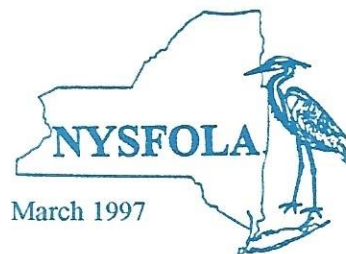


WATERWORKS



New York State Federation of Lake Associations, Inc.

March 1997

Annual Conference , May 2-4, 1997

NYSFOLA's three day Annual Conference will be held at the **White Eagle Conference Center** in Hamilton, NY beginning Friday, May 2. This issue of **WATERWORKS** provides mini-abstracts of the sessions to be covered. You'll also find a Conference Registration form in this issue.

The Conference begins on Friday evening with an Open Meeting of all NYSFOLA members with the Scientific Advisory Board. Saturday will be filled with a variety of sessions starting at 8:45 AM and ending at 5:00 PM. Sessions will run concurrently in two conference rooms so that attendees can select from a variety of topics ranging from lake ecology, restoration and management, to land use planning and lake association management.

Because several of NYSFOLA lake associations have been very active over the past year exploring a variety of techniques to control nuisance plants, particularly Eurasian Watermilfoil, this year's panel discussion will give lake associations the benefit of their expertise. Representatives from Lake Moraine and Cossayuna Lake will compare their experiences with SONAR® with a representative from the chemical's manufacturer, SEPRO. A variety of experts from private industry, academia and DEC will also discuss the use of chemical controls in addition to physical and biological techniques to control milfoil. Specific topics for discussion will cover the potential use of a weevil and moth, grass carp and a variety of physical controls such as bottom barriers and weed harvesting.

If you notice a lot more faces at this year's Conference, that's because two special sessions are being held on Saturday. A special CSLAP training program is being offered to provide training for the 25 new lake associations welcomed into the newly expanded CSLAP monitoring program. Their orientation will include training in CSLAP monitoring protocol, lab analysis, and on-lake instruction. In addition seven pilot watersheds have been selected to pilot a process for developing management plans for New York State lakes as part of NYSFOLA/DEC Watershed Planning Project. The conference will offer a special orientation to lake associations, county and town officials to kick off this new pilot project which is designed to develop a template for Management Planning for all member lake associations around the State. (See the following articles on these programs for more information about these special sessions).

Saturday's sessions will wrap up with the NYSFOLA Annual Banquet and Sunday morning promises more exciting sessions including a walking tour of Lake Moraine and a session to discuss Bond Act activities around the State.

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Letter from the President:

It is both encouraging and discouraging to see the effort and money used to preserve and restore our waters. We each know of the work we do for "our lake", and through NYSFOLA and NALMS we're aware of similar activity across our state and indeed the world. "Grass Roots" organizations everywhere are working to save or restore a water body. Sometimes it's a river or bay instead of a lake, and it may be salt instead of fresh water, but the volunteers all have a common goal....to save "their water." The problems are as varied as the water bodies, but all are caused by people. It might be discharge from industries like paper mills and foundries or private or municipal sewage. In some waters erosion from development and farmland is alarming.

My first impression when I hear of all these groups is how good it is that so many people care about their environment and are willing to work to save their lake or river or bay. The reality is that almost all the wa-

tters in this state and country are in jeopardy and this is downright discouraging. We must continue to get the message to more and more people that water is a vulnerable, precious commodity and is not limitless.

We start with our lake and reach out to share our hard learned lessons with others, and learn from them. Our concern for water quality cannot end where our lake flows on to another water body. It cannot end at a county or state line. What happens to water everywhere affects us.

Someone phrased it perfectly. "Think globally, act locally." I think you do.



Margaret J. Schaefer, President

Does the information superhighway have any rest stops???

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Water Week to Focus on Watershed Partnerships



Water Week, an annual celebration of water resources and issues in New York State, will be May 4-10, 1997. Continuing with the third year of a long-term watershed outreach campaign, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is preparing a packet of information materials that will encourage New Yorkers to work together in partnerships to solve watershed problems cooperatively. The packets are designed for teachers, youth group leaders, businesses, civic and environmental associations and local governments to use with their groups.

