

Network News

It takes a Network to protect a watershed.



If you want to know what we do (and support us!), read this!

Hilary Lambert Steward/Executive Director, CLWN

We are kicking off our 2018 Annual Appeal fundraiser. See page 3, watch for the mailed appeal letter, donate via our website. Read on to learn how we protect Cayuga Lake and deserve your support. Thanks!

The proposed trash-burning incinerator, Romulus

We have been working hard to keep our members and supporters updated on new developments, and informing them where to make comments, when, etc. We have worked with Seneca Lake Guardian, attorneys, and others to get more of the Cayuga Lake watershed area included in the impact area required of the developers for the state-level review process. Lakes to the east of Cayuga need to be included as well, owing to air pollution concerns. The Network has established a work group to develop a better understanding of the pollution control technology in the project's proposed stacks.

Hilary Lambert attended (independent of the Network) a well-attended lobbying day in Albany during May. This team event was organized by retired EPA Region 2 administrator Judith Enck, the Seneca Lake Guardian organization, and the Finger Lakes Wine Business Coalition, to request that legislators support a bill returning control over projects like this one to local government.

Governor Andrew Cuomo issued a statement opposing the proposed project; a press conference was held. Sponsoring legislators attended. "This proposal belongs in a trash incinerator," said Assemblyman Phil Palmesano (R-Corning). Recently, US Senator Chuck Schumer has announced his opposition to this project.

More information

- Seneca Lake Guardian www.senecalakeguardian.org
- Peter Mantius www.waterfrontonline.blog May 15, 2018 and other articles.

Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs)

The Network has been working with the NYS Department of Conservation and the Finger Lakes Hub office, the Community

Science Institute, and many others to launch a lakewide HABs monitoring and reporting network, modeled on the one developed by Seneca Lake Pure Water Association (SLPWA) for Seneca Lake. As of mid-June, over 50 volunteers were signed up for training. Everyone needs to be watching for and reporting HABs.

We attended planning meetings in February and March, and in May submitted comments on the draft Cayuga Lake HABs Action Plan to DEC's Finger Lakes Hub office. The Plan should be available to the public by the time you read this (check our website). *continued on page 2*

John Dennis of sister organization Cayuga Lake Environmental Action Now speaks at a press conference about Cayuga Salt's plans for a new shaft and continued salt mining under the lake.



H. LAMBERT

Network staff Jenn Grillo Tufano and Hilary Lambert are joined this summer by Carly Shonbrun-Siege, a Cornell senior who will help us with communications and outreach for Harmful Algal Blooms and other issues. Thank you to the Cornell Communications Department for supporting these internships!

👉 **More HABs information** on page 7.

Hydrilla, other invasives

We have launched our hydrilla hunting season with outreach, communications and reporting work. We need all Hydrilla Hunters on high alert from July through November! We are working with Dave Heck and Dave's Team to install forty hydrilla i.d. kit dispensers around the lake (want to help? steward@cayugalake.org).

Of the two hydrilla treatment areas at present on Cayuga Lake, the south end at Ithaca will not be using chemicals this year, owing to past treatment success. The Village of Aurora shoreline treatment area on the eastern shoreline has been expanded from 2017, and will be managed and funded for a second year by the US Army Corps of Engineers. The Corps will also work with the south end monitoring team to respond to several hydrilla plants found last season on the lake's shallow southern shelf. The Network is working with the Finger Lakes PRISM (Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management), and the Tompkins County Soil and Water Conservation District Office.

Other invasives that we have our eyes on include Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (are you searching the shoreline for damaged hemlock trees when boating? Send us locations and photos!), the Round Goby fish, and water chestnut, a pernicious invasive in waterways north of our lake and on Lake Ontario.

👉 **More information**

- Hydrilla—see page 6.
- Other invasives - Finger Lakes PRISM www.fingerlakesinvasives.org

Salt mining expansion beneath Cayuga Lake

Cargill Salt, located in Lansing, has mined out salt under eight miles of the lake bottom since the early 1980s. They are moving forward with a permit issued by DEC to build a new shaft further north and continue mining further north. The Network has joined others in calling for Cargill to do a full Environmental Impact Review prior to further mine development. A link to our position statement can be found on the home page of our website www.cayugalake.org.

