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President's Letter 2025

Our lakes have a quiet but powerful presence: they allow the gentle rhythm of nature to surface. The sentinel heron, patient by the shore, reminds us to observe, listen, and wonder. A gentle ripple, a whisper of wind, and a soft splash of a fish breaking the surface – these are the moments that weave our lakes into the fabric of our lives. The vibrant tapestry of nature unfolds here: the graceful dance of dragonflies, the determined dive of a kingfisher, the basking turtles, all showing the quiet endurance of lake life.

These moments of connection are more than just fleeting glimpses of beauty. They ground us, and offer resilience in a world that can be noisy and distracting. When we see a snapping turtle pushing through the shallows, see the flight of a sparrow, hear the call of a frog – these can be lessons in persistence, adaptation, and the interconnectedness of life.

The continued beauty and serenity of our lakes is not guaranteed. It's a gift which we have power to support or allow to fade. Each paddle stroke, each joyous cannonball, each moment spent by the shore

connects us to nature. With that connection comes an obligation and responsibility to be stewards, not just users, of our lakes and the watershed. It's strengthened by the collective effort of volunteers, the shared passion for preserving this precious resource. Let's continue to nurture this connection, to protect the tranquility and wonder that our lakes provide. Because in tending to the health of our waters, we nurture our own well-being, finding solace and strength in the unwavering presence of nature.

In this newsletter, dive deeper into current conditions of our lakes, and our upcoming projects. Revisit our lake guidelines. Learn why it is important to limit the addition



The mission of the Three Lakes Council is to preserve and protect the waters and watershed of the three lakes through outreach, research, and stewardship.

of phosphorus to our lake ecosystem. Meet some of our volunteers and read their reports. Be reminded to pump out your septic system. See photographs by Claudia Aronow around our lakes, another reminder of the beauty of our lakes and our need to protect them. Find how you can join the Three Lakes Council, and then reserve your place at our annual meeting on July 19.

As always, I'm buoyed by the enthusiasm and dedication of the many lake volunteers. We are grateful for each and every donor, and we want to recognize 73 donors who have contributed each of the last ten years. Thank you!

See you out on the lakes!

*Janet Andersen, President
Three Lakes Council*

Gene Tedaldi loves our lakes

Jean and Paul Lewis and Jan Andersen interviewed Gene Tedaldi this spring to get memories of the lakes from his 100 year old's perspective.

Learning about the lakes. My parents had a summer place that my father built on Cove Road. When I was a kid, this strip of land between Oscaleta and Rippowam was all woods. My father and I used to grouse hunt here. It was owned by a woman from Ridgefield named Mrs. Holden. My father thought about buying it, but Mrs. Holden was asking \$30,000 which was a lot of money in those days, and he never bought it. Eventually, Braislin, Porter and Wheelock bought it and developed Twin Lakes Village.

I opened up a dental practice in Bedford Village. I was living in the Bronx. One Sunday, we were visiting my parents at their house on Waccabuc and my father said, "Why do you keep schlepping up and down? Why don't you buy a place up here?" I said there's nothing for sale up here. He said there's a place on Rippowam, so in 1956 I came up to take a look. The house was owned by a guy named Ziegler. We looked at it on a Sunday and told him we'd let him know what we decided. Monday morning, I got a call from a lawyer for Mr. Ziegler's estate saying, "He dropped dead last

night. He owes a lot of money and I can make you a good deal," and we agreed to buy the house.

Soon after that people started moving in. At that time, they were all fairly young with young children, and the lakes were very active with kids in boats, and so forth. But then those kids grew up and moved away. Now, there's little activity on the lake, and it's just us old buggers still living here, and I'm the oldest one!



Gene at the 2015 annual meeting

Lured by fishing. My father was a big fisherman. We came from Waccabuc, through the lakes, to fish here on Rippowam. There were no houses here and it was a real hot spot for fishing. The biggest fish I caught was an 8-pound bass from right here off my dock.

When I asked my wife to marry me, she said "NO. You'll be out with your friends fishing all the time and I'll be stuck home with a bunch of kids." After we got married she said, "You've got to

When I was a kid, I always thought to myself, Boy, I'd love to live on this lake. And here I am! There's nowhere else I can think of with three beautiful lakes so close together as what we have. These lakes are very special, and we are very lucky to live here.

teach me how to fish." So, I did, and she became a damn good fisherman! There were times when she beat me out!