A watershed, all that land that contributes rainwater or melted snow to a particular body of water, is the basic management unit of the water environment. Natural and human-caused activities within a watershed, on or under the land and water and in the air, will affect the quality and quantity of the water available for all living things to use. Because watersheds seldom follow the boundaries set for towns, counties, etc., the various jurisdictions and interests within a watershed must work together as partners to protect watershed resources and improve them.

Water Week packets are scheduled to be available in early March from NYSDEC regional offices and Environmental Education Centers and from county Water Quality Coordinating Committees, which can be contacted through your county Soil and Water Conservation District office. Or those interested can contact Water Week, NYSDEC Division of Water, 50 Wolf Road, Albany, NY. 12233-3508 or call (518) 457-8964 and leave a request for the packet, with a clearly enunciated name and address.

In the packet is a program description and reporting form for people who would like to participate in DEC's Watershed Stewardship program. This program encourages New Yorkers to take action in their own watershed throughout the year, through projects such as water quality monitoring, stream bank stabilization plantings, beach cleanups or community education. When groups or individuals send in reports of their stewardship activities, they receive a certificate of recognition and a poster depicting a scene in one of New York's drainage basins. The posters and certificates are sent out in June to cover activities reported during the previous 12 months, including this year's Water Week.

NYSFOLA'S Conference kicks off the start of Water Week. Is your Lake Association involved in activities to promote Water Week? Education is a part of our mission.

Other Water Week activities include local water festivals, conferences, water works tours and the first (county level) round of drinking water taste contests that lead to a winner determined at the State Fair in August. Water Week is an opportunity for local groups and classes to shine the spotlight on their own water-related projects. To list your activity on DEC's master Water Week calendar, fax the title, time, date, location, contact name and telephone number to Water Week Calendar (518) 485-7786 by early April.

Travel the Internet with us!!!

For all the computer buffs it is now possible to contact the NYSFOLA Office by E-Mail. We try to check the mail box every evening for messages or questions that you have. We can be reached at ;- fola@epix.net or check-out the NYSFOLA homepage at;-

http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/nys_lakes

NALMS can be reached at;- <http://www.nalms.org>

LAKE ASSOCIATION NEWS

Millsite Lake Property Owners Association, Inc. *by Debra Wagner, Secretary*

Located in northern New York, just 10 miles from Alexandria Bay, is a 500 acre lake known as Millsite. Millsite is just one of the many lakes in the Indian River Lakes region of Jefferson County. It is a spring fed lake which reaches depths of 80 feet. Millsite Lake is home to Jefferson County's 4H Camp Wabasso.

History

Although it is a relatively small lake, Millsite boasts seven islands. One of the islands, Street Car Island, is known for it's main building- a street car - which was brought over on the ice. The Blueberry Island camp was used as a World War I officers' barracks at Fort Drum. The first camp built on Millsite, in 1909, was also on an island. Today Millsite Lake has 62 property owners.

THE ASSOCIATION

In 1973 the Millsite Lake Property Owners Association was formed. The goal of this organization was to preserve the natural beauty of Millsite Lake. Today the association is comprised of 4 officers, 6 directors and coordinators for the following committees: publications, weed cutter, herbicide application, special projects, history and merchandise. The association relies heavily on its volunteers.

Currently the MLPOA has 52 voluntary members which represents 84% of all property owners. Membership dues are \$80 or \$110 annually depending on whether the member wishes to receive optional weed cutting services twice per year. 77% of all dues are used to pay for the lake management program (see below). Members receive a lake directory, a quarterly newsletter and participation in the lake management program. Members are also invited to participate in the annual lake picnic, ladies luncheon and fishing contests. Membership meetings are held on Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends to discuss and conduct association business. When property is sold on Millsite Lake the new owners receive a "welcome kit" from the association. This kit includes a lake directory, association brochure and a copy of the most recent newsletter. We have found this very helpful in recruiting new members. We also make "associate memberships" available to anyone interested-friends, relatives or renters- to help build our resource pool.

To raise additional funds for lake activities we have held various fund raising events. These include lake logo shirts, sweatshirts, caps and decals as well as computer-generated lake maps and calendars made from Millsite Lake photos. Each year we attempt to add new merchandise for fund raising.

In 1989 the watermilfoil problem had become very widespread. Lake members realized the need to purchase a weed cutter. At that time 36 members contributed \$500 toward the purchase of a weed cutter. Along with this acquisition came the incorporation of the lake association.

