

# Waterworks

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## It's Time for A Statewide Invasive Species Transport Bill!

With aquatic invasive species on the move, NYSFOLA members continue to expend considerable resources trying to control them. It's time to make our voices heard in Albany and make it illegal to transport these species from one waterbody to another.

In 2010, the NYS Invasive Species Council drafted a bill that has yet to move through the legislature. Although the language in a previously passed bill banned the "transport" of invasive species, it was interpreted to be for commercial purposes only.

NYSFOLA members must make their voices heard. The legislation faces some obstacles including opposition from members of the marine trade industry.

The DRAFT bill can be found on pages 4 and 5. It's not perfect, but it is certainly better than the status quo. It needs sponsors in Albany and momentum to move it forward.

On Friday May 2nd, the NYSFOLA Annual Conference will "kickoff" at 10AM with a discussion about the bill, and how your lake association can make a difference. Enacting this legislation needs to be a top priority for members of NYSFOLA if we are going to slow the spread of aquatic invasive species.

### Making Your Voice Heard in Albany

**GOVERNOR**— [www.governor.ny.gov](http://www.governor.ny.gov)  
The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo  
Governor of New York State  
NYS Capitol Building  
Albany, NY 12224

**NYS SENATE** - [www.nysenate.gov](http://www.nysenate.gov)  
Under the "Senators" tab, you can find the members of the senate leadership, district maps, and contact information for your senator. Under the "Committees" tab, you can search for members of related committees including the Senate Finance and Environmental Conservation Committees.

The **NYS ASSEMBLY** website [www.assembly.state.ny.us](http://www.assembly.state.ny.us) is set up in a similar manner.

You should also copy the Commissioner of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation in your correspondence:

Commissioner Joseph Martens  
NYS DEC  
625 Broadway  
Albany, NY 12233-1011



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## From the President - George C. Kelley

### NYSFOLA: LOOKING BACK WHILE MOVING FORWARD

NYSFOLA is growing, and with growth, there can be growing pains. As I look back on my 20+ years with NYSFOLA, I recognize that we have come very far, but we must ensure that we have the capacity to continue to moving forward.

I became a member of the NYSFOLA Board of Directors in the 1990's. In those days, board members became committee members and chairpersons, as they do today. As an individual's leadership strengths were recognized, members discussed their thoughts, and this "vetting" process led to the nominations for president. We usually follow this procedure today for electing NYSFOLA officers. Prior to the 21st century, NYSFOLA presidents served for one or two years, after which they sometimes left both the Board and the organization to move on to other interests or positions with their lake association. When I became president, the first time around, we decided to use two-year and four-year terms. After my four years as President, I remained on the Board and asked each subsequent president to also remain on the Board after their terms in order to retain their knowledge and skills. Their presence provides institutional memory and collective judgment regarding prior decisions. We currently have several past presidents serving on our Board who have been involved with many different projects. I extend my deepest thanks to all who have served.



During this time, we have moved from an office in Cazenovia, to an office in Findley Lake, to an office in LaFayette—which until now, occupied space in someone's home. We have relied on minimal part-time and volunteer staffing. We now have commercial office space and the capacity to do much more if we can find the resources to make it happen.

We have accomplished amazing things with a volunteer Board of Directors and one part-time staff person. We produced Watershed Management Plans back in the '90's under a grant from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). Many of these continue to serve as the "blueprints" for their respective lake associations.

We also collaborated with DEC to publish two volumes of "Diet for a Small Lake" - the second edition of which was financed almost entirely by NYSFOLA. It strained our budget and our volunteers, but we got the job done, and the lost revenues were made up with sales once it was published. CSLAP continues to be a model volunteer monitoring program, and NYSFOLA has taken on more and more of the program as DEC resources, and Scott Kishbaugh's time to dedicate to the program, have diminished. Recent cuts in federal and state spending have impacted the CSLAP analytical and shipping budget, but the number of lakes that want to participate continues to grow. A rotational system was introduced such that lakes are now in the program for 5 years and out for one year. This has allowed new lakes to enter the program but isn't popular and

icipation fee to levels that members cannot afford to pay.

