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Welcome David Carr

NYSFOLA's New Executive Director



The NYSFOLA Board of Directors and former Executive Director, Nancy Mueller are pleased to introduce NYSFOLA members to our new Executive Director, David Carr. He comes to NYSFOLA with broad experience as a consultant and project manager and familiarity with the needs of lake associations. Many of you may know Dave from his work in the Finger Lakes region. He has served as a Program Support Consultant for the Owasco Watershed Lake Association and as the Project Manager for the Great Lakes Starry Stonewort Collaborative at the Finger Lakes Institute at Hobart and William Smith Colleges. Dave has also served as a technical consultant in database and geospatial technologies.

Dave will work with the NYSFOLA Board of Directors to develop a Strategic Plan for our growing organization, and we invite your input. We're excited about NYSFOLA's future as we develop new projects and services for the benefit of our member lake associations.

As NYSFOLA and CSLAP have continued to grow, additional staffing has become a priority in order to better serve our members. So, as we welcome Dave to our organization, we also thank long time NYSFOLA Executive Director and Coordinator of the Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP), Nancy Mueller who will now become the full-time CSLAP Coordinator while also assisting Dave as he transitions into the new position.



Many of you have already had the opportunity to meet Dave at some of this year's NYSFOLA regional conferences, and we look forward to introducing him to many more of you at the NYSFOLA Annual Conference May 3-4 at the Fort William Henry Hotel and Conference Center in Lake George. In the meantime, we hope that you will contact him at the NYSFOLA office to introduce yourselves and extend him a warm welcome.



NYSFOLA's mission is to protect the water resources of New York State by assisting local organizations and individuals through public dialogue, education, information exchange and collaborative efforts.

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President's Letter - Tarki L. Heath

Dear NYSFOLA Members and Friends,

It has been a busy and productive summer and fall, and we are delighted to welcome Dave Carr as our full-time NYSFOLA Executive Director. Our search committee cast a wide net, and after months of reviewing applications and interviewing candidates, we found our answer right here in New York. Dave brings to NYSFOLA, knowledge of watershed protection, organizational skills, and experience collaborating with community stakeholders, researchers, scientists, engineers, and government personnel. His leadership skills and understanding of NYSFOLA's new direction will help us steer the course for the coming years.

As Dave takes on his new role, Nancy Mueller will move into her position as the NYSFOLA full-time Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program Coordinator. This will provide the much-needed time to fulfil the mission of CSLAP as it expands under our most recent contract with NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. Nancy will continue to work for our current members and a growing number of new member lakes around the state. These personnel changes took place officially in October and Dave and Nancy are working closely with the board for a smooth and effective transition.

We also welcome three new board members. At the May 2023 General Membership Meeting in Lake George, both Betsy Landre and Bernie Thoma agreed to serve, and were voted onto the NYSFOLA board. Each brings valuable knowledge, skills and expertise that will enhance NYSFOLA's current and future work. The third new board member, Greg Boyer will be filling a vacant seat created by the recent resignation of Kristen Wilde. Kristen had been an active board member for years, providing support for the NYS-

FOLA annual conferences in Lake George. We hope to continue to see her there in the coming years and thank her for her prior work, while we welcome Greg.

Each of our new board members is profiled in this edition of Waterworks, and we are pleased to welcome each one. Along with the new staff and board members we extend a welcome to all our new individual, corporate and lake association NYSFOLA members. Our member list continues to grow, and we look forward to expanding our outreach in 2024.

Looking forward, as most of you know, NYSFOLA recently signed a new, five-year contract with NYS DEC for the Citizen's Statewide Lake Assessment Program. This new contract will change the budgetary structure of the program over time. We will continue to look for ways to improve the program, however the sampling parameters for CSLAP, the creation of valuable annual reports, and online data entry will continue largely unchanged. What will change are the options for sampling frequencies and associated costs. Starting in 2025 DEC will only subsidize the cost of four rounds of sampling. NYSFOLA will be working with our partners at Upstate Freshwater Institute to provide an option for lake associations that want to continue with 8 rounds. As detailed in the October 2022 issue of Waterworks, these changes were created as a result of the NYS DEC Consolidated Assessment and Listings Methodology that can be viewed on the NYS DEC website.