To help reduce costs the Millsite Lake Property Owners Association applied for and received state tax exemption in 1996. We have recently filed for federal tax exemption as well.

LAKE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Over 20 years ago, after the construction of a public boat launch on the lake, Eurasian watermilfoil began to appear. Since then we have used a combination of methods to combat this relentless weed. We finally settled on a program which combines herbicide application with harvesting. The herbicide we use is Aquacide which we apply once annually. This herbicide is reasonable in cost (we spend approximately \$4,000 annually) and is made for spot applications. This has been very effective in controlling additional spreading. To combat the plants that do appear we also maintain a weed cutter. A group of lake volunteers cut and rake the weeds twice during the summer. This allows us to swim and boat from our private docks and bays. We are interested in more affordable programs since our membership is small and we receive no outside funding.

To contact the Millsite Lake Property Owners Association please send correspondence to MLPOA, Inc., P. O. Box 643, Redwood, NY. 13679 We would love to hear from you!

"WATERWORKS" would appreciate information on your Lake Association. I plan to have a page set aside each issue for a different Association. Let's make your's next! Forward your write-up to the office by mail, fax, E-mail or pony express, but start now. Pictures can be included.

Thank you, Editor

WHO KILLED THE LAKE?

Rushford Lake was created in 1928 after the completion of a continuous angle high arch dam. The lake was formed to generate electricity for the local communities. Within the first year after filling, it became apparent that the size would not sustain a continuous operation of generators. **The generators were never installed.**

Having lost its primary value, the lake became important for flood control and a back-up water source for generators further down stream. With the water level fairly stable during the summer months, developers bought up land around the lake, creating pockets of summer homes. Now there is little privately owned land around the perimeter that has not been built on.

A lake in the beautiful hills of Allegany County seemed idyllic. But "**man- the destroyer**", soon took his toll. Nearby farmers continued their ancient practice of natural fertilization while the new cottagers ran raw sewage directly into the lake. By the 1970's the lake waters were badly polluted and although still actively used, unsafe for most any human use. Coincidentally, the power company determined that the dam needed burdensome repairs and was no longer financially viable. Negotiations by the local Landowners' Association, the towns around the lake and efforts by some New York State Legislators brought the quasi-governmental District into being.

Because that District now owned all the land, (the lake was nestled in and up to 10' of land above the high water line,) it was possible to control access to the lake. In cooperation with the local towns, the County Health Department, the Department of Soil and Water and the Department of Environmental Conservation, regulations were immediately put in place to control and stop polluters. Slowly the lake has returned to a relatively high level of purity. Dissolved oxygen once again reaches to a depth of over 100 feet. Weeds and mussels have little chance to become a nuisance because the lake is dropped twenty feet every winter.

It seemed that the difficult solutions were finally behind us. **NOW A MORE SINISTER PART OF POLLUTION** is showing up in our lakes. A simple one word explanation-**TRAFFIC!!!** The recreational binge has gone rampant. The size, the power, the lack of regard for others and most of all, the **SHEER NUMBERS** are overwhelming. The larger, more powerful boats take up more space and do it more rapidly. Add larger and more powerful personal watercraft darting in and around these and the bigger pontoon boats and we have a plan for disaster. In addition to the much greater wave action on shorelines and lake beds, is the threat to anyone daring to venture forth.

How much is too much? Must we wait to ask the question "**WHO KILLED THE LAKE???**" **IS THERE NO WAY TO DETERMINE THE CAPACITY OF A WATERWAY TO SURVIVE THE HUMAN ONSLAUGHT?** Can NYSFOLA energize a solution?

Like all good things, water has a point of diminishing return. How can we ascertain what that is and do "something" before we reach it? **DOES NYSFOLA'S "CRYSTAL BALL" SHOW ANY AGENCY IN EXISTENCE THAT MIGHT GIVE GUIDELINES ON HOW AND WHAT ACTIONS ARE POSSIBLE AND SUGGEST APPROACHES TO THE LEGAL COMMUNITY?**

editor's note: Article was furnished by the Board of Commissioners, Rushford Lake Recreation District. This topic would be an ideal discussion on Friday evening at the Annual Conference. Bring forth your ideas to resolve a proper solution..