With our CSLAP partners, we have also been deeply involved in the establishment of a statewide Harmful Algal Bloom (HABS) Monitoring and Notification program. The funding for this program runs out after the 2014 season, and we have met with local congressional staff to try to find additional support for this program. NYSFOLA manager Nancy Mueller represents NYSFOLA on the NYS DEC Water Management Advisory Committee, HABS Subcommittee to work with DEC to ensure that the program continues to meet the needs of lake communities.

Invasive species continue to plague our lakes, and last summer NYSFOLA teamed up with other statewide groups to sponsor a state-wide "Hydrilla Hunt." We continue to fight for invasive species legislation to be passed and continue to work with our members and other groups on this important issue.

NYSFOLA Vice President Bill Harman serves as the Director of the SUNY Oneonta Biological Field Station in Cooperstown where he has instituted a master's degree program in lake management. Graduate students work cooperatively with sponsoring lake associations to develop lake management plans. NYSFOLA has provided partial stipends for students to work with NYSFOLA member lakes.

Collaboration with other groups across the state continues to be part of NYSFOLA's mission. Over the years, we have worked with the Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program, the NY Natural Heritage Program, The Nature Conservancy, our member lake associations, colleges and universities, commercial vendors and others to provide education on lake related issues. Recently, we have made connections with the relatively new Finger Lakes Watershed Alliance and the Indian River Lakes Conservancy which serves to support 18 lakes in the northern part of the state.

We are also looking ahead to hosting the 2015 North American Lake Management Society International Symposium in the fall of 2015. This is a large undertaking, with potential income benefits, and we hope you will all take advantage of this gathering of scientists and lake managers.

for NYSFOLA members? It means that we have formed a **Long Range Planning Committee**. One of the tasks will be to look at the dues structure. Our dues are not supporting our costs, and as "lake associations" have morphed into "tax districts" and "foundations", the old dues structure simply doesn't work any longer. We also need to address staffing issues. Nancy can no longer handle the needs of NYSFOLA on a part-time basis. Our volunteer Board of Directors continues to take on tasks and help "shoulder the load," but we recognize that this is not sustainable. We will need to explore revenue streams that have not previously been tapped.

We need your input! Board member Richard Henderson has been leading the effort to guide our organization through the next decade. Our goal, as always, is to serve our members. Please take the time to share your thoughts with us!

### **NYSFOLA Long Range Planning Committee**

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As the end of this long winter appears to be in sight, it's time to think about spring and that means the annual NYSFOLA conference and membership meeting. We look forward to this annual homecoming, and we hope that those of you who have not previously taken advantage of it find the time to do so. The shores of Lake Moraine provide a perfect backdrop for discussions about New York lakes, and we have set aside some time on the agenda to discuss the growth of NYSFOLA and the desires of our membership. Think about the ways we have helped your organization over the years. What would you like to see us do in the future? We hope to see you there!



REVISED 19 AUGUST 2010

1 The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as  
2 follows:

3 §1. The environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new section 9-1713 to read  
4 As follows:

5 §9-1713. Aquatic invasive species: spread prevention.

6 1. For purposes of this section:

7 a. "Launch" means to place a watercraft into a waterbody for any purpose and any activity  
8 that takes place within fifty feet of the high water mark of the waterbody for the purpose of  
9 placing a watercraft into a waterbody, including moving by trailer or other device or carrying by  
10 hand a watercraft toward the waterbody, or entering a queue prior to launching.

11 b. "Person" means the same as that term is defined in section 1-0301 of this chapter

12 c. "Waterbody" means the same as "waters" as defined in section 15-0107 of this chapter.

13 d. "Watercraft" means every motorized or non-motorized boat or vehicle capable of being  
14 Used or operated as a means of transportation in or on water.

15 2. It shall be unlawful for any person to launch or attempt to launch a watercraft into a  
16 waterbody with any plant or animal, or parts thereof, visible to the human eye in, on, or attached  
17 to any part of the watercraft, including live wells and bilges; the motor, rudder, anchor or other  
18 appurtenants; any equipment or gear; or the trailer or any other device used to transport or launch  
19 a watercraft that may come into contact with the water.