While we work within these new parameters, both the NYS DEC and NYSFOLA are committed to expanding participation to include lakes with engaged community members or other



entities interested in water protection. This may include municipalities in potential environmental justice areas. This initiative is a shared goal to provide outreach and information to even more lake communities in New York.

Protecting New York's freshwater lakes will take a comprehensive effort and a vision for the short and long term. NYSFOLA is working to increase our partnerships and expand programming opportunities to all our members based on your suggestions and our ongoing commitment to support water quality programs across the state. To meet current and future demands, the NYSFOLA Board, in September, decided to implement a modest, but necessary, increase in our membership dues. This is the first realignment of the dues structure in many years and necessitated by increased expenses over time, along with expansion of the NYSFOLA staff. These changes are reflected in the membership form in this issue, and a prior email to our members. As we move forward with these changes, we will keep you informed and updated, but please contact us with your questions, suggestions, comments and/or concerns.

For CSLAP questions, please continue to reach out to Nancy Mueller (foia@nysfola.org), and for NYSFOLA questions, please contact either Dave Carr (dcarr@nysfola.org) or me (tarkiheath@gmail).

It feels good to close out the summer work and events, as we look to a winter of planning, expanding, and adapting to this ever-changing and challenging work for watershed protection.

Sincerely,
Tarki L Heath

NYS Strengthens Municipal Powers to Combat Invasive Species

Governor Kathy Hochul has signed into law bipartisan legislation sponsored by Senator Dan Stec (R-Queensbury) and Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner (D-Round Lake) that



Photo: US Geological Survey

strengthens the ability of town boards statewide to combat invasive species.

The new law allows town boards to create "aquatic growth control districts"

for both invasive aquatic invertebrate species, such as Asian clams, Zebra mussels (picture) and Spiny waterflea, and invasive aquatic plant species, such as Eurasian watermilfoil (next story). The law formerly empowered towns to deal only with plant species.

A copy of the amended law can be viewed at: https://trackbill.com/bill/new-york-assembly-bill-5801-relates-to-aquatic-growth-control-districts/2406328/?mc_cid=feb63636d4&mc_eid=6f1d88ddaf.

Save the date!

NYSFOLA Annual Conference

"It Takes a Community to Protect a Watershed"

Friday May 3 - Saturday May 4, 2024

For William Henry Hotel and Conference Center

Lake George, NY

Reminder!

We have a new Facebook page

<https://m.facebook.com/p/NYS-Federation-of-Lake-Associations-Inc-100083596124766/>



If you're still following the old New York State Federation of Lake Associations page, please switch to the NYS Federation of Lake Associations Inc. page.

Meet Our New Board Members



Dr. Gregory Boyer is a Professor Emeritus at the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry Department of Chemistry. He is also the current acting director for the Great Lakes Research Consortium. His research interests are in biologically active natural products produced by various species of algae.

Dr. Boyer has been an author on more than 100 peer reviewed journal articles and has also been involved with industry-based partnerships to develop near-real-time water quality monitoring systems. For many years, Greg and his students analyzed harmful algal bloom samples as part of the Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program.

Bernie Thoma is the retired President and Senior Consultant for Thoma Development consultants. His consulting firm served municipalities and private customers throughout the state and specialized in planning, economic market analyses, grant preparation, and program implementation in areas of housing, economic development, infrastructure, downtown revitalization, and community facilities. Bernie and his wife Paula are active members of the Loon Lake Association in Steuben County and serve as Citizen Statewide Lake Assessment Program volunteers.