Sessions offered at the 1997 Annual Conference at White Eagle Lodge

CSLAP TRAINING + INTRODUCTION to LAKE ECOLOGY

SCOTT KISHBAUGH from DEC Lake Services discusses the dynamics of how a lake functions and how the complex interactions of water, plants and animals are influenced by inputs from the surrounding watershed. Whether you plan to attend for a refresher or a first time crash course in lake ecology, this session is designed to provide a basic understanding of lake ecology for lake associations to draw from in developing effective plans to correct long-term problems. This is a **required** crash course for the 25 new lakes participating in the newly expanded CSLAP program.

THE BUSINESS OF LAKE ASSOCIATIONS

JOHN BALDWIN, a successful Lake Association President covers the business of effectively managing a lake association. This session will describe the duties of officers; tips for developing and sticking to lake association by-laws and taking advantage of special tax status among many others. Whether you are the president or a member of a lake association you do not want to miss this session, which is filled with tips for keeping your association active year-round.

LAND USE AND YOUR LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN

DEAN R. LONG, of the LA Group and NYSFOLA's Scientific Advisory Board offers a session geared towards lake associations, county water quality coordinating committees, local government officials or any other entity involved in lake and watershed planning. Understanding the options for local land use controls and the role of local governments in making effective land use decisions whether they be master planning, zoning, site plan review or land subdivision is key to planning for the future of your lake watershed.

EXPERTS IN THE FIELD PRESENT—LAKE and WATERSHED RESEARCH

Organized by **DR. BILL HARMAN** from the SUNY Oneonta Biological Field Station this series of lectures will be presented by a variety of lake researchers from leading colleges and universities, and consultants working in the field. The following will be offered during concurrent sessions:

- Effects of zebra mussels on Oneida Lake
- Otsego Lake Phosphorus Budget
- Estimating Abundance and Density of Fish on Otsego Lake
- Constructed Wetlands As a Low Maintenance Alternative for Sanitary Waste Disposal
- Application of Continuous Water Quality Monitoring Instruments in Lake Research
- Aquatic Plants in Lake Moraine and the Impact of SONAR Herbicide Treatment

NYSDOH ONSITE-WASTEWATER SYSTEM RULE REVISION

Any property owner will want to find out from the New York State Department of Health how their revised rules for on-site wastewater systems are considered basic requirements for installing and maintaining on-site systems.

UPDATES ON WATER CRAFT RULES

NYSFOLA Board members **JOHN MILLER AND RALPH (BUZZ) DE'FELICE** have been closely following the series of legislative hearings held on a variety of watercraft issues including training requirements for personal watercraft users. They will discuss last year's legislative activities in addition to new proposals on the table for 1997. This session will also cover options for instituting speed limits or horsepower restrictions on lakes.

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WHO OWNS THE LAKE BOTTOM

ALAN BAUDER from New York State Office of General Services will present how even though the bottoms of many lakes may be privately owned, an adjoining landowner may need a lease or a permit for their dock or other shorefront structures from New York State (particularly in the Adirondack Park). He will also discuss how OGS is now working with other State agencies to simplify this process.

PANEL DISCUSSION—CONTROLLING EURASIAN MILFOIL

A panel of lake and watershed managers, consultants and researchers will discuss a variety of controls to prevent the growth and spread of milfoil in New York State Lakes. Topics to be discussed include the use of physical controls such as harvesting and bottom barriers, research done by **Bob Johnson** in the Finger Lakes to evaluate the use of weevils and caterpillars to control Eurasian watermilfoil will be discussed in addition to other biological controls. Representatives from Cossayuna and Lake Moraine will discuss their experiences with SONAR on their respective lakes. Representatives from SEPRO and DEC will provide expertise related to chemical application and permitting.

SPECIAL SESSIONS ON SATURDAY MAY 3...

The following special training sessions will also be held at this year's conference to provide lake associations involved in NYSFOLA special programs with some special care and attention. These sessions will run concurrently with other sessions during Saturday (see CSLAP article for more information on this special session).

NYSFOLA WATERSHED PLANNING PROJECT: GETTING STARTED

GENA GALLINGER, BILL MORTON AND JAY BLOOMFIELD from DEC and **ANNE SALTMAN** from NYSFOLA will meet with selected lake associations to kick off the NYSFOLA/DEC watershed planning project in seven lake watersheds (see Watershed Planning Project article for more information on this new NYSFOLA Program).