20 3. It shall be unlawful for any person to enter a public highway after leaving a launch site

(second page of DRAFT bill)

1 without first removing by hand any visible plant or animal matter hanging or trailing from a  
2 watercraft's trailer, propeller, rudder or outboard motor.

3 4. The provisions of subdivision one of this section shall not apply to:

4 a. the carrying and use of bait for the purpose of fishing, consistent with all applicable laws  
5 and regulations related to bait fish;

6 b. the use of the above-water portions of native plants for the camouflage of the watercraft for  
7 the purpose of hunting, consistent with all applicable laws and regulations related to the use,  
8 possession and harvesting of plants;

9 c. pets or hunting dogs;

10 d. The intentional transport of plants or animals, including for food and landscaping, provided  
11 they are fully and securely contained within or on board the watercraft; and

12 e. the use of plants or animals for habitat restoration, weed control, scientific research,  
13 aquaculture, or other activity, consistent with all applicable laws and regulations related to their  
14 use, possession or harvest;

15 §2. Section 71-0703 of the environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new  
16 Subdivision 9 to read as follows:

17 9. Any person who violates section 9-1713 of this chapter shall be guilty of a violation and  
18 shall be punishable and liable to a civil penalty as provided in subdivision 1 of this section,  
19 provided, however, that upon a second or any subsequent conviction, the fine shall be not less  
20 than two hundred fifty dollars no more than one thousand dollars.

21 §3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law.



## What Can You?



Send a copy of the bill to your local representatives.

Explain to them that it was drafted by the New York State Invasive Species Council that was created by the state legislature.

Ask them to consider sponsoring and/or cosponsoring the bill. Let them know the impact that aquatic invasive species have had on your lake.

## 31st NYSFOLA Annual Conference

# “Celebrating Lake Stewardship”

May 2-4 - White Eagle Conference Center - Hamilton, NY

### Thursday May 1st

- 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm Dinner & room registration at White Eagle Lodge in “The Grove” area of the conference center for early arrival package attendees.
- 7:30 pm to Tepee Open for Hospitality



### Friday May 2nd

- 7:30 am to 8:30 am Breakfast at White Eagle Lodge
- 9:00 am Registration desk opens at the Appley Center
- 9:30 am to 9:45 am Welcome & Logistics, Chandelier Room, Appley Center
- 10:00 am Concurrent Sessions Begin, Exhibit Hall Opens, Silent Auction Begins

#### SESSION 1

#### Celebrating Lake Stewardship - Slowing the Spread of Invasive Species

- 10:00 am to 10:30 am Invasive species in New York - Moving the transport law forward and new regulatory incentives - David Adams or Leslie Suprenant, NYS DEC Office of Invasive Species
- 10:30 am to 11:00 am Political action for an invasive species transport bill - Peter Bauer, Protect the Adirondacks
- 11:00 am to 11:30 am Why we need this: The Finger Lakes Boat Steward Program, Results of 2013 - Dr. Lisa Cleckner, Finger Lakes Institute, Hobart & William Smiths Colleges
- 11:30 am to noon Discussion - Q&A
- Noon to 1:30 pm Lunch in the Chandelier Room
- 1:00 pm to 1:30 pm A researcher's perspective: The challenges of controlling zebra mussels in lakes - Dr. Dan Molloy, Molloy & Associates
- 1:30 pm to 2:00 pm Fragment viability and rootlet formation in Eurasian watermilfoil after dessication - Dr. Celia Evans, Adirondack Watershed Institute, Paul Smiths College
- 2:00 pm to 2:15 pm Break
- 2:15 pm to 2:45 pm Title TBA - Scott Kishbaugh, NYS DEC
- 2:45 pm to 3:15 pm Cornell Master Watershed Steward Program - Dr. Shorna Broussard Allred, Cornell University Department of Natural Resources (INVITED)
- 3:15 pm NYSFOLA Board of Directors Meeting in the Kastens Room, Appley Center

