Canoga Marsh, on the lake's west shore.



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Upcoming Events & Volunteer Opportunities Cayuga Lake Watershed Network & Friends

April—August 2018

April 22: 1-3 pm. EARTH DAY Embrace the Lake Waterside Trash Clean Up: On land or water, all ages welcome! Meet at Ithaca's Cass Park by the Dragon Boat Docks (across from the swing set), bring your own craft or rent from Paddle 'n' More. Join in to clean up plastics and other garbage from the Inlet and lake shore. Gloves and bags provided. Dress warmly! Co-sponsored by the Glorious Trash Birds. For information PaulCloss@gmail.com or https://www.facebook.com/events/732784627109352/?active_tab=about The national Earth Day theme this year is PLASTICS, which show up in a burgeoning number of unexpected places. For a Toolkit see www.earthday.org.

April 22: 12 noon-7 pm. Ithaca Earth Day, the Space at GreenStar. As history threatens to roll us back to the inspirations of the original impetus for Earth Day, this year we will be looking at how the arts frame, express, and shape the environmental and sustainability movement. We will be having traditional tabling from 12-3 with light, acoustic music. 3-5 pm is open for presentations, including the annual Signs of Sustainability awards. Be on the lookout for your chance to vote! At 5 we'll close out the day with the One Heart Drum Circle. Free and open to the public. Contact: Joey Gates solkitchen1@gmail.com—sponsored by Sustainable Tompkins. The Space is at 700 W. Buffalo Street, Ithaca.

May 5: Paddling Open House, Ithaca: Ever wanted to try out being on a Dragon Boat or Outrigger Team? Here's your chance! Stand Up Paddle Board, kayaks, canoes. For information PaulCloss@gmail.com. Details soon at <https://www.facebook.com/IthacaDragonBoatClub/>.

May 19: 10 am-1 pm. Spring Community Conference: At the north end of Cayuga Lake—Canoga Fire Hall. The Cayuga Lake Watershed Network's spring event. Watch our Facebook page & website www.cayugalake.org for details about speakers on restoring better water quality in our creeks, Harmful Algal Blooms, Hydrilla, and Water & Art.

June 23: Reggae Festival for Clean Water, Stewart Park, Ithaca. 10 am-12 noon Paddle 'n' More kayaks, paddle boards and canoe rental available. Music and water-related information tabling begins at noon. Great family fun! Admission charge for the festival, June 23-24: <http://ithacareggaefest.com/>.

July 27: Full Moon cruise on the TEAL, the Floating Classroom's elegant new boat. Will leave from Ithaca & meet up with paddler flotilla—all paddlers welcome—at Myers Point. Kayaks, SUPs and Canoes available from Paddle 'n' More. Space limited to 60, *reserve early*. Reservation requested programs@cayugalake.org.

August 15: CLWN Annual Meeting & Picnic, location tba. 5-9 pm. The Cayuga Lake Watershed Network's annual get-together, free. You do not have to be a member to attend. Dish-to-pass with hamburgers, veggie burgers, etc provided. Location and Speaker to be determined. Watch our website and Facebook page! RSVP requested to programs@cayugalake.org.

Volunteer Opportunities—Your Help Needed!

Want to do an Embrace the Lake Cleanup along a ditch, stream, creek, the lakeshore? We can help your group, club, neighborhood organize your event, providing posters, gloves, and locations, free. April—May is best. Contact programs@cayugalake.org.

Get trained to help with water quality monitoring on Milliken Creek, Yawger Creek, or the Canoga shoreline creeks. Contact steward@cayugalake.org.

Help remove water chestnut from the Six Mile Creek reservoir, this summer: Contact steward@cayugalake.org.

Lakeshore landowners/renters: Get trained to help monitor for Harmful Algal Blooms. Contact steward@cayugalake.org.

Forest dwellers & paddlers: Look for Hemlock Woolly Adelgid along the lakeshore, and helpful beetles

in the woods. Contact steward@cayugalake.org. Help with invasives removal in our gorges state parks. Contact programs@cayugalake.org.