INTRODUCTION TO CSLAP + ON-LAKE TRAINING

BETSY HOHENSTEIN AND SCOTT KISHBAUGH offer two training sessions on the lake in CSLAP monitoring for the 1997 new lakes involved in the newly expanded program. New Lakes to the CSLAP program are encouraged to pre-register for one of the two sessions. Veteran CSLAP Lake Associations interested in a refresher course can sign up at the conference.

AND ON SUNDAY MORNING.....

AGRICULTURAL WORK DONE ON LAKE MORaine

LISA WELCH from Madison County Planning and **MIKE JOHNSON** of the Natural Resource Conservation present an overview on their work with the agricultural community in the Lake Moraine watershed. Bring good walking shoes and warm clothing as their presentations may include field trips to local farms to see best management practices in action.

The Two Hardest Things in Life to Handle are SUCCESS and FAILURE!!

Work Underway in Selected Watersheds

Watershed Planning Project kicks off at Annual Conference

Seven watersheds have been selected to pilot a process for developing management plans for New York State lakes as part of the **NYSFOLA/DEC Watershed Planning Project**. A special session will be held at this year's Annual Conference for lake associations, county and town officials to kick off this new pilot project, which is designed to develop a template for Management planning for all member lake associations around the state.

The **Watershed Management Planning Project**, is geared to help New York State communities organize their priorities by bringing together the expertise from NYSFOLA, NYSDEC and other state agencies, local governments and local communities to develop watershed management plans. In essence this NYSFOLA/NYSDEC partnership program, is designed to bridge the gap between local lake watershed activities and other State and Federal lake management programs by helping communities take stock of their current activities, develop a common vision of what they would like to do in the future, and find the resources to do them. This program is premised on providing more technical assistance and aid for planning so that communities will have the luxury of being prepared for the future, rather than responding to individual crises as they arise on a case by case basis.

The seven lakes for the first year of this pilot program were selected by the NYSFOLA Board of Directors from a list of some 30 candidate lakes nominated by NYSFOLA member lake associations, county WQCC and DEC Regional offices. **Owasco Lake**, a large Finger Lake has been included in this program, but because of its size is being budgeted separately. The other six (6) lakes are: **Queechy Lake**, Columbia County; **Cossayuna Lake**, Washington County; **Findley Lake**, Chautauqua County; **Silver Lake**, Wyoming County; **Lake Oscawana**, Putnam County; and **Chateaugay Lake**, Franklin County.

The criteria that the board used to choose the lakes was based on the following:
The lake should be representative of lakes around the state so that other lake associations can draw upon their experience when developing their own lake management plan.

- Presence of an active long standing NYSFOLA member association

- Inclusion of the lake on the DEC Priority Waterbody List

- A joint application for participation by the lake association and the CWQCC (or member thereof)

- One or more likely watershed coordinators to emerge from the team building process

- The availability of local funds to support the management planning process, provided by the lake association or other county/local sources

Other criteria used to evaluate pilot applications included participation in CSLAP, and the extent of local partnerships used to provide local funding and to execute the planning process.

Representatives from lake associations, county and town officials from the selected NYSFOLA watersheds will participate in a special Saturday plenary session at the Conference. Individuals working with DEC on management plans from Oneida, Seneca, Chautauqua and Otsego Lake Watersheds are also invited to attend. Topics will cover: developing individual work plans for each of the selected watersheds, assigning responsibilities and sharing experiences in lake and watershed planning.

For more information on the **Watershed Planning Project** contact; Gena Gallinger, DEC Lake Services (518) 457-0736

Lake Manager of the Year!

The Lake Manager of the year will be chosen at the Annual Conference. Does your lake have a manager that should be nominated for this award? If so, be sure to send his/her name and pertinent information to NYSFOLA Office before April 25, 1997

Shhhhhhhh!!

It's a **SILENT AUCTION**, and NYSFOLA needs your help.

The NYSFOLA Board of Directors is inviting all members to its first annual Silent Auction to be held at the annual conference in May. We're looking for donations.

Do you own a business or know someone who does? Do you have merchandise, gift certificates, or discounts to donate?

Could you provide a service (lawn mowing, typing, quilts, Lake dredging, Watershed consultation, etc.)?