Betsy Landre is a Senior Planner with the Ontario County Planning Department where she provides technical assistance and manages various water resources related projects. These include: The Honeoye Lake Aeration Engineering Planning Project, Seneca-Keuka Nine Element (9E) Watershed Plan, Finger Lakes-Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance, and the Ontario County Water Resources Council. Betsy has previously worked as a Senior Field Representative for the Finger Lakes Land Trust and served as the Coordinator of the Finger Lakes-Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance.



Thank You Kristen Wilde

The NYSFOLA Board of Directors would also like to express our gratitude to Kristen Wilde who has stepped down from the Board to spend more time with her family and develop her new role as Environmental Education Administrator for Up Yonda Farm Environmental Education Center in Bolton Landing. Kristen joined the NYSFOLA Board during her tenure as Director of Education with the Lake George Association, and her service on the Conference Committee was invaluable as we transitioned the annual conference to Lake George. Kristen also served as a coordinator and volunteer for the Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program on Lake George.



Lake Associations and Land Trusts: Working Together to Protect Watersheds

NYSFOLA members know that healthy watersheds are vital to the health of our lakes, but there are also benefits to ecosystems and people. According to the US EPA, “The beneficial roles of watersheds in healthy condition can be surprisingly far-reaching and include ecosystem services, economic benefits and physical and mental health benefits.” (<https://www.epa.gov/hwp/benefits-healthy-watersheds>)

Land trusts and lake associations can work together to protect natural landscapes from development pressure and restore altered landscapes to their natural condition. Working closely with landowners, land trusts can purchase deeded conservation easements to limit development, provide for public recreation access, create stream buffers, and establish new expectations for the future of critical parcels. Land trusts may also purchase property outright. This is often done with the intent of partnering with state agencies for future ownership and management but may also be done on projects to protect habitat or restore the hydrology of streams and wetlands.

Funding for projects often comes from a combination of public and private funds. In recent years, New York State has provided significant funding for land acquisition to protect drinking water sources through the State Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) program. This program is a competitive, reimbursement grant program that was created to improve water quality and aquatic habitat, promote flood risk reduction, enhance climate resiliency, and protect drinking water sources. DEC has announced more than \$65 million for roughly 60 land acquisition projects to date.

In September, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the Central New York Land Trust (CNYLT) announced the acquisition of 144 acres of land near Skaneateles Lake, a critical drinking water source for 190,000 Central New Yorkers. CNYLT Executive Director

Simon Solomon said, “Protecting the water quality of Skaneateles Lake has been a priority for many over the last decade. While we cannot go back in time, we can create stable lakeside parcels that work to reduce harmful algal blooms and prevent nutrients from entering the water source.”

Over a year ago, the Finger Lakes Land Trust purchased the 480-acre Bell Station Property featuring 3,400 feet of undeveloped Cayuga Lake shoreline, from New York State Electric and Gas (NYSEG). The property, located in the Town of Lansing, Tomkins County, was the largest privately owned parcel of shoreline remaining in the Finger Lakes Region. The land ownership will eventually transfer from the Finger Lakes Land Trust to the State of New York.



Photo by Bill Hecht

The Finger Lakes are not the only waterbodies being protected through land trusts. The Indian River Lakes Conservancy in Redwood, NY recently celebrated 25 years of protecting land on the 18 lakes in the region. They recently conserved 116 acres with over 2000 feet of shoreline on Red Lake, and their beautiful Redwood Preserve, overlooking Butterfield Lake, was created through the generosity of Elliott and Marjorie Hillback who donated the 51

acres to provide a place for environmental education and public recreation program.

On the western side of the state, the Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy recently opened their 77 acre Cassadaga Lakes Nature Park which conserves 26 acres of wetlands and 1100 feet of natural shoreline as well as mature stands of hemlock and white pine trees.

Land trusts are active across the state, and we have provided contact information for many of them on the following page. Partner with your local land trust and help them prioritize efforts to protect your lake's watershed.