Our sister organization, CLEAN (Cayuga Lake Environmental Action Now) has challenged the DEC permit action in court (via the Article 78 process). Several municipalities have joined this suit. A photo of CLEAN founder John Dennis, with supporters at a recent court hearing in Ithaca, graces our front page.

👉 **More information**

- CLEAN's website www.cleancayugalake.org

CSLAP

We are working with Tony Prestigiacomo of the Finger Lakes Hub to get five trained volunteer teams sampling out on Cayuga Lake as part of DEC's CSLAP program in 2018. CSLAP stands for Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program, a volunteer lake monitoring and education program managed by DEC and NYSFOLA (New York State Federation of Lake Associations).

We were assigned two sites last year, and are up to five funded sites lakewide in 2018. Five teams of two people sample regularly during the summer. Two sites are at the south end, one is off Long Point State Park, and two are in the northern half of the lake.

CSLAP data has been informing DEC water quality decision-making for 25 years. Some of our members may recall that there were CSLAP sites on the lake back in the early-mid '00s. This lake data supplements the water sampling conducted by teams trained by the Community Science Institute in Ithaca along creeks that feed into the lake, and along the lake's shoreline.

👉 **More information**

- The 2017 CSLAP report is available on our website www.cayugalake.org
- The CSLAP program <https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/81576.html>
- Community Science Institute monitoring data <http://database.communityscience.org/monitoringregions/1>

We also do these things: Our quarterly newsletter, website updates, Twitter and Facebook, Embrace the Lake trash cleanups; sponsoring the Yawger/Great Gully, Canoga Shoreliners, and Milliken Creek water monitoring groups. Want to help? Contact steward@cayugalake.org or programs@cayugalake.org. Ask us about our quilting, poetry, trash & water art and photography projects! Watch for shared events with the newly-formed Cayuga Water Sports and with Discover Cayuga Lake (formerly the Floating Classroom) at www.discovercayugalake.org. 🐾

Please support our work generously in 2018. Thank you.



Tales from the Littoral Zone

It is with deep sadness that we report to you that our wonderful columnist and cherished Board member, Carmelo "Mel" Russo, died suddenly in April. We will miss his witty and learned naturalist writings in these pages. Our condolences go out to his family and many friends.



Annual Appeal

Please help support us with a generous gift!

Jenn Grillo Tufano Programs & Membership Staff

The Cayuga Lake Watershed Network is working every day to protect the health and wellness of Cayuga Lake. We do this work with you because of our shared love for Cayuga Lake and its creeks, wetlands, streams & waterfalls. Our support comes from memberships, gifts, and grants. At a time when government support is in jeopardy, we call on you to step forward and make up the difference.

This year's appeal is all about the dozens of volunteers critical to protecting Cayuga Lake! We mean our steadfast, brilliant, dedicated, and informed volunteers who **spend hours and days trooping up and down streams and creeks** picking up trash that will not end up in Cayuga Lake. Volunteers who spend their **weekend hours scouring shorelines** looking for Harmful Algal Blooms to report. Hydrilla Hunters! Volunteers who spend hours **attending conferences** and reading up on local environmental issues to be better informed citizens and share that knowledge with others. Volunteers who **organize visits to elected representative offices** to advocate for stronger environmental regulation.

VOLUNTEERS...

embody the best of who we are and who we can be for the health and wellness of our watershed.

Your contributions support our effort to recruit and retain volunteers, educate the public on issues and concerns to our watershed, and to **CELEBRATE** our accomplishments!

Long time Network volunteers Ed and Nancy Currier shared these thoughts about donating their time:

"Investing in the health and beauty of Cayuga Lake for future generations is a priority for us. We want our grandchildren and future generations to enjoy the lake as we have in so many wonderful ways. We have a new understanding of how everyone needs to work together to ensure a healthy future for Cayuga Lake. Continued support is necessary for ongoing learning, sampling, testing and communicating to create an increased awareness that will lead to further protecting this valuable resource."

We thank them. And we thank you.

Ways to give

Online: Go to our website at www.cayugalake.org, click on "Get Involved" then "Contribute."