Are you or someone you know a crafter, seamstress, artist, or woodworker? Do you have items to donate? (no thanks, on the Xmas ties)

We know that NYSFOLA members are a clever, creative and generous group. Make yourself known! Let your talents shine!

To help, please contact Nancy Mueller at (315) 677-9359 by April 30th. You can deliver items to the conference or send them to 2574 Webb Rd., Lafayette, NY 13084. Please be sure that the package or envelope is marked "NYSFOLA Silent Auction".

What Am I Bid? Remember to bid with the intent of receiving the item! Don't let someone else take that lovely stool with a lake motif!!

Let's make the silent auction an extra special reason for attending the conference this year, and don't forget your checkbook!!

Editor's note: Some of the items will have a market value up to \$100 or more so come prepared to buy nice items!!

Golfers!!! Saturday May 3, between 1-2 P.M. try your skill at the chipping contest. The possibility of winning is always at the end of a golf club. There will be a contest arranged for all members who attend the conference. Superiority on the golf course probably will have no effect on this contest so everyone is welcome to try their skill.

Correction- page 7, January 1997 "WATERWORKS"

Lake George Association (LGA) Wins \$150,000 Grant

It was incorrectly reported on page 7 of the January 1997 issue of "WATERWORKS" that the recipient of a grant was the Lake George Foundation. This is in error as the correct recipient was the Lake George Association. The Editor apologizes to the Lake George Association and the Helen V. Froehlich Foundation for any inconvenience that this may have created. The information was received from a State Agency and printed as furnished.

Call for Posters! There will be a Poster session at the annual conference. A special emphasis will be given to Poster Sessions on Saturday May 3, 1997. Please consider preparing a poster version to facilitate one-on-one discussion with those particularly interested in your work. For more information contact Dr. Willard Harman, Otsego Field Station, 607-547-8778

Agricultural Environmental Management

Cornell Co-operative Extension is sponsoring a meeting entitled **Agricultural Environmental Management: Building from Experience** on May 28-29, 1997 at the Holiday Inn in Auburn, NY. The objectives of the conference are:

1. Highlight innovative processes that have been used in the implementation of local, watershed-based Agricultural Environmental Management Programs.
2. Identify critical barriers or constraints to local AEM program implementation. Identify opportunities to overcome these barriers.
3. Establish interactions among relevant groups and organizations to facilitate the implementation of AEM programs.
4. Develop a directory of contacts and expertise for AEM program development.
5. Identify recommendations and priorities regarding information needs, resources, and programming directions to assist in local AEM program implementation.

Presenters at the conference are people associated with watershed or whole-farm programs designed to balance environmental and agricultural production objectives.

NYSFOLA members are being solicited for poster presentations. Presentations that depict watershed initiatives and research or educational programs that support specific technologies or practices to enhance agricultural environmental management are particularly needed and welcome.

Meanwhile if agricultural practices are contributing to your lake's problems, this is a conference you should attend! For information contact: Barbara Bel-lows, Extension Associate, Agri. Enviro. Planning Outreach Co-Ordinator, at: Dept. of Agriculture & Biological Engineering, Riley-Robb Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853, Tel.-607-255-4537, Fax- 607-255-4080, E-mail: bcb5@cornell.edu

CSLAP has a Growth Spurt

Last Year CSLAP celebrated its Eleventh season as New York State Federation of Lake Associations volunteer monitoring program. In its' twelfth season CSLAP is making an expansion.

You'll hear about a couple of changes to CSLAP this year. Most noticeable will be that CSLAP will be introducing over 25 new lakes to the program this sampling season. The lakes are comprised of those associations waiting to participate over the past few years. These lakes are from all over the State representing the wide range of lake beauty in New York, from Long Island to St. Lawrence to Onondaga counties. The lakes express the variety of characteristics and management problems typical of New York lakes—pristine conditions, weed or algae problems, jet ski issues, and so on, and as such should benefit well from the information and management ideas offered through CSLAP participation.

To help make this expansion possible and to continue the high quality of sampling already done by CSLAP volunteers, this year's Annual Conference at White Eagle Lodge in Hamilton, NY will offer a special CSLAP training session for the 25 new CSLAP lakes in the program on Saturday. This two-part training will offer classroom sessions in lake ecology and CSLAP protocol. The second part will consist of monitoring field trips on Lake Moraine. So when you see these new CSLAP faces there, please give them a hearty welcome. They will likely appreciate hearing and sharing lake experiences with you.