Planting Trees to Protect Owasco Lake

The Finger Lakes Land Trust (FLLT) recently built on a conservation success from earlier this year by planting nearly 400 trees and shrubs on private property protected with a conservation easement in the town of Scipio, Cayuga County. FLLT staff and volunteers helped with the planning along 5,000 feet of a tributary that flows into Owasco Lake.

The FLLT protected this 160-acre property in January 2023 with an easement that limits development and requires the maintenance of vegetated stream buffers. Establishing native trees at this site will enhance wildlife habitat, promote plant diversity, and create an important stream buffer to reduce nutrient runoff to the lake. Owasco Lake provides drinking water to over 40,000 people in Cayuga County, including the city of Auburn.

Mostly a mix of agricultural fields, the property has expansive view of the lake and surrounding area, including the FLLT's Owasco Bluffs Nature Preserve on the opposite shore.

Funds for the project came from a grant from New York's Environmental Protection Fund and the NYS Conservation Partnership Program, as administered by the Land Trust Alliance.

Conservation easements are voluntary legal agreements that permanently limit future land use in order to protect the land's conservation value. Lands subject to conservation easements remain in private ownership, on local tax rolls, and available for traditional uses such as farming and hunting.

By working cooperatively with land owners and local communities, the Finger Lakes Land Trust has protected over 30,000 acres of the region's undeveloped lakeshore, rugged gorges, rolling forest, and scenic farmland. The FLLT owns and manages a network of over 45 nature preserves that are open to the public and holds perpetual conservation easements on 184 properties that remain in private ownership.

The FLLT focuses on protecting critical habitat for fish and wildlife, conserving lands that are important for water quality, connecting existing conservation lands, and keeping prime farmland in agriculture.

Find a New York Land Trust

The Land Trust Alliance (landtrustalliance.org/resources/connect/field-services/new-york) provides services to over 90 land trust members working in New York. A partial listing includes:

Adirondack Land Trust - adirondacklandtrust.org
Cazenovia Preservation Foundation - cazpreservation.org
Central New York Land Trust - cnylandtrust.org
Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy - chautauquawatershed.org
Chenango Land Trust - chenangolandtrust.org
Delaware Highlands Conservancy - delawarehighlands.org
Dutchess Land Conservancy - dutchessland.org
Finger Lakes Land Trust - fllt.org
Genesee Land Trust - geneseeandtrust.org
Greene Land Trust - greenelandtrust.org
Hudson Highlands Land Trust - hhl.org
Indian River Lakes Conservancy - indianriverlakes.org
Lake Champlain Land Trust - lclt.org
Lake George Land Conservancy - lglc.org
Mianus River Gorge Inc. - mianus.org
Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy - mohawkhudson.org
New York Agricultural Land Trust - nyalt.org
Northeastern Cave Conservancy - necaveconservancy.org
OBI Land Trust - obilandtrust.org
Open Space Institute - openspaceinstitute.org
Otsego Land Trust - otsegolandtrust.org
Peconic Land Trust - peconiclandtrust.org
Rensselaer Land Trust - renstrust.org
Saratoga PLAN - saratogaplan.org
Schoharie Land Trust - schoharielandtrust.org
Southern Madison Heritage Trust - smht.org
Southern Tier Land Conservancy - sites.google.com/southerntrlc.org/southerntrlc/home
Thousand Islands Land Trust - tilandtrust.org
Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust - tughilltomorrowlandtrust.org
Wallkill Valley Land Trust - wallkillvalleylt.org
Westchester Land Trust - westchesterlandtrust.org
Woodstock Land Conservancy - woodstocklandconservancy.org

And on the national level, **The Nature Conservancy** is among the best known land trust organizations. There are seven offices throughout New York in Albany, Cold Spring Harbor, East Hampton, Keene Valley, Pulaski, Rochester, and Shelter Island (nature.org/en-us/where-we-work/united-states/new-york/contact-us/).