One day Ron Tetelman told me he'd love to fish on Rippowam, so I invited him to come over any time. The next day he came over with all his fishing gear. I rowed and he fished! After going just once around the lake he caught 18 bass! He is a good fisherman; he knew what he was doing.

I used to be an ice fisherman too, but then I got smart and stayed in to sit by the fire!

The Cantine canoe. I remember when the Cantine canoe ended up at the bottom of Waccabuc. Mr. Cantine would remove rocks from his beach, fill his canoe with them, take them out to deep water, and dump them in the lake. One time, he tipped the canoe, the rocks slid to one end, and down went the canoe with the rocks!

I've always enjoyed helping out at the Three Lakes Council annual meetings!

Jean Lewis



Be a Good Lake Neighbor

Our lakes are special. We want to enjoy them – and we must share them as well. A few lake considerations will help everyone enjoy the lazy hazy crazy days of summer without disturbing our lake neighbors.

Please inform your guests of these rules and guidelines, and post this page for visitors to see.

Noise



Sounds carry well across water. Please

keep your voices down and remember not everyone enjoys your musical preferences. This is especially true in evenings when other sounds diminish.

Town law prohibits noisy motorized equipment from 7 pm to 8 am and all day Sunday. We encourage additional voluntary “quiet times” of late afternoons and evenings on summer Fridays and Saturdays.

Dogs



Town code requires dogs to be on a leash whenever not

on the owner’s property. Dog poop should be picked up and put in your own trash.

Geese and swans



Nice to look at, but please don’t feed them. It’s not good

for the waterfowl and it’s not good for our lakes!

Boating



Local customs supplement NYS and town

regulations in governing motor boat use on the three lakes. Learn the ropes!

Lewisboro Town law

Horsepower limits are 25 hp on Lake Waccabuc and 10 hp for Lakes Oscaleta and Rippowam.

Motor boats can be used between 8:30 a.m. and 1/2 hour after sunset. Skiing and tubing are allowed only between 10am and 4 pm, and both a spotter and a driver must be on the boat. The law requires motorboats to be operated in a safe and prudent manner.

New York laws

NY requires boat safety education for all motor boat operators born on or after January 1, 1993. Get certified online at www.boat-ed.com

Informal lake use guidelines

Boats at speed should not come within 100’ of a float or a dock. Coves are slow speed areas and boats should not tow anyone in those areas. That means no skiing or tubing in the Waccabuc coves!

Swimming



Swimmers have the right of way, but common

sense safe swimming means staying within 100' of shore, where boats should not operate at speed. Consider swimming before 8:30 am, when motor boats should not be in use.

Invasive species



Boats, fishing gear, and water toys are the most common ways for

invasive species to move from one lake to another. Please don’t take these items between waterbodies – but if you must, ensure you clean, drain, and treat them as required by law before bringing them to our lakes.

Please don’t release aquarium plants or animals, fish, or any leftover live bait into the lakes. Many of these are invasive and can spread and do harm.

Private property



Of course you can stop on a float if you have

an emergency, but remember that these lakes, docks, boats, and shores are all privately owned. This includes Castle Rock and Rippowam Farms!

Keep it clean!



Please don’t litter in the lake. Carry any recyclables and

garbage off the lake and properly dispose of it at home. Pick up fishing lures and lines as well.



New 3LC board members

Welcome to Susan Harris, the new Lake Waccabuc Association representative to the Three Lakes Council

Frank Loverro also joined the board as an alternate representative from the South Shore Association.

Outgoing board member.

Sincere thanks to Doug Housman, who stepped down from his role as the Lake Waccabuc Association representative on the Three Lakes Council. Doug also served

as the chair of the membership committee. Ellen Bailey is the new membership chair for Three Lakes Council. Thanks Doug and Ellen!



Photo of barred owl thanks to Claudia Aronow

Cheers for our volunteers!

Our organization is effective because of the dedication and efforts of volunteers. Some of the volunteers are officers and directors, very important jobs that keep us functioning. Others volunteer in a variety of very necessary but unsung ways – picking up trash, removing beaver debris from the channels, oiling goose eggs, offering photos for the newsletter, and organizing the annual potluck. Thank you!