Help with website, incinerator science background, salt mine expansion, unlined landfill impacts, hydrilla i.d. kit replenishment, & events tabling: programs@cayugalake.org and steward@cayugalake.org.

Contact information for our watershed's elected officials & environmental agencies

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I Elected New York State officials representing the Cayuga Lake watershed

I. STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Governor Andrew Cuomo

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
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U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer

DC address:

HSOB—Hart Senate Office Building,
Room 322
120 Constitution Avenue, NE
Washington DC 20510-3203

NY address:

780 Third Avenue Suite 2301
New York NY 10017-2054

Phone, DC office: (202) 224-6542

Email: <https://www.schumer.senate.gov/contact/email-chuck>

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand

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RSOB—Russell Senate Office Building,
Room 478
2 Constitution Avenue, NE
Washington DC 20510-3205

NY address:

780 Third Avenue Suite 2601
New York NY 10017

Phone, DC office: (202) 224-4451

Email: <https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/contact/email-me>

2. US CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE CAYUGA LAKE WATERSHED

SENECA & TOMPKINS COUNTIES

US Representative Tom Reed

District: FH-NY23

Map of District 23: <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members/NY/23>

DC office address:

RHOB - Rayburn House Office Building,
Room 2437
50 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington DC 20515-3223

District office address:

89 West Market Street
Corning NY 14830-2526

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Corning: (607) 654-7566

CAYUGA COUNTY

US Representative John Katko

District: FH-NY24

Map of District 24: <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members/NY/24>

DC office address:

LHOB Room 1620
Washington DC 20515

District office address:

71 Genesee Street
Auburn NY 13021

Phone, DC: (202) 225-3701

Phone, Auburn: (315) 253-4068

Email: <https://katko.house.gov/contact/email>

3. THE NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY IN THE CAYUGA LAKE WATERSHED

TOMPKINS & PART OF CORTLAND COUNTY

Assemblywoman Barbara J. Lifton

District: SH-NY125

Map of District 125: http://www.latfor.state.ny.us/maps/2012a/AD_map_rep_125.pdf

District office:

106 East Court Street
Ithaca, NY 14850

Albany office:

LOB 555
Albany, NY 12248

Phone, Ithaca: (607) 277-8030

Phone, Albany: (518) 455-5444

Email: LiftonB@nyassembly.gov

CAYUGA COUNTY ALONG CAYUGA LAKE

Assemblyman Gary D. Finch

District: SH-NY126

Map of District 126: http://www.latfor.state.ny.us/maps/2012a/AD_map_rep_126.pdf

Albany office:

LOB 448
Albany, NY 12248

District office:

69 South Street
Auburn NY 13021

Phone, Auburn: (315) 255-3045

Phone, Albany: (518) 455-5878

Email: <http://nyassembly.gov/mem/Gary-D-Finch/contact/>

NORTH END OF SENECA COUNTY ALONG CAYUGA LAKE

Assemblyman Brian M. Kolb

District: SH-NY131

Map of District 131: http://www.latfor.state.ny.us/maps/2012a/AD_map_rep_131.pdf

District Office:

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Geneva, NY 14456

Albany Office:

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Albany, NY 12248

Phone, Geneva: (315) 781-2030

Phone, Albany: (518) 455-3751

Email: <http://nyassembly.gov/mem/Brian-M-Kolb/contact>

SOUTH END OF SENECA COUNTY ALONG CAYUGA LAKE

Assemblyman Philip A. Palmesano

District SH-132

Map of District 132: http://www.latfor.state.ny.us/maps/2012a/AD_map_rep_132.pdf

District office:

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4. THE NEW YORK STATE SENATE IN THE CAYUGA LAKE WATERSHED

EASTERN TOMPKINS COUNTY AND UPLAND WATERSHED MUNICIPALITIES EAST OF CAYUGA LAKE

Senator James L. Seward

District: SS-NY051

Map of District 51: http://www.latfor.state.ny.us/maps/2012s/SD_map_rep_51.pdf

District office:

41 South Main Street
Oneonta NY 13820

Albany office:

172 State Street Room 430, Capitol
Albany NY 12247

District phone: (607) 432-5524

Albany phone: (518) 455-3131

Email: seward@nysenate.gov

UPLAND AND SOUTHWESTERN WATERSHED MUNICIPALITIES AND CITY, TOWN OF ITHACA

Senator Thomas F. O'Mara

District: SS-NY058

Map of District 58:

District address:

333 East Water St. Suite 301
Elmira NY 14901

Albany address:

LOB 307
Albany NY 12247

District phone: (607) 735-9671

Albany phone: (518) 455-2091

Email: omara@nysenate.gov

CAYUGA COUNTY AND SENECA COUNTY LAKESHORE MUNICIPALITIES

Senator Pamela Helming

District: SS-NY054

Map of District 54: http://www.latfor.state.ny.us/maps/2012s/SD_map_rep_54.pdf

District office:

425 Exchange Street
Geneva, NY 14456

Albany office:

LOB 946
Albany NY 12247

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II US EPA and NYS DEC offices covering our watershed and region

1. US EPA REGION 2 THE CAYUGA LAKE WATERSHED IS IN US EPA REGION 2

Pete Lopez, Administrator

US EPA Region 2
Main Regional Office
290 Broadway
New York, NY 10007-1866

Contact information: <https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/forms/contact-epa-region-2>

Region 2 Citizen Hotline/Help Desk,
toll-free: (877) 251-4575

Information about EPA Region 2
key issues, news; access provided to
archived webpages dated January 19,
2017: <https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/epa-region-2>

2. NYS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION AND THE CAYUGA LAKE WATERSHED

Basil Seggos, Commissioner

NYS Department of Environmental
Conservation (DEC)
625 Broadway
Albany NY 12233-1011

Phone: (518) 402-8545

Email: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/about/407.html>

Hotlines, permits, licenses, etc: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/about/259.html>

Directory: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/about/556.html>

NYS DEC is divided into regions. The dividing line for regions 7 and 8 runs down the middle of Cayuga Lake.

REGION 7 includes the east shore of Cayuga Lake in Cayuga County; Tompkins County, Cortland County, and Tioga County: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/about/615.html> - Syracuse and Cortland DEC offices info provided at this link.

REGION 8 includes Seneca County and Schuyler County on the lake's west side: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/about/617.html> - Avon DEC office info provided at this link.

If you contact one of the Albany-based DEC divisions below, they will route you to the correct local contact and assistance.

NYS DEC Waste Management:

David Vitale, Director

Division of Materials Management,
DEC

625 Broadway
Albany NY 12233-7250

Phone: (518) 402-8652

Email: dmmweb@dec.ny.gov

Home page: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/292.html>

NYS DEC Division of Water:

Mark Klotz, Director

Division of Water, DEC
625 Broadway
Albany NY 12233-3500

Phone: (518) 402-8233

Email: DOWinformation@dec.ny.gov

Division of Water information
and links: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/290.html>

Finger Lakes Water Hub:

In 2016, the Finger Lakes Water Hub was established to focus water protection attention, research, monitoring and funding in the Finger Lakes Region. The staff of four is housed at the Syracuse DEC offices. Our staff contact for Cayuga Lake is Tony Prestigiacomo—anthony.prestigiacomo@dec.ny.gov

NYS DEC Mining and Reclamation:

Catherine Dickert, Director

Division of Mineral Resources, DEC
625 Broadway, 3rd Floor
Albany NY 12233-6500

Phone: (518) 402-8076

Email: dmn.info@dec.ny.gov

Division of Mining information
and links, dealing with NYS' non-renewable energy and mineral
resources: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/about/636.html> ➤

What's YOUR Stake in the Lake?

What do you love about Cayuga Lake, its creeks and communities?

Jenn Tufano *Members & Programs Staff*

Last November, we asked our Board and staff to tell us why they care about Cayuga Lake. We got some great answers—see below! What is your stake in our lake? Please send us your words and pictures—of yourself, or a beloved place, to Jenn Tufano programs@cayugalake.org. If you'd prefer to write, our address is CLWN POB 348 Aurora NY 13026. We will share with our readers in a future newsletter issue. Thank you!