Mail a check made out to CLWN:
CLWN, PO Box 348, Wells College,
Aurora, NY 13026.

Many *Network News* readers will receive an annual appeal letter with reply form in the mail during July—but don't wait—please support us now. Thank you in advance for finding value in our work and making a generous financial contribution to help us carry on. With our sincere thanks from all of us at the Cayuga Lake Watershed Network. 🐾



Louise Mudrak and Doug Stauffer cleaned up trash along Burns Road in Ithaca. The Network's volunteers are central to protecting Cayuga Lake.



Volunteers sign up to regularly patrol a section of lake shoreline to look for Harmful Algal Blooms.



Shoreline resident Penney M. Cook tosses a weed rake from her dock to check for hydrilla.

Embrace the Lake!

Creek, ditch, and shoreline cleanups

A great way to have an immediate, positive impact on water quality.

Hilary Lambert Steward/Executive Director, CLWN

In March I took part in a cleanup of the roadside rest area on Route 89, above the west shore of Cayuga Lake in the town of Covert. The organizer of this event was Kristen Moore, who takes people on local adventures (<https://adventuresinthefingerlakes.com/> & on Facebook). About trash cleanups, she says that not every adventure can be fun! Kristen brought friends to help—see the photo.

This was our third cleanup at this location, and it still yielded a lot of old embedded trash—*another* full, closed, rusting can of paint! A major hidden trash-stash in the woods! Several hundred pounds of waterlogged cardboard and packaging tape—and plenty of new, fresh garbage—empty cans and fast-food trash strewn thickly along the roadside and down the slope by the stream that goes to Cayuga Lake.

One-tenth of a mile, walking along the roadside, yielded a heavy bagful. So—four full bags of trash just for our allotted stretch of roadside, plus many more bags from the rest area itself. And that's our **THIRD** trash removal event at this one spot!

As I checked the ditch across from the rest area, a plump vole scuttled across

the flowing ditch water into a tuft of grass. I picked up a filtered cigarette butt from its front doorway—helps both the vole, and streamwater health. Thank you to the NYS Department of Highways for inviting the Network to Adopt-a-Highway at this location.

We helped organize several other cleanups this spring, including one on Earth Day, April 22, when our Board member Paul Closs led a cleanup around the south end of Cayuga Lake, out of Ithaca's Cass Park. He, Jenn Grillo Tufano and his paddling friends collected a new pile of full trash bags, in an area that they regularly patrol. Paul's Fabulous Trash Birds Facebook group is keeping track of every piece of trash they collect. Watch for a Trash Art project!

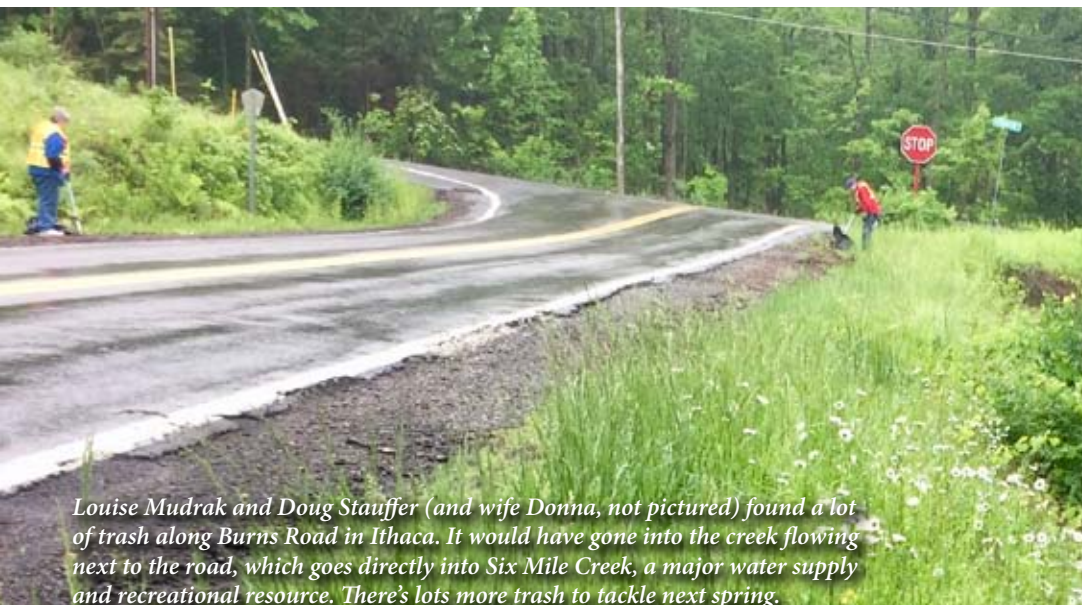
Thanks also to our Board member Eric Devin, whose family and friends cleaned the lake shoreline around the Village of Aurora, as they do every year. Also thank you Louise Mudrak for starting a new tradition along Burns Road in Ithaca with a ditch cleanup (see photo). The Town of Caroline held a creekside cleanup in mid-June, thanks to Board member/Caroline Town Supervisor Mark Witmer and his team.