**SESSION 2****Dam Safety in New York State - How Are We Doing?**

10:00 am to 11:00 am	Dam safety in New York: moving forward - Alon Dominitz, Chief, NYS DEC Dam Safety Unit
11:00 am to 11:30 am	Case studies in hazard class reductions: Implementation of New York's guidance for dam hazard classification - Dr. Gregory Daviero, PE and Kevin Ruswick, PE, CFM, Schnabel Engineering, Inc.
11:30 am to noon	Alternatives to increase spillway capacity - Christopher Adams, Civil Dynamics Engineering, PC
Noon to 1:00 pm	Lunch in the Chandelier Room
1:00 pm to 1:30 pm	Small is beautiful? State of dams and management implications for the future - Sri Vedachalam - Water Resources Institute, Cornell University
1:30 pm to 2:00 pm	Complying with dam safety regulations: The Sleepy Hollow Lake story - Lauren Mann, NYSFOLA BOD, Association Manager, APO of Sleepy Hollow Lake
2:00 pm to 2:15 pm	Break
2:15 pm to 3:15 PM	Forming a NY Dam Owners Group - Bob Rosati, NYSFOLA BOD, Melody Lake Association Discussion Leader  <i>What would it take to form a NY Dam Owners Group? How would it be managed? Who would belong to the group? NYSFOLA member lake associations with dams are encouraged to participate in the dialogue and share their stories.</i>

3:15 pm

NYSFOLA Board of Directors Meeting in the Kastens Room, Appley Center

**SESSION 3****Meet and Greet - Share Your Lake Association Experiences**

3:15 pm to 5:00 pm Chandelier Room - Appley Center	<i>NYSFOLA members have asked for more time to get to know one another at the conference and share experiences. Tables will be set up in the Chandelier Room with various topics that are of usual interest to NYSFOLA members. Gather together, introduce yourself and find out what other lake associations around the state are doing. You can continue your discussion at the Tepee and dinner.</i>
5:00 pm to 6:00 pm	Cash bar at the Tepee in "The Grove"
6:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Dinner at White Eagle Lodge in "The Grove"
7:00 pm to	Tepee open for hospitality

**Don't forget to bring something for the  
Silent Auction!**

## Saturday May 3rd

8:00 am to 4:00 pm	Registration all day at the Appley Center
8:30 am to 9:00 am	Welcome & Logistics, Chandelier Room, Appley Center
9:00 am	Concurrent Sessions Begin, Exhibit Hall Opens, Silent Auction Begins

### **SESSION 1**      **Diet for a Small Lake: An Introduction to Lake Ecology and Management**

9:00 am to noon	Dr. Bill Harman and his staff at the SUNY Oneonta Biological Field Station are joined by Dr. Peter Tobiessen, Union College to explain the basics of lake ecology and how to address lake management issues. This is a great session for members who "need to know the basics."
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### **SESSION 2**      **Harmful Algal Blooms (HABS) in New York - What Do We Know?**

9:00 am to 9:40 am	Blue-green algae 102: An update on the status of blue-green algal blooms in New York - Dr. Gregory Boyer, of Chemistry, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
9:40 am to 10:20 am	Implementing a local HABS surveillance program - Ed Leroux, Save Our Sodus
10:20 am to 10:35 am	Break
10:35 am to 11:15 am	The HABS monitoring component of the Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program : What we're learning - Scott A. Kishbaugh, Chief, NYS DEC Statewide Monitoring Section
11:15 am to noon	TBA

### **SESSION 3**      **Lake & Watershed Management Toolbox**

9:00 am to 9:40 am	The role of wetlands in reducing pollutant loading to lakes: A recently installed case study in Wayne County, PA - Dr. Fred Lubnow, Princeton Hydro, LLC
9:40 am to 10:20 am	Aeration: A key tool in aquatic system restoration and management - Patrick Goodwin, Aquatic Systems, Inc.
10:20 am to 10:35 am	Break
10:35 am to 11:15 am	Maintaining and repairing septic systems: The Putnam County experience - Ed Bartnett, Lake Mahopac Park District
11:15 am to noon	Utilizing GIS for watershed protection and management - Bob Brower, CEO, Institute for