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Three Lakes Council 2025

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Bonnie Robins	Perch Bay Association
Ron Tetelman	Lakeside Association



State of the lakes in 2024 – our water quality scorecard

The information for this scorecard comes from the data provided by NYSDEC’s reports. In 2024, our lakes were clearer than typical, although they all had high levels of phosphorus and chlorophyll. These results seem to be within the normal variability of our lakes, not because of any change in the lake ecosystem. While no harmful algal blooms were reported on any lake in 2024, our lakes remain highly susceptible. Please stay alert. Links to detailed reports are at www.threelakescouncil.org under the reference and then water quality tabs.

Water quality indicators		Waccabuc		Oscaleta		Rippowam	
		Typical Year	2024	Typical Year	2024	Typical Year	2024
Trophic Status	Phosphorus	Mesotrophic	Eutrophic	Mesotrophic	Mesotrophic	Eutrophic	Eutrophic
	Chlorophyll	Mesotrophic	Mesotrophic	Mesotrophic	Mesotrophic	Eutrophic	Eutrophic
	Secchi	Mesotrophic	Mesotrophic	Mesotrophic	Mesotrophic	Mesotrophic	Mesotrophic
Aquatic invasive species		Present		Present		Present	
Lake Recreation Perception		Fair	Good	Fair	Good	Fair	Good

Weedy aquatic plants

Lake plants remain an issue on our lakes. Climate change lengthens their growing season, and warmer water increases their growth rates.

Three Lakes Council hires a vendor for plant surveys on alternate years. The most important reason is to search for new invasives, and we are happy to report that **no new invasives were found** in 2024.

We sample the littoral zone, the shallow area around our lake shores where plants can grow. Each of our lakes has a deeper area where plants don’t grow, allowing easier recreation.

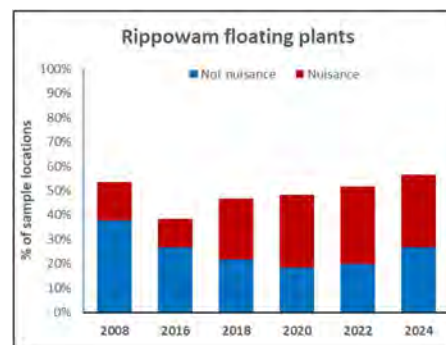
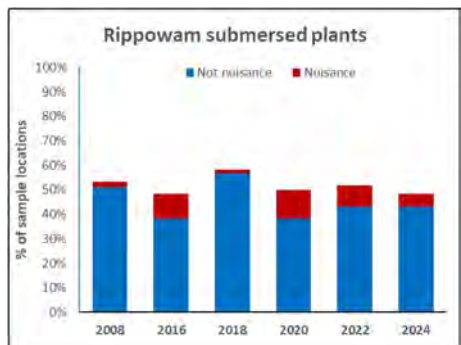
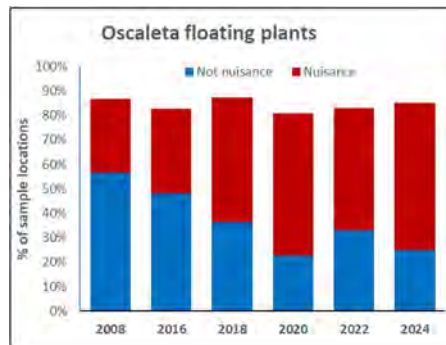
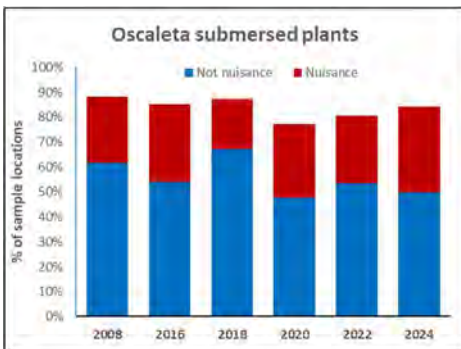
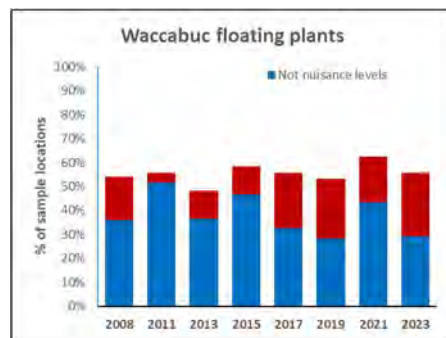
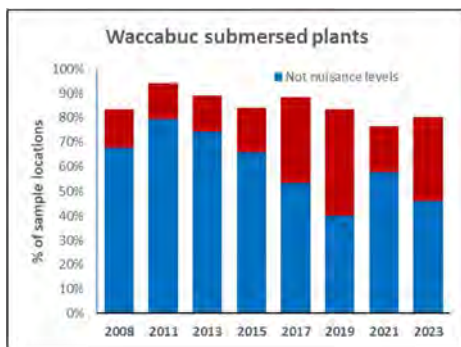
Surveys show the type of plant and their density (trace, sparse, medium, dense). Medium and dense densities are **nuisance** levels, and other levels are **non-nuisance density**. Detailed reports are on our website.