Other local cleanups also took place, organized by community groups with a little bit of help from us.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO A DITCH, STREAM, LAKESIDE CLEANUP in April or May? We provide—free—beautiful posters, bags and gloves. We can advise on good locations; can (in some townships) get the trash picked up afterwards. Great for families, Scout groups, neighborhoods. Contact me at steward@cayugalake.org or staff Jenn Tufano programs@cayugalake.org for details and materials—plan ahead for Spring 2019, when all that fresh garbage is revealed!

Longtime Cayuga Lake-lover Tom Vawter says the new name for us is “water huggers.” Love it! 🐾

Kristen Moore and friends with a massive heap of trash removed from the Route 89 roadside rest area and its small stream.



Louise Mudrak and Doug Stauffer (and wife Donna, not pictured) found a lot of trash along Burns Road in Ithaca. It would have gone into the creek flowing next to the road, which goes directly into Six Mile Creek, a major water supply and recreational resource. There's lots more trash to tackle next spring.

Where the Water Goes

Sue Smith-Heavenrich

This article was originally published in Ithaca Child, Summer 2018

Years ago, when my youngest was four, he asked whether there were otters in the tiny creek that runs beside our house. So we set out on an expedition, walking the logging road that followed the creek, then through the wooded wetlands. As we walked upstream, the creek got wider, shallow, less defined until it was nothing but a soggy area where there was rumored to be a spring.

“No otters,” he sighed as we set our sneakers in the sun to dry. Later, he asked if we could follow the creek all the way down to where it ended. I found a map and we traced the thin blue line that joined another until the blue lines grew thick, eventually ending in big water. In our case, Chesapeake Bay.

If you live in Ithaca, that big water is Cayuga Lake and from there into Lake Ontario. Given the surrounding hills and the annual rainfall—an average of 35 inches—there are tons of creeks that carry water from the fields and forests to the lake. You can find them on maps, thin blue lines that wander the landscape. A few have names: Fall Creek, Enfield Creek, Six Mile Creek, Cascadilla Creek. You probably walk or drive along them, or cross over them, as you dash across town.

But where do these creeks start? That’s the question that sparked the First Headwaters Expedition of Six Mile Creek a few years ago. The expedition was the brainchild of Hilary Lambert, who describes herself as a “science-based advocate for the environment” and Steward of the Cayuga Lake Watershed Network. She wanted to bring attention to the creek that connects so many communities.

“People who live upstream and downstream often don’t realize they are connected by water,” Hilary says. Inviting people to join an expedition was one way to help people understand the important role water plays in our communities and our lives.

Hilary remembers the two-day hike well. The first day’s group began at Titus Street and walked upstream, past the library and up the hill, continuing to the Mulholland Wildflower Garden. From there they hiked to the reservoir, eventually bush-whacking up a steep slope to Six Mile Creek Vineyard.

“That was enough for one day,” Hilary says with a chuckle.

Because the area is steep and rugged, expedition leaders decided to skip some of the creek. So they started their second day of exploration at Roy H. Park Preserve off Irish Settlement Road. This area is home for Hilary; she grew up splashing around in the tiny creeks. Even those familiar with the area discovered that following a creek to its headwaters can be tricky, and they got lost for a few minutes. In the end they arrived at the wetlands where water gathers before burbling downslope as Six Mile Creek.