Directions to the conference center:

[www.whiteagle.com](http://www.whiteagle.com)

Local conference weather forecast:

[www.localsyr.com](http://www.localsyr.com)



**SESSION 4 iMapInvasives Workshop/Training & RIT MapBook Project - limited to 20 participants**

9:00 am to 10:20 am iMapInvasives is New York State’s on-line all-taxa species database and mapping tool. The comprehensive database can be used for:

- The collection, distribution and analysis of invasive species observation, survey, assessment and treatment data
- The coordination of early detection and rapid response efforts through email alerts

Join Meg Wilkinson, NY Natural Heritage Project , Invasive Species Database Coordinator to learn all about it.

Participants will be given an overview of iMap and learn how to: view their lake data, enter an observation record, set up an email alert, and look at an infested lake report.

BRING YOUR SMARTPHONE or TABLET!

10:20 am to 10:35 am Break

10:35 am to 11:15 am RIT MapBook Project

11:15 am to noon Q&A

Noon to 1:30 pm Lunch and Annual NYSFOLA Membership Meeting - Chandelier Room

**SESSION 5 CSLAP Training on Lake Moraine**

2:00 pm to ~4:30 pm CSLAP training for new volunteers or for those needing a refresher. Please call the NYS-FOLA office (800)796-3652 or email [foia@nysfola.org](mailto:foia@nysfola.org) at least a week ahead of time if you plan to attend. We need a head count for the boats! Dress for the weather.

Cleveland Building in “The Grove” area of the conference center and on Lake Moraine.

Trainers: Scott Kishbaugh, NYS DEC; Nancy Mueller, NYSFOLA; Jan Shields, NYSFOLA and Babcock Lake’s CSLAP volunteer

**SESSION 6 Aquatic Plant Identification Workshop**

2:00 pm to 4:30 pm If you don’t know the difference between milfoil and pondweed, this is the workshop for you! A “perennial” NYSFOLA favorite brought to you by aquatic biologist Chris Doyle.

**SESSION 7 LAKE LAW 2014**

2:00 pm to 4:30 pm Does your lake association need by-laws? What about insurance? How do you get a permit for lake management activities, and what does SEQRA stand for? Is incorporation necessary? Should you form a separate foundation or become a 501 (c) 3 not-for-profit? This annual “most requested” session will answer those questions—and your own. David Wright, Esq. and Dean R. Long , NYSFOLA Board of Directors

**SESSION 7****Managing our lake resources: Policy and action for lake stewards**

2:00 pm to 2:45 pm

How to influence public policy to protect water resources: - Willie Janeway, The Adirondack Council

This session will give you a better understanding of ways to influence public policy, help determine how government and agency decisions impact lakes and property, and ensure that your voice is heard. We'll discuss how best to communicate with and influence the key officials that make lake policy.

2:45 pm to 3:00 pm

BREAK

3:00 pm to 3:30 pm

New York's 100,000 gallons/day water withdrawal regulations: Just red tape? Or a real safeguard to NY lakes? - Dr. Rebecca Schneider, NYSFOLA BOD, Cornell University

3:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Lake George shoreland protection program: Protective water quality at the edge - Kristen Rohne, Lake George Association

4:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Canadatego Lake watershed plan: Working together for a common goal - Carter Bailey, SUNY Oneonta Biological Field Station

**SESSION 8****MOVING NYSFOLA Forward: Long Range Planning**

2:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Join members of the NYSFOLA BOD for an interactive discussion about the needs of NYSFOLA members and how we can achieve those goals. We need your input, and we hope that you will come for part of the time to let us know what you want from your statewide organization.

