

THREE LAKES

COUNCIL



LAKE RESTORATION

BEGINS

1973

April, 1973

During these first three years of our existence, the Three Lakes Council has aimed at pulling together all the Lake Associations and their members in an effort to preserve our Three Lake Watershed Area. Our Board of Directors is now functioning as a truly representative unit composed of representatives of all areas surrounding the lakes. Our biggest asset has been the input coming from many dedicated residents having many valuable backgrounds, interests and skills. The communication we have achieved has been extremely rewarding.

UNION CARBIDE'S LAKE RESTORATION PROJECT

The most dramatic activity of this year has been our joint research project with the Aquatic Environmental Sciences Division of Union Carbide. We were fortunate enough to have been included in their project because their department head, Clem Cowley, is a Lewisboro resident who was aware of our concern for the health of our lakes. The Union Carbide scientists first reported on their proposed lake restoration project, using the Limnox aeration system, at our annual Three Lakes Council meeting, September 29, 1972. Since then they have tested our three lakes on a weekly basis, met regularly with our Board of Directors, and on March 22, 1973 they presented their formal proposal to the Board of Directors. At this meeting the 18 members present voted unanimously to approve, endorse and support the Union Carbide proposed research project with much gratitude for their dedication and expertise. The Union Carbide team of scientists reported to the entire membership at the April, 1973 meeting. Members of the Board of Directors have copies of the formal written proposal. They will gladly loan their copies to those who are interested in reading them.

FISH

As part of their research, Union Carbide will stock Waccabuc with some trout. On 4 of them they will put transducers, which will emit signals. If you catch one, please return it to the water. If the fish die, remove the transducer and return it to Wayne VanTassell, Cove Road or Mervin Dickens.

Thank you for your cooperation.

YOUR ROLE IN LAKE RESTORATION

Our three lakes are now considered moderately eutrophic (over nourished). The rate of eutrophication is rapidly increasing. Limnox aerators should rapidly improve the water quality of Lake Waccabuc, but it is NOT a panacea. Abuse of the lakes by their human residents must be halted at the same time if we are to succeed in preserving them. Union Carbide is investing over \$100,000.00 to help restore our lakes. EACH RESIDENT MUST NOW DO HIS PART. Everyone must make a determined effort to limit the nutrients we are adding to the lakes. That means we must all live by the following rules starting NOW:

1. Have your septic tank cleaned every two years.
2. Make sure your septic tank is functioning properly. Call Harry DeLonge (763-5484) for a free, completely confidential septic tank test. He will even show you how to run it yourself if you prefer. If your septic tank is seeping into the lake, call in an expert. Improve and update the system. You can't afford not to.
3. Use only cleaning products that don't contain phosphates or harmful chemicals. Amway products have long proven to be safe, effective and also inexpensive.
4. Refrain from using chemical fertilizers. They run off into the lakes - their phosphates and nitrates accelerate the rate of growth of weeds and algae.
5. Do not use chemical pesticides. Nature manages to keep things in balance without the "aid" of man and his chemicals. If you feel you must control a "pest" of some sort, use a biological control. (Consult Pinchbeck Nurseries)
6. Use outboard motors with consideration for others and concern for pure waters. We urge the increase use of electric motors, sail boats, row boats or canoes. Noise pollution is a concern. A local ordinance dictates the hours for motors and other restrictions (8:30 A.M. to sunset).

THREE LAKES COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Lake Clean-up Day - June 30 (9:00 A.M. - Noon) Please all help
Fishing Derby - July 8
Biggest Fish Contest - All summer

CALENDAR OF ASSEMBLY MEETINGS:

Friday, April 13 at John Jay Jr. High
Friday, July 6 at John Jay Jr. High
Friday, Sept. 21 at John Jay Jr. High (annual meeting, election of officers)

OFFICERS ELECTED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: D. Wayne VanTassel, Cove Rd., S. Salem
1st Vice President: David I. Mead Jr., Mead St., Waccabuc
2nd Vice President: Gladys Wolkoff (Mrs. Theodore) Cove Rd., S. Salem
Secretary: Jean Lewis, (Mrs. Paul), Twin Lakes Rd., S. Salem
Treasurer: George Harder, Perch Bay Rd., Waccabuc

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (elected for one year)

Joseph Moore, Perch Bay Rd., Waccabuc
Earl Smith, Mead Street, Waccabuc
Andrew Wilson, Twin Lakes Road, South Salem
Edward Koloski, South Shore, Waccabuc, S. Salem
David French, East Ridge Road, Waccabuc

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (appointed by Civic Assn. for one year)

Vincent Cronin (Lake Waccabuc Assn.)
Andrew Brod (Twin Lakes)
Rudolph Cassano (Lakeside Assn.)
Harold McMahon (Lake Oscaleta Assn.)
Richard Cerulli (South Shore Assn.)
John Larson (Perch Bay Assn.)

SEND \$10.00 MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTION FOR 1973 TO:

GEORGE HARDER, Treasurer
Perch Bay Road
Waccabuc, New York

NOTE: Please include your name and address so that your membership card and an 8½" x 11" Doug Knight Original aerial photo of the three lakes can be mailed to you.

PRESIDENTS OF PARTICIPATING ASSOCIATIONS

Lakeside - Richard Dickens	Perch Bay - John Larson
Lake Oscaleta - Harold McMahon	Twin Lakes - Bill Langenstein
Lake Waccabuc - Gladys Wolkoff	Waccabuc Country Club - John Stichnoth
S. Shore - Dick Ciruli	Waccabuc Field Club - Henry Lanier