Three ways to explore Six Mile Creek

The best way to learn about the watershed you live in is to explore it. You don’t even need to get in the water to explore a creek or the local watershed. And you don’t need fancy equipment—a notebook and pencil will do and if you have a camera, take it along. Fortunately, Six Mile Creek has a few places that are easily accessed.



The Earth Flag flies in the headwaters of Six Mile Creek—also known as the Roy H. Park Preserve, in the town of Dryden.

In the City. One place to check out Six Mile Creek is near Cayuga Inlet and along North Titus Ave. Another good place is the creek walk that begins at East Clinton Street behind the library. The path, separated from traffic, ends just beyond Ithaca Coffee.

Things to do: Find a place to stand or sit that is safe. Close your eyes and use your ears. Allow yourself to become aware of all the sounds around you. When you open your eyes, jot down all of the different things you heard. If your back was to the creek, turn around so you are facing it and close your eyes again and listen. What kinds of water noises do you hear? Are there birds, insect calls, and the movement of animals?

Mulholland Wildflower Preserve. The preserve is just a couple miles from town on Route 79, then off Giles Street. If you don’t mind traffic, you could walk from the center of town—or you can take a bus as far as Quarry Street.

Things to do: The preserve is filled with opportunities to explore. Early May is the best time to look for the first wildflowers of the season. Although the stream itself is pretty fast, there are plenty of runoff and overflow areas where you could look for water insects. Muddy areas are perfect for hunting animal tracks. And there is a lot to see for anyone willing to hunker down and turn over a stone or roll a log to see what’s beneath – just make sure you return stones and logs to their original spot.

The Friends of Six Mile Creek host nature journaling workshops for children and their families throughout the year. Check out their schedule and information on registering at sixmilecreek.org.

Roy H. Park Preserve. The preserve is about ten miles from center Ithaca and borders Yellow Barn State Forest, Hammond Hill State Forest, and the old “600 Natural Area”. It’s an area of forest, rolling fields, and wetlands.

Things to do: Check out the vernal pools. In spring they provide habitat for spotted salamanders and frogs, including peepers and wood frogs. Close your eyes and listen for the high-pitched peeps and incessant clackety-quacks. Check for beaver activity in the wetland area, and watch for herons. The preserve

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Hydrilla Update for 2018

We need your sharp eyes out there, Hydrilla Hunters!

Back in 2011, the invasive aquatic plant hydrilla (*Hydrilla verticillata*) was first found by an eagle-eyed intern on the Floating Classroom (a program of Discover Cayuga Lake). A massive coordinated rapid response effort carried out by local and state agencies, researchers and community groups, soon revealed that 166 acres of Cayuga Inlet—Ithaca's premiere waterway—was infested with hydrilla.

Seven years later, the news is good: there will be no chemical treatments for hydrilla in Cayuga Inlet or Fall Creek this summer, because no hydrilla has been found in either water body for over a year. Monitoring and testing will continue, to ensure that no hydrilla has returned.

Thanks go to the Hydrilla Task Force team that has overseen a careful, conservative treatment process each year, to the stalwart researchers who have been monitoring the creeks meticulously each year, and to the engaged public and Hydrilla Hunters who have their eyes peeled for its appearance from July to as late as November, when waterways cool down for the winter.

However, there is a recently-discovered patch of hydrilla in shallow waters off Stewart Park; and two plants have been found farther north offshore of the east and west shores, in deeper water.

This summer, the south end Hydrilla Task Force will be working with the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to control these new hydrilla discoveries. The Task Force will do the mapping and monitoring. The USACE will treat, using chemicals if necessary, and other treatments when appropriate, such as benthic mats (thick mats that keep out sunlight). Funding for treatment will be provided by the USACE.

Mike Greer of the US Army Corps of Engineers, Buffalo NY office, is also in charge of the treatment area along the shoreline in the Village of Aurora, on Cayuga Lake's eastern shoreline in the town of Ledyard. Discovered two autumns back, this hydrilla patch was first treated in 2017. The treatment area has expanded to 159 acres for 2018, between the Wells College dock and Paines Creek to the south.