5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Annual NYSFOLA Wine and Cheese Party

6:15 pm

Silent Auction winners announced

6:30 - 8:00 pm

NYSFOLA Banquet and Lake Tear of the Clouds Award

8:00 pm -

Tepee open for hospitality

**Sunday May 3rd**

7:30-8:30 am

Breakfast at White Eagle Lodge

8:45-noon

Sessions at the Appley Center

**SESSION 1****CSLAP - How Do We Best Meet the Needs of Your Lake Association**

8:45 am - noon

This is planned as an open discussion for lakes participating in CSLAP, but all are welcome to attend. Join CSLAP Coordinators Scott Kishbaugh and Nancy Mueller to discuss the ways that we can make the program better fit both the needs of our lake associations and the long term data set needed by the State of NY.

**SESSION 2****Field Trip to Cazenovia Lake -**

8:45 am - noon

Cazenovia Lake is a short drive from the conference center, and the many lake management activities taking place there are well worth a trip. The Town of Cazenovia has implemented a variety of local laws to help preserve the lake. Join EcoLogic LLC President Liz Moran and others to learn about the efforts, and see boat launch stewards in action!

**NYSFOLA CONFERENCE REGISTRATION** (or online at [www.nysfola.org](http://www.nysfola.org))

**Registration, Lodging and Meals**

**Early Arrival Package** - Includes 3 nights lodging, all meals (Thursday dinner through Sunday breakfast) and registration fee.

\$440 single occupancy [ ] \$720 double occupancy (includes both people) [ ]

**Weekend Special Conference Package**

Includes 2 nights lodging and all meals including Friday **lunch** through Sunday breakfast and registration fee

\$305 single occupancy [ ] \$530 double occupancy (includes both people) [ ]

**Friday Night thru Sunday Conference Package**

Includes 2 nights lodging and all meals including Friday **dinner** through Sunday breakfast and registration fee. [ ]

\$290 single occupancy \$515 double occupancy (includes both people) [ ]

**Day Tripper Package (Friday and/or Saturday with lunch)**

Friday [ ] or Saturday [ ] only \$55.00

Friday and Saturday [ ] \$70.00

CSLAP Training? YES [ ] NO [ ]

Cazenovia Fieldtrip? YES [ ] NO [ ]

**A la Carte Pricing**

**Registration fee \$40 [ ]**

Lodging \$118 per night Thursday [ ] Friday [ ] Saturday [ ]

Breakfast \$12.00 Friday [ ] Saturday [ ] Sunday [ ]

Lunch \$15.00 Friday [ ] Saturday [ ]

Dinner \$25.00 Thursday [ ] Friday [ ] Saturday [ ]

[ ] Prefer lodging in onsite cabin

[ ] Prefer lodging at Wendt University Inn

Yes! I'd like to stay in touch with NYSFOLA all year! Please include my 2014 Individual Dues:

Member of NYSFOLA lake association \$10 [ ] Non-member of NYSFOLA lake association \$20 [ ]

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Please contact Nancy Mueller [fofa@nysfola.org](mailto:fofa@nysfola.org) or (800) 796-3652

Register online - or MAIL TO: NYSFOLA PO Box 84 LaFayette, NY 13084

# CSLAPpenings



Dear CSLAP Volunteers

Believe it or not, spring is here, and we are packing bottles for the 2015 CSLAP season. We are striving to keep costs down, and we are going to ask a favor of all of you.

**CSLAP SHIPPING REQUEST** - If at all possible, we would like to have our CSLAP volunteers work with a local business that could receive the coolers for you. Because we use United Parcel Service to ship the coolers from the lab back to you, the cost is significantly reduced if we can ship back to a business address rather than a residential one.

Is there a local market, hardware store, marina, or other business that might be close enough to you? Could you offer them a little free publicity in your lake association newsletter for doing so? NYSFOLA would certainly be willing to print a list of sponsors who have helped us.

If you are able to coordinate this, please let Nancy Mueller know ([foia@nysfola.org](mailto:foia@nysfola.org)) or (800)796-3652 so that she can change the shipping address for your CSLAP supplies. We plan to send the bottles directly to you in the spring, but the goal would be to send the empty cooler back to the business address where you could pick it up before your next sampling round. The return back to the lab would be the same as in past years. Because that is already a business address, we don't need to make any changes.