Plants are **floating** (like lilies) or **submersed** (like milfoil).

Trends and Factors

While the overall coverage of plants on the lakes hasn’t changed greatly, more locations

have nuisance density. We want to find solutions for shared areas. Manage your phosphorus to limit weed growth!



Spotlight on light pollution!

Light pollution can affect you – and the environment. Light pollution has different forms. **Glare** is excessive brightness that causes discomfort and interferes with vision. **Light trespass** is light that extends where it is not wanted or needed, for example, past property lines. **Overlighting or clutter** is bright or excessive lights. **Sky glow** is the brightening of the night sky that results from man-made light sources that scatter and reflect in the atmosphere.

Scientists have outlined the impact of artificial lights on everything from disorienting birds during migration to newly hatched turtles being unable to find their way to water.

The impact of **artificial light on lakes** is becoming clearer. Many lake organisms react to cycles of light and dark. Fish and zooplankton, for example, avoid prey by going lower in the water column in daylight, and rising up to feed as it grows darker.

Artificial Light at Night can have significant impacts on aquatic ecosystems and lakes.

Disruption of aquatic ecosystems

- Light can alter predator-prey relationships: Many aquatic organisms rely on natural light cycles for their daily



activities, and artificial light can disrupt these patterns. Predators may extend their hunting hours, increasing predation and altering the food web .

- Reduces zooplankton populations: Zooplankton are crucial to the ecosystem since they eat algae and control algae growth. These tiny organisms typically migrate to the surface at night to feed on algae. Light at night can interfere with their daily migration, reducing grazing activity and leading to algal blooms.
- Changes in fish behavior: Fish are also affected by

night lights. Disrupted feeding, spawning, and migration patterns can limit reproductive success and population declines.

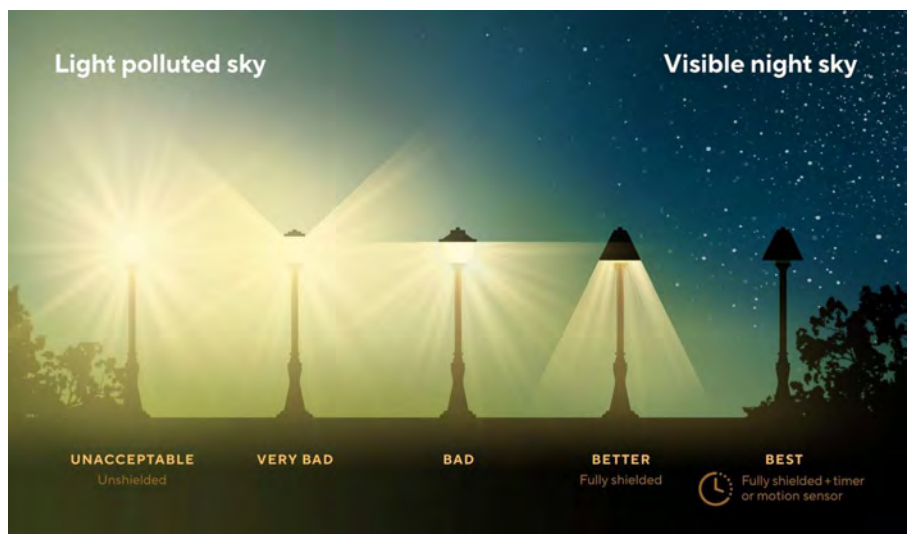
- Impacts aquatic insects: Many insects spend part of their life cycle in water. Night light can attract these insects to artificial light, disrupting the food chain.