The USACE, the village, and Wells College are working closely together to ensure that there are no water quality concerns for summer and year-round visitors to this beautiful area. Testing is being done regularly under the scrupulous supervision of the Cayuga County Environmental Health Program, with additional monitoring and research being carried out by staff from the Finger Lakes Institute (at Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva).

Cayuga Lake's Hydrilla Response Leadership

The south-end Hydrilla Task Force: decision-making about chemical treatment, etc is coordinated by Mike Hall and the



YOUR HELP NEEDED

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- Want to learn what hydrilla looks like, and be a Hydrilla Hunter?
- Want to sign up to use a lake rake to sample for hydrilla in July–November?
- We also need help regularly refilling the hydrilla information dispensers around the lake, installed for the summer and fall months by Dave Heck of Lansing.

Tompkins County Soil and Water Conservation District Office. Bob Johnson of Racine-Johnson Aquatic Ecologists provides monitoring services. The Tompkins County Soil and Water Conservation District Office monitors water quality for the Bolton Point water treatment plant. The Tompkins County Department of Health and Cornell Cooperative Extension are regularly consulted. Hilary Lambert and Jenn Grillo Tufano of the Cayuga Lake Watershed Network coordinate public information and outreach via the Outreach Committee. If you would like to take part, contact us for meeting times and location (programs@cayugalake.org).

Leaders for the Aurora and open lake treatment areas:

Michael Greer of the US Army Corps of Engineers Buffalo Office is team leader. Related research is being coordinated by Hilary Mosher, Finger Lakes PRISM (Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management) and Lisa Cleckner, Finger Lakes Institute. The Village of Aurora Mayor and Trustees, Wells College, and Cayuga County Department of Health are regularly consulted. Contact Hilary Lambert and Jenn Grillo Tufano for more information. 🐾

Information about

- Hydrilla and the Aurora site: www.fingerlakesinvasives.org/hydrilla
- Hydrilla at the lake's south end: www.stophydrilla.org

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is a great place to look for different kinds of mosses. Notice the different shades of green, their textures, and how the different mosses grow. There are a lot of birds at the preserve. Close your eyes and listen to their songs when you are in the forest, then again when you're in the old fields. 🐾

BIO NOTE: Sue Smith-Heavenrich writes about science and nature for children and their families. This article is from her "Archimedes Notebook" column in the summer 2018 issue of *Ithaca Child*. Her book, *Diet for a Changing Climate* will be available this fall.

Harmful Algal Blooms—Action Around Cayuga Lake and how you can help

Hilary Lambert *Steward/Executive Director, CLWN*

When the HABs (Harmful Algal Blooms) blossomed across Cayuga Lake last summer—and across the other Finger Lakes, and many other water bodies statewide—alarms went off in Albany at the Departments of Environmental Conservation and Health, and in the Governor’s office. These lakes are a major drinking water resource across central NY State.

YES wineries, real estate, small and big farms, and recreation too—big business, all of it. But consider the challenges that Owasco and other lakes and communities have had, when HABs toxins were not removed by standard drinking water treatment. Suddenly—with no warning—large populations were threatened with the loss of their drinking water. Most of us know the truisms of how little fresh water there is world-wide, and how no new water is being made. So we must protect what we have, as the climate gets stranger, and human populations with demands for clean water continue to rise.

In December 2017, Governor Andrew Cuomo announced at a press conference in Syracuse that a major new HABs-fighting initiative would be funded with \$65 million, for twelve lakes statewide. Cayuga and several other (but not all) Finger Lakes were included. Since then, the Finger Lakes Hub (the new four-person DEC team focused on Finger Lakes water quality) has been working nonstop—no exaggeration—with steering committees from each lake, representing a wide range of lake interests, to finalize HABs Action Plans for five Finger Lakes (Cayuga, Owasco, Skaneateles, Conesus, and Honeoye).

Steward Lambert was selected for the Cayuga Lake steering committee, as were several agency heads and representatives of lake protection and water user groups. The Cayuga Lake HABs Action Plan is up and running by the time you read this—go to www.cayugalake.org for a link and more information. Of course, a document put together so quickly is not perfect, and not all voices of concern are fully included, but the Plan will be very helpful in helping us prioritize lakewide and focus boldly on sources, causes, and solutions.

