



# Droplets

**Our Mission: To preserve the health, beauty and welfare of our lake, not only today, but for future generations.**

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## Prez' Perspective

Now we know what's happening. Every piece of knowledge you gain seems to bring up new questions. It's always nice when you have an easy answer to those questions. This is been a bad spring/early summer for the weeds. Specifically the **Curly Pondweed**. Through our grant we knew we had it in the lake, but this summer was perfect growing weather (cool weather with cool water) caused it to explode, especially in the northern end of our lake.

Fortunately, again through our grant work, we were ready. The primary way to keep curly pondweed from spreading is to harvest its flowers that float on the top of the lake before late June when it sinks back into the lake. The best way to take care of this particular invasive is with the harvester. As a result, the harvester spent four days on the lake taking off over 50 yards of weeds. Bogs were removed to help make the lake safe

for July 3<sup>rd</sup> activities.

The harvester is not the way to control all weeds. We always need a more broad-based approach to controlling especially with the list of invasive weeds that are in our region. Primary control falls to our steward program. Our newest grant keeps the stewards on the lake for at least three years and hopefully extended beyond that. We are also looking at a wash station so that boats coming onto our lake can be actively cleaned prior to entering the lake..

OLPA's mission is to protect the watershed. The best way to protect the watershed is to actively clean up the watershed and then understand how individuals working as a group can keep the area protected.

The large part of groups

working together is understanding how to work together. What should be the focus of the group?

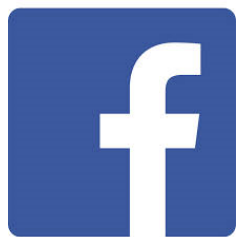
These are the reasons for the **Annual Meeting on July 11<sup>th</sup>**. We use it as a focal point of the summer to update people on the happenings around the lake and how these happenings help the lake thrive.

Take a look at page 2 for a rundown of the great speakers we have coming in!!

See you there!



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## Annual Meeting

### Thursday, July 11th

### 6:00pm — Marietta House

### 2819 State Route 174, Marietta

*Get the latest on the lake & your questions answered!!*



# Annual Meeting Packed with Info

**Mark Burger, Executive Director of Onondaga County Soil & Water**, comes in as our keynote speaker to talk about what his group is doing to protect the lake. Part of the reason the weeds grow is that they have nice fertile soil in the lake to grow on. Mark will help us understand what they are doing, what they have available to help individuals and what those individuals can do to help his department attain regional goals.

**Dave Lemon, DEC Region 7 Fisheries Manager**, will come in to give a report on the status of the fish in Otisco Lake as well as update us on the progress of the boat launch project at the southwest end of the lake. A good sign of a healthy lake is if & how the wildlife is thriving.

**Kurt Anderson from Finger Lakes Land Trust** will come in to talk to us about the Henderson property at the end of the lake. This is a large piece of property that the land trust is procuring to keep it from becoming developed and adding to the lake runoff. We are also looking at it as an educational center for future generations, part of our OLPA mission

**Jen Griffin, OLPA Board Member & Grant Coordinator**, will give an update on our grants & the data available to us about the lake. Her work has helped to guide us to begin to control the invasive species that are present in our lake.

Last will be the yearly question-and-answer period. All the speakers will stay to answer any questions the audience may have with regard to the individual projects available.

**Marietta House** has once again opened its doors. We are thankful to **Todd and Jennifer Donovan** for hosting us again. Drinks will be available as well as light snacks.

Please make an effort to come learn about the lake get your questions answered.

And then help us to help the lake.



## Watershed Shuffle turns 10!!

Otisco Lake Preservation Association



The 10th anniversary of our  
**Watershed Shuffle** will be **July 20<sup>th</sup>!!**

**Register Now!!**

Special 10th Anniversary T-shirt  
to all participants!



## Event Schedule

July 11<sup>th</sup> - Annual Meeting - Marietta House - 6:00pm

July 20<sup>th</sup> - Watershed Shuffle - Otisco Lake Park-9:00am

August 7<sup>th</sup> - OLPA Meeting - Amber Inn - 6:30pm

August 10th-Water Chestnut Pull-Otisco Lake Park– 9am-Noon

August 24<sup>th</sup> - Dumpster Day II - Frost Hauling - 9am-4pm

September 4<sup>th</sup> - OLPA Meeting - Amber Inn - 6:30pm