Regional Conferences Provide Educational Opportunities

It was a busy year for NYSFOLA. We hosted conferences in the Upper and Lower Hudson regions as well as in central and western NY. We also provided sponsorship support for the annual Indian River Lakes Conservancy Water Quality Symposium and the Adirondack Lakes Alliance conference.

These regional conferences allow NYSFOLA members to learn more about lake related issues - some of which may be “hot topics” in a particular region of the state.

We want to thank everyone who helped to organize and host the regional conferences with special thanks to:

Indian River Lakes Conservancy Water Quality Symposium: Wylie Huffman and Heidi Sourwine and all of the volunteers and speakers who helped to make it a great success again this year. Don't miss the next symposium on June 7, 2024.

Lower Hudson Lakes Seminar: Putnam County Soil and Water Conservation District, Putnam County Department of Health, Cornell Cooperative Extension in Putnam County, the Sedgewick Club, Kent Lakes Association, NYSFOLA Board members Jan Andersen and Ina Cholst and all of the volunteers and speakers. The 2024 seminar will be held on June 14th.

NYSFOLA Central NY Regional Conference: Tarki Heath, Nancy Mueller, Celeste Amaral, Colleen

Zadwadzki, Don Fisher, Marie Ferro, our speakers, exhibitors and the many volunteers from the Cortland-Onondaga Federation of Kettle Lakes Association.

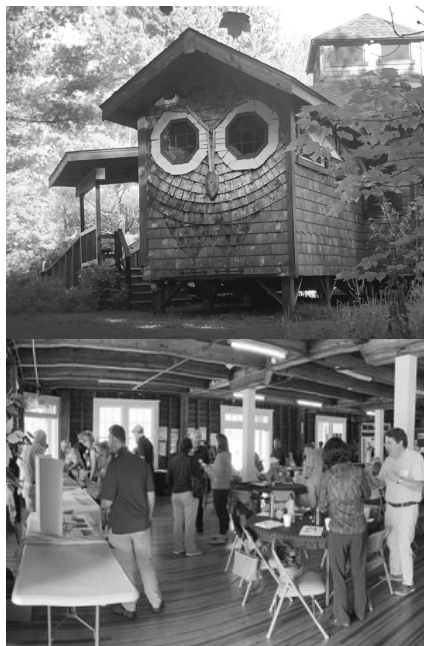
Adirondack Lakes Alliance - Scott Ireland, the Adirondack Watershed Institute at Paul Smiths College, and the many speakers and exhibitors who make this such a great event every year. Next year's event will be held at Paul Smiths on Friday August 9th.

Columbia-Greene Lakes Coalition - NYSFOLA Board members Laurel Wolfe and Terri Mayhew, the Associated Property Owners of Sleepy Hollow Lake, and all of our speakers and volunteers - especially our boat captains!

Western NY and Finger Lakes Regional Conference - Don Cook, our speakers, the members of the Lamoka-Waneta Lakes Association, and special thanks to Kevin Hillman at Fran's Landing at 996 Addison Road in Painted Post, NY for stepping in to cater at the last-minute due to a venue change. We hope you'll visit this pub and grill if you're ever in the area.

Next year's conference will be held on Saturday October 26th in Naples, NY with our thanks to the Canandaigua Lake Association for volunteering to host us in 2024.

And, last but not least, we thank all of the NYSFOLA members and others who have continued to attend these conferences and ensure their success.



Wake Boarding – What are the Issues?