HABs Harriers & habshotline@gmail.com

In a parallel, equally back-breaking effort, thanks to a fast response by Steve Penningroth, he and Claire Weston of the Community Science Institute have been working with the Network, Discover Cayuga Lake (the Floating Classroom’s new expanded identity with new boat), and DEC to develop a lakewide HABs monitoring program. Seven Finger Lakes have these in place for 2018.

We have recruited over fifty people around the lake to train as HABs monitors. They will patrol a designated stretch of shoreline once a week, report on absence or presence of HABs, and, if a HAB is found or suspected, take a sample and rush it to CSI’s lab near the Tompkins County Airport. This rapid response model is based on what Owasco and Seneca Lake (100 people this year!) have done in previous years. As a result we will be able to report to the public around the lake quickly and efficiently when a HAB is spotted, exactly where it is, and learn if it is toxic or not, much faster than last summer.

As I write this article, we are developing public service announcements and other media outreach tools to get the public

involved and informed. The Network’s staff is supplemented this summer by Carly Shonbrun-Siege, an environmental sciences senior at Cornell University, who is helping us thanks to CU Communications Department-funded internships that place talented students with non-profits.

To see lakewide maps of where people are monitoring and where HABs are being found, go to www.communityscience.org. To learn more about HABs with links to research, the global scope of this problem, and information about possible causes and solutions, check out our HABs page at www.cayugalake.org under “Get Involved.”

To report a suspected Harmful Algal Bloom, send two photos and the location (latitude-longitude, or nearest street address in a pinch) to habshotline@gmail.com. This will set off an alarm on all our phones, so please do not mis-use it! Rapid response is of the essence.

Please support this work

And one more thing. That \$65 million the Governor mentioned? None of it, as yet, is being made available to support us. We are doing this work because we must, to protect Cayuga Lake. While we are grateful for one potential source to partially fund this work in 2018, we need you to help make up the difference with a generous gift to our Annual Appeal. Thank you. 🐾



From left, Carly Shonbrun-Siege, Claire Weston and Jenn Grillo Tufano discuss HABs and project plans with Bill Ebert, CLWN Board member and water monitoring group leader on the northwest shoreline.

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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Upcoming Events

Invasive Species Week, July 8-14, 2018

Please keep an eye on our website calendar and social media outlets for special events connected to this year's Invasive Species week. Interested to know what is happening around the state? Visit the DEC site here: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/105650.html>

Cayuga Lake PaddleFest, July 27-29, Taughannock State Park:

CLWN is joining with all area paddling groups to celebrate Cayuga Lake with: Friday Full Moon paddle; Saturday SUP Yoga lessons, outrigger relay, rentals and clinics for kayak, canoe and paddle board, children's tent, nature art, guided Gorge Walks, BBQ before Taughannock's evening outdoor concert; Sunday morning yoga, open Regatta of all craft, to bring awareness of the need for all of us to join together to protect OUR LAKE. See <paddlenmore.com> for details, registration and campground referrals.

ANNUAL MEETING—August 15, 2018

Please join us at Myers Park Pavilion E in Lansing on Wednesday, August 15 from 5:30-9pm for our annual meeting and picnic. All are welcome! We provide burgers, hotdogs, vegetarian options, all

the fixins, and beverages. Bring a little something to share and enjoy a pot luck dinner followed by election of new Board members, general meeting business, and guest speaker (tba).

Hydrilla Hunting—YOUR HELP NEEDED—contact programs@cayugalake.org

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- Want to sign up to use a lake rake to sample for hydrilla in July-November?
- We also need help regularly refilling the hydrilla information dispensers around the lake, installed for the summer and fall months by Dave Heck of Lansing.

HABs monitoring—July through September

How would you like to be an "observe and report" harmful algal bloom volunteer? Anyone with Cayuga Lake shoreline access can participate and all you need to do is report when you see a bloom and support your report with photographs. We will help you identify a HAB if you are not already familiar. Please contact Jenn at programs@cayugalake.org to learn more. 🦋