Deb Grantham:

"Whether we're watching birds and other wildlife, seeing the weather roll across the hills, tramping through the woods and admiring the waterfalls,

fishing, swimming, or just letting the waves calm the soul, Cayuga Lake and its whole watershed amazes me. It's home to my sister and to me. I want to protect it for everyone now and into the future."



Paul Closs: "Cayuga Lake introduced me to my greatest passion, paddle sports. Through paddle sports the Lake helped me discover who I am and what I could

do. The Lake introduced me to some of my closest friends and allowed me to have amazing adventures and experience so much joy. So for me it's not just that I have a Stake in the Lake, but that I owe her for all that she has given me."



Jenn Tufano: "I grew up on a tiny kettle lake in Cortland County called Song Lake. Only a mile long by a mile wide, it's dwarfed by larger water-neighbors. As a

kid, it was the best! Swimming for hours with friends and cousins, fishing the best bass, crayfish hunting, water skiing, sunbathing...there was no end to the fun. Water consumed my summer thoughts when I grew up and had to move away

but I found myself always gravitating to a waterway whether it was the Maine coast, Puget Sound and Elliot Bay near Seattle, Mirror Lake/Lake Placid/AuSable River in the incomperable Adirondacks, and now beautiful Cayuga Lake. Protecting all these and other waterways for the future, so that my children and their children can become one with the sounds and scents, breezes and beautiful sunsets that can only come about on waterways."



Hilary Lambert: "My memories of Cayuga Lake and its creeks go back sixty years to being a tiny girl splashing at Flat Rock on Fall Creek with my family. When

older, each summer I attended the Girl Scout camps, Bailywick and Comstock. There I learned to listen to the waves and the trees and the quiet, and the rippling sound of my canoe in still water. I carried these memories as tokens to depend on for the forty years I was away. I am devoted to protecting these places for future children to enjoy, and their adult selves to return to."



John Mawdsley: "The beauty of the lake and the surrounding watershed was a significant factor in my decision to move back here towards the end of my working life. And the

key reason to work with the Network is to both protect and improve it."



Mike Duttweiler:

"Whether it be a shore-side picnic, boating, fishing, swimming, looking for "lucky stones," or just standing in awe of its vistas, Cayuga

Lake has been central to our family life for more than 40 years. Our stake is to have those same experiences available unimpaired for generations to come."



John Abel: "Glimpses of living on Cayuga: Dappled reflections of the morning sun at my breakfast table—Dock time and swimming with children and

grandchildren—Water skiing on silky water when the Lake is calm - Evening happy hours overlooking the Lake with friends—Hearing tinkling chimes from wind-blown ice built up on low-hanging willow branches—Beautiful solitude of rowing on a near empty Lake—The wonder of totally transparent black ice revealing the Lake bottom in detail—Swaying in a hammock while fixated on billowy clouds in the wide-open Lake sky—Watching a thunderstorm come down the Lake with a distinct edge of the rainfall—The misty light and rainbows following the passing storm - Seeing tightly packed "herds" of waterfowl during late-winter migration season—The ever-changing, subtle colors and textures of the water—The whitecaps of the prevailing northerly winds...." 🦋

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eat the roots of the cattail. Muskrat (*Ondatra zibethicus*) not only savor the roots and young stems as food but also use the leaves of the cattail to construct their lodges. Muskrat lodges not only serve as cover and nesting for the muskrat, but also can be symbiotically infested with birds, snakes, other reptiles and amphibians. The common tern may use the structure as a nesting site: such are the interrelated lives of marsh animals. Fish such as the largemouth bass, blue gill, pumpkin seed and the bowfin (a rare, ancient fish) like to hang out around the edges and open waters of the cattail marsh. The list and stories evolve as species interact.

For human use, the roots—minus the rind—are edible and tasty. Care must be taken to rinse the roots with chlorinated water before consumption in order to kill harmful bacteria and protozoans. The leaves of the cattail are used for caulking whiskey barrels. Additionally, weaving the leaves can produce some durable rush bottom furniture..