We recognize that this might not be possible for all of you, but we need to reduce the cost in any way possible. Each round trip that the cooler makes is nearly \$20. When you multiply that by 8, it's nearly half of a shallow lake CSLAP participation fee. There are 122 coolers going back and forth this year - plus some equipment replacements!

Also, if you need "small" supplies like filters, gloves, etc., please put a note on top of the cooler. This way, we can ship them to you in the otherwise empty cooler to save money. Don't wait until you run out completely!

**CSLAP PROTOCOL QUIZ** - The CSLAP Quiz will soon be up and running in an interactive version on the DEC website. We'll send everyone the link when it's ready. In the meantime, you can take a look at the .pdf version on the

NYSFOLA website. [www.nysfola.org](http://www.nysfola.org) under the CSLAP tab. Do you really know the protocol? Find out!

**CSLAP TRAINING** - The training for new volunteers will be held on the afternoon of Saturday May 3rd at White Eagle Conference in Hamilton. Please let Nancy know before April 21st if you plan on attending so that we have enough boats, equipment, etc. Many thanks in advance to the "skippers" of the Lake Moraine Association for their assistance.

**CHECK YOUR EQUIPMENT** - Now is the time to double check your equipment to make sure it's in working order. Do you have MgCO<sub>3</sub>? We can send it with your bottles if we know ahead of time. Please take the time to look, and let Nancy know if there is something missing or not working properly.

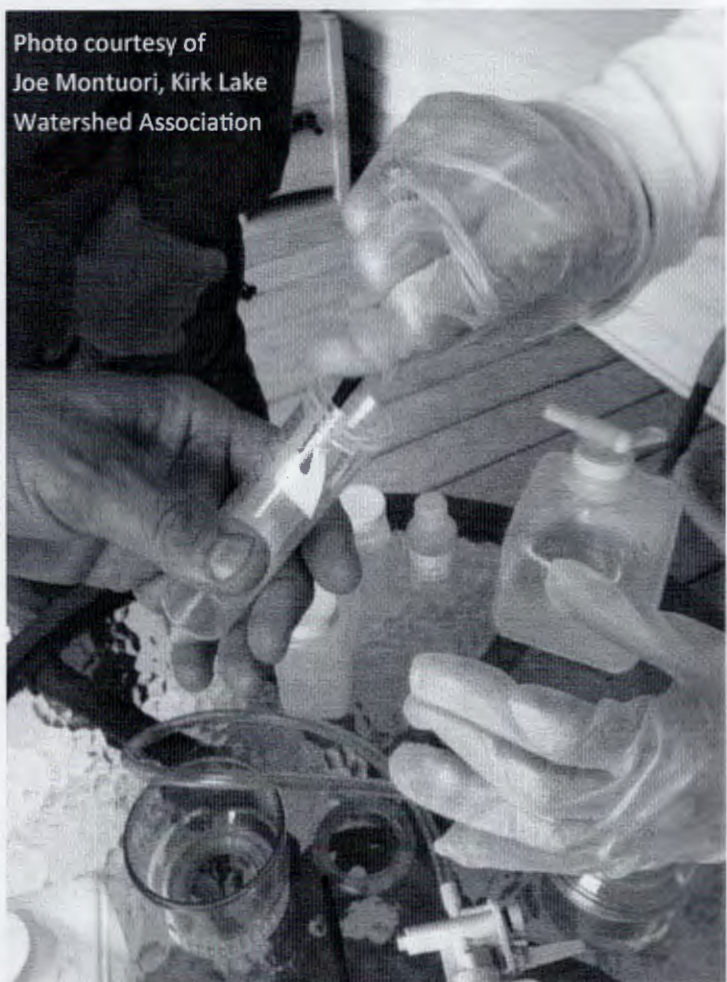


Photo courtesy of  
Joe Montuori, Kirk Lake  
Watershed Association

# *NY Bill Would Ban Microbeads From Personal Care Products to Protect Lakes and Rivers*

(Press Release from the Office of NYS Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman - February 12, 2014)

NEW YORK – Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman today was joined by Long Island Assemblyman Robert K. Sweeney in proposing first-in-the-nation legislation that bans a form of plastic pollution that is an emerging threat to New York’s Great Lakes and other bodies of water. The Attorney General’s Microbead-Free Waters Act will prohibit the sale in New York of beauty and cosmetic products that contain tiny plastic particles that are often marketed as microbeads. The plastic beads, which were recently found in alarmingly high levels in the New York waters of Lake Erie, can persist in the environment for centuries and accumulate toxic chemicals on their surface, threatening fish, wildlife and public health.