Another change that existing lake associations may notice is that we've tried to make the 1997 *INTERPRETIVE SUMMARIES* look a lot nicer with less text and more graphics. We wanted to make them more "reader friendly". You can tell us if you think we've succeeded!

For more information about CSLAP, call Don Keppel at (800) 796-FOLA, or Betsy Hohenstein at (518) 457-3345

Newsletter Contest! Again this year we will be holding a contest to select the best newsletters from around the state. The entries must be at the office by April 25 or brought to the Conference on Friday Evening. If mailing to the office be sure to make reference to the contest. Your newsletter is just as good as anyone's, so join in the fun!!!

Available at the office of NYSFOLA!!!

"DIET for a Small Lake"; Joint Publication of NYSFOLA and NYSDEC relative to watershed and lake.

Detailed instructions for preparing a Lake Management Plan; complete descriptions of Lake Restoration and Watershed Management Techniques; Comprehensive discussion of Lake Ecology.

Cost:- \$10.00, plus \$2.00 s&h

"Managing Lakes Through Community Participation"; 25 minute video, Why Associations are formed, how they get started, tackling priority issues, case study, ties with local government and lake community.

Cost:- \$15.00, plus \$2.00 s&h

"Water Quality Monitoring in Lakes and Tributaries"; video; demonstrates the techniques used for water quality monitoring, based on procedures used for CSLAP. Useful for starting a monitoring program.

Cost:- \$15.00, plus \$2.00 s&h

"Watershed Conflict Resolution"; by Lyle Raymond; conflicts are normal, seeking an outcome, Power, perception and values, Strategies, Alliances and Education.

Cost:- FREE, \$1.00 requested for mailing

"NYSFOLA 1995 Conference Proceedings"; attend the 95 Conference at Cooperstown from your armchair.

Cost:- \$3.00 includes s&h

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Please stay current!*

1997 Membership Dues-

Lake, Watershed and other Associations;

Small Association, 10-74 members	\$35.00
Medium Association, 75-149 members	\$75.00
Large Association, 150 or more members	\$150.00
Park Districts (Town, County etc.)	\$200.00
Individual Membership	\$20.00
Member of Lake Assn. in good standing	\$10.00
Corporate Membership	\$200.00
Student	\$10.00

Member Information:-

Lake Association _____
 Contact Name _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Telephone _____

Fee\$ _____
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Lake location (county) _____

Send payment to NYSFOLA office ;
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Calendar of Events

Aquatics Educational Program- Albany County
April 9, 1997, contact Christopher Logue, Cornell
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**American Water Resources Assoc., Mid-Atlantic
Conference,**-April 10-11, 1997, Matamoras, PA.
Call Ron Entringer, 518-458-6743

**Second Northeast Conference on Nonindigenous
Aquatic Species-** April 18-19, 1997, Ramada Inn,
Burlington, VT. for info call Nancy Balcom, 860-
405-9107

**National Conference on Enhancing the States'
Lake Management Programs,** April 23-25, 1997,
Ramada Congress Hotel, Chicago, IL contact Bob
Kirchner, 312-454-0400

American Wetlands Conference, at Alexandria,
VA. May 7-9, 1997, contact Stacey Satagaj 703-
548-5473

**Agricultural Environmental Management: Build-
ing from Experience,** at Auburn, NY, Holiday Inn
on May 28-29, 1997, Contact Barbara Bellows,
Riley-Robb Hall, Cornell Tel 607-2554537, Fax
607-2554080, or bcb5@cornell.edu

1997 Adirondack Waterfest

July 25, 1997 (Friday)

Rain or shine at Shepard Park,
Lake George Village,
10 AM-6 PM.

Sponsored by Warren County SWCD and Greater
Adirondack RC&D Council.

The 1997 Adirondack Waterfest will be a large
outdoor event which is intended to increase public
awareness and appreciation of our precious water
resources. There will be dozens of displays, presen-
tations, exhibits, and events for both adults and kids,
focusing on water related topics and issues.

Exhibitors from private industry will be set up to
show and discuss new technologies for improved
water quality, and state and local agencies will set up
displays relating to water issues. Kids will enjoy face
painting, sand castle building, storytelling, and many
of the exhibits. There will be something for every-
one, so plan to stop by and join in the fun.

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