Cattails can reproduce sexually by self or cross pollination. The male (staminate) portion of the fruiting body is located at the top of the “tail” while the female (pistillate) portion of the tail is the larger, lower part of the fruiting body. These produce areal seeds that can colonize waters of a considerable distance away. Ecologically more important, the cattail can reproduce by underwater rhizomes which form a dense, intertwined mat at and just under the water’s surface. This creates a firm substrate for nesting and general habitation for wetland organisms.

Occasionally wave action may cause a large piece of the marsh consisting of several hundred square feet to break away from the contiguous marsh. Over the centuries, this factor has served to overcome the significant, genetic barrier created by substantial water surface between relatively non-contiguous land masses. Not only are the associated plants of the floating marsh transported to

new locations, but so are whatever vertebrates and invertebrates inept to transaquatic travel in this circumstance enabled to colonize a new area or achieve an opportunity to mingle their genes into a previously inaccessible gene pool.

In the 1800’s a rather useless plant, purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*), was introduced into this country from Europe or Asia probably as an ornamental. Although a pretty plant, it has taken over much of the living space of the cattail and has done much damage to our cattail marshes. It has no food or nesting value for wildlife. In addition, *Lythrum* is a more dominant and aggressive species than our native plants. Biological control of purple loosestrife using several species of beetles and a weevil, not harmful to our indigenous plants, was introduced in the 1800’s to combat the infestation of the purple flowering plant. Pulling the plant by hand is also an effective means of control.

The area of our lakeside cattail marshes is shrinking due to the annual lowering of lake levels of Cayuga Lake and subsequent freezing of the exposed root systems at the outer edge of the cattail network. Perhaps a grant is in order to somehow maintain the water level around our precious cattail marshes so that they may better thrive and continue to provide benefits for both wildlife and humans.

To experience a pleasing and exhilarating harbinger of spring, one should get close to a cattail marsh in very early weeks around the vernal equinox and listen for the melodious “kon-koreeee...” of the male red-winged black bird (*Agelaius phoeniceus*) as it skillfully harmonizes with itself using its extraordinary vocal capability. The youngest males are among the first of all small migratory birds to arrive north. Their favorite place to court and advertise their territory is the cattail marsh. 🐦

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Contact information for our watershed’s elected officials & environmental agencies

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5. COUNTY LEGISLATURES

- Detailed information provided here for the three lakeshore counties Tompkins, Cayuga, and Seneca.
- Links provided below for the three upland watershed counties Schuyler, Tioga and Cortland.

TOMPKINS COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Michael Lane, Chair

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Auburn NY 13021

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Contact information for all legislators:

<http://www.cayugacounty.us/County-Government/Clerk-of-Legislature/Legislature>

Phone: (315) 253-1308

SENECA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Robert Shipley, Chair

Seneca County Office Building,
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Waterloo, NY 13165

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Contact information for all legislators:
<https://www.co.seneca.ny.us/minutes-agendas-laws-resolutions/contact-information-for-board-of-supervisors/>

Cortland County: <https://www.cortland-co.org/>

Tioga County: <https://www.tiogacountyny.com/>

Schuyler County: <https://www.schuylercounty.us/> 🐦

The mission...

The Cayuga Lake Watershed Network identifies key threats to Cayuga Lake and its watershed, and it advocates for solutions that support a healthy environment and vibrant, sustainable communities.



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Water Chestnut Looms in Sixmile Creek Reservoir

A floating invader was confirmed in the Six Mile Creek Reservoir above Ithaca last fall. Water Chestnut, *Trapa natans* (not to be mistaken for the cooking ingredient of the same name), was found and mapped along the shore of Ithaca Reservoir in October 2017. Fortunately, we caught this annual early, and it can be easily pulled by a group of willing volunteers during summer 2018. Alas, this persistent invader will happily germinate its seed up to 12 years from when it fell into its soft silty home, giving us a weeding job for at least the next 12 years. Water chestnut can be spread by waterfowl and human activity. We will be coordinating this event with Roxy Johnston at the City of Ithaca Water Treatment Plant. Watch for volunteer sign-up information via our listserv and Facebook page. 🦋



*Thank you to...
Michelle Henry and
Cynthia Brock for their
intrepid paddle-board
surveying and mapping.*