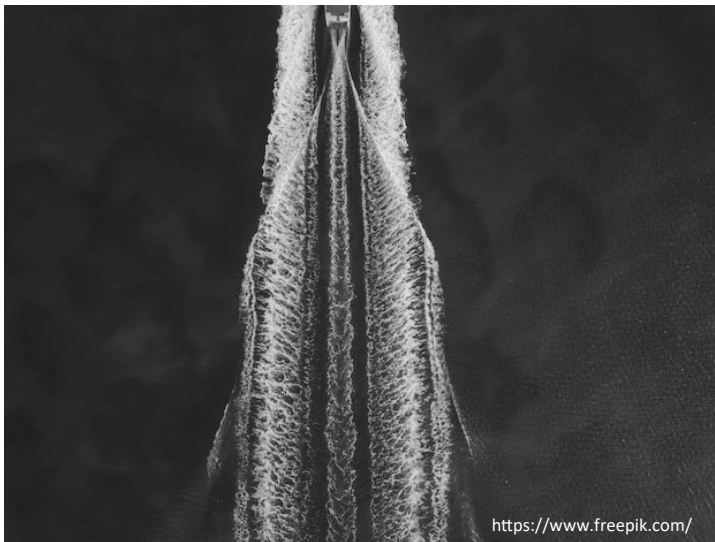
Near the end of the excellent NYSFOLA Western Regional conference, discussions continued with an open forum of thoughts and issues from anyone attending. A concern was raised about the increase in the sport of wake boarding (or wake surfing), especially on the smaller lakes. Negative impacts of this activity witnessed by some present included significant damage to lake shore owners' docks and shorelines and the capsizing or swamping of kayaks, canoes, and paddle boards. Questions were posed to the group about what could be done about this and if there are any legal actions that can be taken and how to enforce existing "no wake zones" on New York lakes.



dence that the waves hitting shorelines can cause severe erosion and the loss of habitat and waterfowl nesting areas. Further, if the ballast tanks are not emptied properly (some reports suggest this is difficult to do), they can harbor and spread invasive species including plant fragments and mollusk larvae.

It is likely that some of these issues can be mitigated in some situations. Most environmental issues can be avoided while wake boarding further than 500 feet from shore and at depths of greater than 20 feet. Damage to people's docks and property will largely be minimized. However, these parameters are not always possible to adhere to in smaller lakes. Flushing and sterilizing ballast tanks, particularly if traveling between lakes, is possible but not an easy task. These boats also generally travel at slower speeds than many, reducing some safety hazards. But safe boating and consideration for others should always be practiced, particularly around smaller vessels such as kayaks and canoes. Finally, boating of any kind will often bring important funding and tourist dollars to communities and regions that embrace lakes, and wake boarding is no exception.

Legal Considerations - In 2022, the State of New Hampshire introduced legislation that would have established a minimum distance of 250 feet from the shore, docks, and other boats for wakesurfing activities on inland waters. The boating industry strongly opposed limits on the boats even though it has published studies showing the craft are more impactful than other types of boats. The bill did not get through the New Hampshire legislature. In October 2023, legislation was introduced into the Wisconsin legislature



What is Wake Boarding? Today's wake boats may weight up to 6,000 pounds, can have motors up to 600hp and often will load up to 4,000 pounds of ballast water resulting in wakes that are many times more powerful than wakes created by a ski boat. The boat runs relatively slowly and plows through the water creating a wake approximately 2 – 5 feet high. The "standing wave" created behind the boat allows someone to ride a type of surfboard and follow the boat without a tow rope. Reportedly these waves can continue to spread outward for as much as 500 feet.

Environmental Concerns - In addition to the negative impacts mentioned, there are also environmental concerns. When operated in relatively shallow waters, the angle of the boat hull puts the propeller nearer to the lake bottom which disturbs sediment and plant life. There is also evi-

that would prevent wake sports from operating within 200 feet from shore. However, environmental and lake organizations say the bill does not go far enough and have advocated that the vessels be banned from all lakes under 1500 acres in size. Vermont has also proposed legislation: <https://anr.vermont.gov/content/vermont-dec-releases-draft-rule-wake-boat-regulation>

In New York, enforcement of “no wake zones” has been difficult, and there has been no action at the state level. Some municipalities are working to pass laws against wake boarding and at least one (the town of Madison) in New

York has succeeded. https://www.lakemoraineny.org/files/ugd/8d19c1_b8e849b97ab34b40960d23d3753d0f48.pdf

As evidenced by the World Wake Association this is a worldwide sport that is likely here to stay with big events and competitions held regularly. Coming to agreements and compromises with all parties will not be easy, although hopefully possible in at least some areas. Enjoying our lakes is a privilege that anyone should have a chance to experience, but we all have to work toward protecting our lakes so that enjoyment can continue into the future.