Mitigating the Impacts

Recommendations to minimize the negative effects:

- You can reduce light pollution: Use shielded lights, timers, lower-watt bulbs, and turn off unnecessary lights.
- Be aware of where your lights intrude. Protect sensitive areas and restore natural light cycles: Reduce light intrusion during critical periods for wildlife, such as during spawning.

Understanding the complex interactions between artificial light at night and aquatic ecosystems will help us take actions to protect these valuable resources.



Oscaleta culvert replacement update

Planning work underway.

This project has gotten off to a slow start, but now it seems to be starting to move forward. As you may recall, during a recent drought, the deteriorating condition of the Oscaleta Road culvert was obvious from the channel between lakes Oscaleta and Waccabuc. The Town found the estimated replacement cost unaffordable, and successfully applied for a grant in 2022. The Town engineer, who helped prepare the grant application, hoped to lead the design. After a long back and forth with NYS DOT, all parties involved agreed to ask for bids for an engineering firm. The Town has entered into scope and price negotiations with one company.

Preliminary scope. The Town hopes to minimize traffic disruption by working on one lane at a time, which is the more expensive route. The fire department also requested a much higher culvert than currently exists in order to get their boat under the culvert, which would also be a more expensive option because of the need to raise the road surface and minimize hills on curves.

Public information meetings.

Once the costs are identified, we expect the Town to hold public information meetings to discuss the options and schedule, and to take questions from area residents. Stay tuned!



Photos of female red winged blackbirds by Claudia Aronow

Sewer project update

A brief recap: In 2021, Town grants funded engineering studies on lakes Kitchawan, Truesdale, and Waccabuc,

which, when completed in 2022, indicated that failing and poorly functioning septic systems were polluting our lakes with phosphorus. We created a \$40M sewer project plan and applied for grants in 2023 and 2024.

Current status. We are confident of funding from NYS, NYC DEP, and Westchester County, but we need to obtain about \$6M more to proceed with the sewer as proposed. The Town will reapply for grants in July 2025.

The Town will not proceed without a financial solution. Once funding is obtained, the Town will prepare a Map, Plan, and Report, a comprehensive report, to explain the project. The homes in the project must vote in favor.

Meanwhile, the Town has enough funds to proceed with a district to provide enhanced septic treatment units to homes around Lake Kitchawan. This is an exciting step forward.



Phosphorus helps lake weeds grow

All living things need a variety of nutrients in order to grow. Plants and algae in our lakes have plenty of the carbon and nitrogen they need, but their growth is limited by a lack of available phosphorus. For our lakes, phosphorus is like a vitamin. An extra pound of phosphorus allows the growth of 500 to 1000 pounds of plants and algae.

The sources of phosphorus are diverse and dispersed in our watershed. The good news is that residents can take actions to help reduce phosphorus entering our lakes.

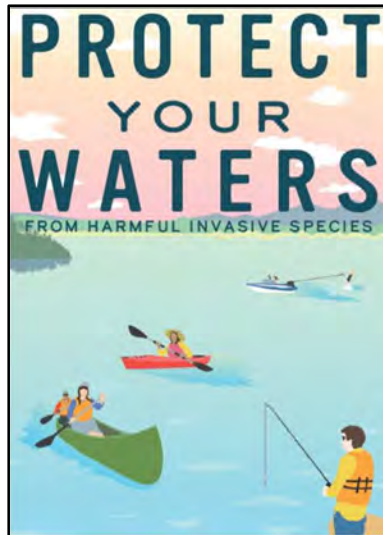
- Regularly inspect and pump your septic system.
- install a buffer of native plants between lawn and lake to slow runoff carrying phosphorus.
- Pick up your pet's poop and throw it in your trash.
- Discourage ducks, geese and other waterfowl.
- Limit use of fertilizers and pesticides. On laws, only use phosphorus-free fertilizers.
- Compost or mulch your leaves, and leave them in wooded areas.

We continue our efforts to install stormwater controls in a stream crossing Long Pond Preserve to limit a significant source of phosphorus.