“From the Great Lakes to the Hudson River to Long Island Sound, our commitment to protecting and restoring New York’s waters is among our most important responsibilities,” Attorney General Schneiderman said. “New York’s environmental leadership continues today with the introduction of common-sense legislation (Assembly Bill 8744) that will stop the flow of plastic from ill-designed beauty products into our vital waters, preserving our natural heritage for future generations.”

The Microbead-Free Waters Act would prohibit the production, manufacture, distribution and sale in New York of any beauty product, cosmetic or other personal care product containing plastic particles less than 5 millimeters in size. Microbeads are commonly found in more than 100 products, including facial scrubs, soaps, shampoo and toothpaste, where they replace ground walnut shells, sea salt, and other natural materials as an abrasive.

Assembly Environmental Conservation Committee Chair Robert K. Sweeney said, “When people learn more about this issue, they will be unwilling to sacrifice water quality just to continue to use products with plastic microbeads. I never met anyone who has wanted plastic on their face or in their fish. I want to thank Attorney General Schneiderman for partnering with me to take action on an issue that threatens to pollute our State’s environmental treasures.”

When products containing microbeads are used in the home, the beads are rinsed down the drain and into our sewer systems. Because of their small size and buoyancy, microbeads escape treatment by sewage plants and are discharged into rivers, lakes and oceans.

In 2012, a team of researchers that included scientists from the State University of New York at Fredonia discovered alarming levels of microbeads in the Great Lakes – with the highest concentrations recorded in the New York waters of Lake Erie. Half of all plastics collected on the surface of Lake Erie were the perfectly spherical, multi-colored beads identical to the microbeads used in beauty products. Other plastics collected included larger plastic litter that had broken down in the environment, such as detergent bottles and Styrofoam.

Once in the water, microbeads, like other plastics, can attract and accumulate certain toxic chemicals commonly found in waters across the state, and can be mistaken as food by small fish and wildlife. Scientific studies have shown that fish and wildlife of all sizes consume plastic. In addition, environmental pollution found in Great Lakes waters, such as PCBs (the industrial pollutants polychlorinated biphenyls), gravitate and attach to the surface of plastic. If fish and wildlife species low on the food chain eat these contaminated plastics, the chemicals might be passed on to larger birds, fish and other animals that people eat.

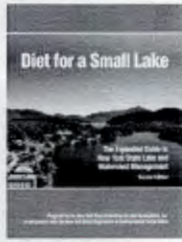
To date, the Great Lakes are the only New York open waters sampled for plastic pollution. However, microbeads in beauty products can pass through sewage treatment facilities in any part of the State, raising concerns about their introduction into other State waters.

Three leading beauty product manufacturers – Procter and Gamble, Unilever and Colgate-Palmolive – have all made recent commitments to phase out the use of microbeads in their products. Other companies, such as Burt’s Bees, have never used these plastics in their products. Consumers can determine if their beauty or personal care products contain microbeads by checking the product ingredient list for “polyethylene” or “polypropylene.”

**Ask your representatives in Albany to support this bill!**



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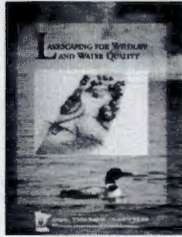


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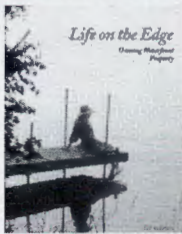
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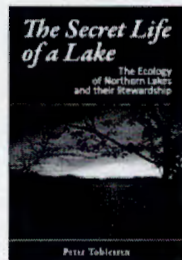
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