Limnology in Winter: A Student Video



Have you ever considered how scientists study lakes in the winter? The North American Lake Management Society Student Video Series has the answer. Created by former SUNY Oneonta students Monica Matt and Samantha Carey, “Limnology in Winter” explains what happens to lake ecosystems that occur when the seasons change. We encourage you to watch the video at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fe6Vh_aGW4c.



Who owns your Lake?

From “Diet for a Small Lake” (pp 246-247) with our thanks to former NYSFOLA Board Member David Wright, Esq.

Need more information about your lake?

Contact the New York State Office of General Services in Albany. <https://ogs.ny.gov/real-estate/lands-now-or-formerly-underwater>.

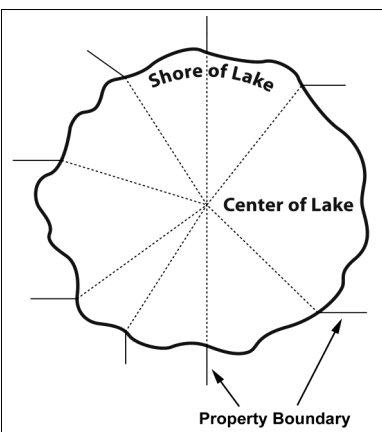
Phone: (518) 474-2195 or
email: LandUnderWater@ogs.ny.

The question of “Who owns your Lake” is very complex and involves a host of old patents and acts. Much of this is encapsulated in New York Public Lands Law (Article 75, 9 NYCRR, Part 270). The New York State Office of General Services in Albany maintains a list of the lakes in New York and can indicate whether or not the state owns a specific lake. They also maintain deeds and maps going back to the 1600s and will supply copies upon request.

As a rule of thumb, lakes smaller than 12 acres are not necessarily owned by the state, but one needs to check with OGS to be sure. Title of the bed of numerous bodies of water is held in trust for the people of the State of New York under the

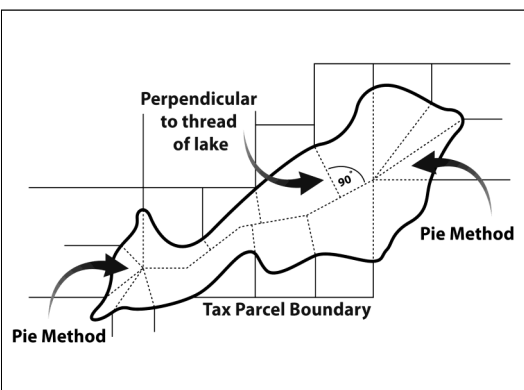
jurisdiction of the Office of General Services. Structures and utilities, including fill, located in, on, or above state-owned lands now or formerly underwater are regulated under the Public Lands Law. Permission may be required to build on these lands, including docks, boat-houses or marinas, or to install utilities over or through.

“Private ownership” of lakes applies only to the ground beneath some of the water. The people of New York State own all surface and ground water in the state and also the ground under the water of many navigable bodies of water. A deed of land adjacent to a private lake generally conveys title to the center of the lake. There



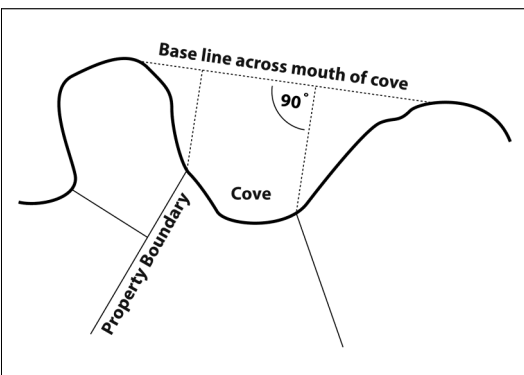
Round lake (pie) method of measuring to the center of a lake. Property boundaries are established by the “pie method,” where a point is located at the center of the lake, and property boundaries are extended to this center point, similar to slices of a pie. This method is also used at the ends of long lakes.