Your actions to reduce inputs of phosphorus to our lakes will help us continue to enjoy boating and swimming on them.

Check, clean, and dry to prevent spread of invasives

Some of our neighboring waterbodies are wonderful to visit but contain invasive species that can infest and degrade our lakes. Help prevent their spread.



Get Pumped! Septic, that is



The Three Lakes Septic Committee urges each homeowner to pump their septic system at least as often as required by law, which is once every five years. Experts agree that based on the soil conditions around our lake communities, we should pump our septic tanks every 2-3 years. Tanks should be inspected too.

Thank you! Many people have responded by pumping out their tanks. More are aware of the importance of septic systems and phosphorus pollution to the health of our lakes.

Is it time for you to pump? If you don't know who to call, a list of septic haulers is on our website: www.threelakescouncil.org See septic systems under the living on lakes tab.

We need everyone to be responsible for their homes and for their impact on the lakes.

Maintain your septic system to reduce pollution in our lakes.

*Renee Goldstein and Nan Dale
Co-chairs, Septic Committee*



Salinity status

New York City recently reported that salt levels in area reservoirs have tripled in the last 30 years. <https://www.nyc.gov/assets/dep/downloads/pdf/water/drinking-water/salinity-management-assessment.pdf> They report salinity is driven by the use of salt for winter road and surface deicing, increased impervious surfaces, septic systems, and water softeners. An increasing use of salt water pools can also be a contributing factor.

Salinity is a serious issue. Salt never goes away once it is in surface waters and groundwater, and it can be detrimental to the environment and its inhabitants. We should take care with the amount of salt we use at our homes.

That said, we have some good news about salt levels in our lakes. Salt is made of two compounds, and we sample one of them, chloride, as a proxy for salinity levels. EPA and NYS aim for chloride levels to stay below **250 mg/L**. Our lakes drain into the Cross River Reservoir, which is shown to have low but increasing level chloride.

Our lakes have decreasing levels of chloride. In contrast, our CSLAP studies show that the chloride levels in our lakes are relatively low.

The table below shows the median concentration in the left column and the amount of decrease over the last decade in the right. The decline is statistically significant.

	Chloride Decrease	
	(mg/L)	(mg/L)
Waccabuc	33	13
Oscaleta	26	16
Rippowam	29	23

We will continue to monitor chloride levels in our lakes.

Our website has answers

We hope you have questions! Visit our website for information about our lakes and watershed. It has information about Three Lakes Council, lots of scientific reports, and more. It also has information about lake living, including facts about septic systems and contact information for septic pumpers. <https://threelakescouncil.org/>



Photo of hooded mergansers thanks to Claudia Aronow

Connect with our google group

Our Three Lakes Council email distribution list is our best way to rapidly alert people if we spot harmful algal blooms in our lakes or any other major concerns. If you aren't yet on the list, send your name, lake address, and email address to threelakescouncil@gmail.com



Photo of dragonfly thanks to Claudia Aronow

Boat stickers!

Your boat should be sporting this snazzy boat sticker. It helps us return wandering boats to home. They also help us spot if transient boats when they are brought onto our lakes, which can transport invasive species from other waterbodies. Register boats at www.threelakescouncil.org/boats Report found boats to threelakescouncil@gmail.com



Plant buffers along lakeshores

Native plants in vegetative buffers are a natural and attractive way to stop pollution from reaching our lakes. Shrubs and groundcovers are much better than grass at intercepting the nutrients and sediments in runoff before it reaches the lake. If shoreline plants capture and use the phosphorus, it won't get to the lake where algae can use it to thrive.

Native plants also have robust root systems that can stabilize soil, prevent erosion, and limit the need for "hardscape" or a stone wall along the water's edge. Plantings can reduce maintenance needs and provide a better ecosystem. Depending on your choice of plants, you can attract pollinators or add berries for birds and your family to enjoy.

Starting a plant buffer can be as simple as creating a no-mow zone along the shore. On slopes, create a meandering path to the lake to slow runoff.

"A Guide to Healthy Lakes Using Lakeshore Landscaping"
https://dec.vermont.gov/sites/dec/files/wsm/lakes/Lakewise/docs/lp_VTlakescape.pdf
contains helpful information to improve your shoreline.

Of all the paths you choose in life, try to include one that leads to a lake.

Fish report 2025



Reports are mixed on fishing in the Three Lakes so far this year. Fishing can vary from day-to-day. On some days it's just an incredible morning or afternoon on the lake while other times it can get very frustrating - but that is why we call it fishing and not catching!

Reports on Oscaleta say that bass fishing has been very good. Similar reports come from Waccabuc as several folks have had great days on the water.

We did not stock trout this year and are hoping to determine the success of our previous stockings. If you go out trout fishing, it is advised that you start fishing after the thermocline sets up in the lake when you'll find most of the trout within 10% of the water just above the thermocline.

Our lakes hold the following species of sport fish:

- Largemouth Bass
- Smallmouth Bass
- Pickerel
- Yellow Perch
- Crappie



Photo of Cormorant thanks to Claudia Aronow

- Sunfish and other pan fish
- Catfish
- Carp
- Brown trout (stocked)
- Sawbellies (the schools of small bait fish called alewives which were introduced into our lakes in the 60s)

And maybe a few surprises.

Have fun fishing.

Link to NYS fishing information:
<https://dec.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2024-03/fishguide.pdf>

Ron Tetelman
Fish Committee Chair

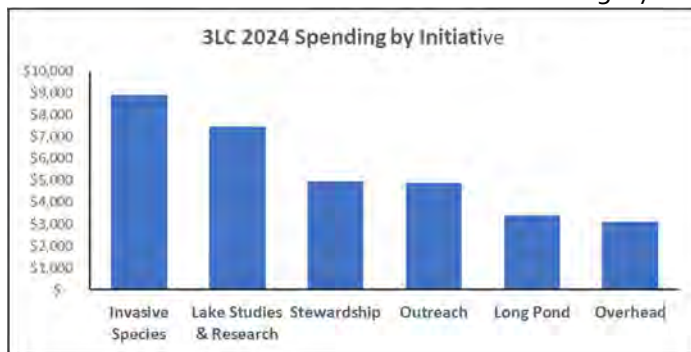


Merganser photo thanks to Claudia Aronow



Treasurer's Report

Three Lakes Council remains in a good financial position. Our revenue outpaced our spending in 2024. The revenue for 2024 was \$61,838. Total expenses were \$32,725, about 8% lower than 2023 and 12% higher than our recent average annual spending. This means that we are able to direct \$24,276 to future projects.



We match our spending with the priorities of the Three Lakes Council, and so we look at our expenses by initiative. However, the annual spending amounts do not reflect the often substantial volunteer labor expended on these activities.

In 2024, our largest category of spending was for detection and control of **invasive species**: we spent \$8,921, or 27% of our 2024 expenses. The biggest component was plant surveys on Oscaleta and Rippowam.

We spent \$7,475 on **lake studies and research**. This includes fees to participate in CSLAP and lab expenses for extended season sampling. We assess water quality conditions and look for

harmful algal blooms. This vital component of our mission was 23% of our 2024 spending.

We spent \$4,951, 15% of our total, on **stewardship**. This included tree work and clearing the channel of beaver debris.

Our newsletter, website, and stewardship postcard expenses support our **education and outreach**. We spent \$4,879 in this category in 2024, 15% of expenses.

In addition to our general stewardship spending, we continue our investment in **Long Pond**

Preserve stewardship. We believe it is important for us to protect these lands to protect the lake. The preserve requires on-going attention, and we spent \$3,388 in 2024, or 10% of our total expense. In total, Long Pond stewardship expenses and general stewardship were 25% of our expenses for 2024.

Overhead represents our spending on fundraising and business operational fees. In 2023 it was \$3,111, or 9%.

Thanks once again to every donor. You make our work to maintain this beautiful lake environment possible.

*Nan Dale
Treasurer, Three Lakes Council, Inc
501 (c) (3) charitable organization*

3LC volunteers wanted!



Three Lakes Council needs your help. We appreciate members who donate needed funds. We have needs with a variety of time commitments and skills.

Annual meeting. This year we'll need extra help to set up, change over, and clean up after our meeting at the fire house.

Long Pond Preserve. Kevin Karl needs help building bog bridges and setting stepping stones across streams. He will also show you how to tackle preserve invasives so you can work on your own schedule.