(Art credit: Chris Cooley for NYSFOLA)



Long lake method of measuring to the center of a lake. On a long, narrow lake, a baseline is established along the midpoints between the shores, and property boundaries are extended to intersect this midpoint baseline at right angles. The round or pie method is used at the ends of the lake.

(Art credit: Chris Cooley for NYSFOLA)



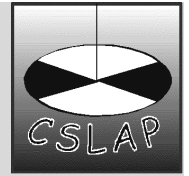
Perpendicular method of measuring to the center of a lake. On a lake with headlands and penetrating coves, a baseline is drawn between the headlands of the cove, and property boundaries are extended perpendicular to the shore to intersect this baseline. A headland is defined as a height of land that juts into a body of water.

(Art credit: Chris Cooley for NYSFOLA.)

are several methods of establishing the center of the lake.

This ownership may be illusory if no efforts have been made to exclude the public through the years. If the public has had access to the lake over private property for at least 10 years with the knowledge of the lakefront owners, a prescriptive easement may be acquired. This is often referred to as squatters’ rights. The courts have held that it was irrelevant that the use was seasonal in nature and not year-round. For example, seasonal public use of Lake Nancy in Saratoga County was sufficient to give non-residents and the public a prescriptive easement for access to the lake. Historically, people who own property one row away from the lakeshore may be able to access the water via prescriptive access or deeded right of way.

CSLAPpenings



The 2023 season has come to a close, and we're already gearing up for 2024. As such, it's time for NYSFOLA to thank everyone involved with the 2023 Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program.

First and foremost we thank Brian Duffy and Alene Onion at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) for their commitment to the program and for working with NYSFOLA to get the next 5 year contract "across the finish line". We also thank Giancarlo Coppola at DEC for conducting site visits and keeping the CSLAP Dashboard as glitch-free as possible.

The staff at Upstate Freshwater Institute, as always, deserves a standing ovation. UFI is more than just the CSLAP lab. They are our partners, and their staff work with our volunteers to handle questions, coordinate the shipping of samples and coolers (and help us track the things that go astray), and make the day-to-day operations of the program go as smoothly as possible.

We also want to take the time to recognize each and every CSLAP volunteers who collected samples during the 2023 season.

Anawanda Lake - Karl Stahl

Afton Lake - Peter Fitzgerald, Gail Lissandrello

Arnold Lake - Kathy Hall, Kathie Bard, Harriet Kraybill, Nancy and Patrick O'Hara

Augur Lake - Paul and Kay Knott

Babcock Lake - James Alund, Jr., Cass Klingman

Ballston Lake - Lawrence Hausheer, Bob Wilson, Peter Herman

Barger Pond - Danielle Webb, Shachar Langlev, Bettina Johae, Mitchell Stevens, Natasha Prens

Barrett Pond - Joan Sapinsley, Richard Lewis

Beaver Lake - Charles Heesh, Karen Madsen, Larry and Susan Paul

Beaver Dam Lake - Fred Widman, Jason Younes, Molly Olson, Kevin Boyle

Bedford Lake - Peter Chieco

Big Bowman Pond - Joanne Ingham, Jack Betterly, John Losee, Tom Simons

Big Fresh Pond - Fred VanderWerven, John Simon

Black Lake - Scott Roof,

Lake Bonaparte - Sam Verbeck, Michelle Watkins

Bradley Brook Reservoir - James Kallmerten

Brant Lake - Wayne Butler

Brantingham Lake - Chris Murphy

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