Beaver debris. A team clears debris to allow passage through the channel as needed. Enough people will allow for rotating responsibility and faster work.

Geese management. Needed a few weekends each April on Waccabuc to visit the geese nests. They greet you loudly!

Newsletter. Articles and photos welcome, as space allows.

Water testing. This is a big obligation. Sample on eight alternate weekends. Requires training and coordination.

Communications via website, postcards, or Facebook. Share information about the sewer proposal and culvert repair.

If you are interested in helping, let us know at threelakescouncil@gmail.com



Annual meeting is July 19 at SSFD

Our annual meeting and potluck is on July 19, 2025. The Waccabuc Country Club (WCC) has graciously hosted our annual meeting in previous years. They extended their welcome once again for this year's event. However, some residents within our community have initiated legal action against WCC. The WCC Board is not willing to host families who are supporting or involved in this legal action.

Since Three Lakes Council is a membership organization, we cannot exclude any members from our Annual Meeting. On the contrary, we hope as many members as possible will attend to hear about current issues around the lakes. Therefore, our annual meeting potluck will be at the **South Salem Fire House on Route 35**.

Our meeting will be at the South Salem fire house rain or shine. Attendance is limited to 100 people, so reservations are important. To attend, send in the form on page 16 or email threelakescouncil@gmail.com with the number of attendees and whether you will bring a side/salad or a dessert.

Thanks to Ron Tetelman and Robby Rothfeld for arranging for the SSFD for this event, and to the SSFD for welcoming us.

Membership report

"We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children."

Native American Proverb

For more than 55 years, the Three Lakes Council has been dedicated to our mission to protect and preserve our lakes. Thanks to the continued financial support and engagement of our local community, **we have been able to conduct important data driven studies, and educate residents on how we can all contribute to keeping our lakes healthy.**

We've intentionally kept our annual dues low—just \$55—to make it easier for everyone in our community to join. Although many households made generous donations above the annual dues, only 45% of our newsletter recipients joined in 2024. A larger membership base strengthens our voice with town leadership and regulatory agencies, and

your support directly enables us to continue our stewardship of our cherished lakes.

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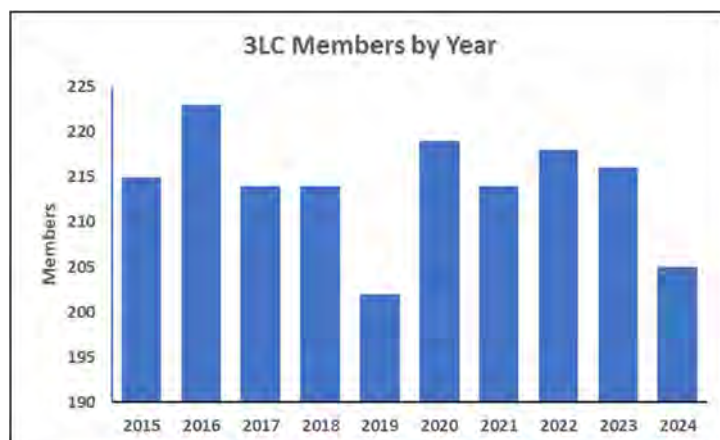
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*Ellen Bailey
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THREE LAKES COUNCIL
**ANNUAL MEMBER
 POTLUCK**
 July 19 - 6 pm to 9 pm
South Salem Fire Station
 1190 NY-35, South Salem, NY

Menu: Appetizers, filet mignon, chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, beer, wine, soda and your potluck contributions of salads and dessert

Free for families who have paid the \$55 annual membership.
 Guests and non-members are welcome at \$25 per person.

Reservations are critical to our planning process. If you will attend, please let us know by **July 7**. Fill out the response form and mail it to:

Three Lakes Council, P.O. Box 241, South Salem, NY 10590
 or send an email with the information to ThreeLakesCouncil@gmail.com



Annual meeting & potluck reservation form

Name _____

Local address _____

Mailing address if different _____

e-mail _____

phone _____

I will bring: salad for 8 _____ or dessert for 8 _____ (check one)

Number of members attending meeting: _____

Family membership (if not already paid) @ \$55 \$ _____

Adult guests # _____ @ \$25 \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Want to pay electronically?
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