

Cossayuna Lake

President's Letter

by Pat Smith

Greetings,

We hope that everyone enjoyed a wonderful holiday season and New Year with family and friends. As we settle into the frigid temperatures of winter, the only consolation is that our lake should be freezing over in time for our **7th Annual Cossayuna Lake Ice Fishing Tournament** set for **Saturday, February 7th**. The Tournament is one of the major events of the year supporting the C.L.I.A. Participation has been increasingly strong combining a great recreational experience with the opportunity to win substantial monetary prizes. Even you are not an ice fisherman, (preferring a nice hot chocolate in front of the fire?) take a few chances on the **50-50 Raffle**, also a major prize award. For complete information on the tournament, please go to our website at cossayunalake.com.



As we move toward spring, you will be receiving updated information on how to participate in the 2015 Chemical Treatment Program. We have experienced significant improvements in the condition of our lake over the past two seasons. The Lake Management Task Force, chaired by Board Member Lynn Wilbur, continues to evaluate our current program and to explore new options. Any community member is welcome to join the committee to support this effort.

We are looking forward to another enjoyable and productive year at the C.L.I.A. Please consider volunteering to help out at any of our events as the season progresses. In addition to following our website, please send any comments or questions related to the C.L.I.A., at cossayuna_lake@yahoo.com.

Cossayuna Lake Ice Fishing Tournament & 50/50 Raffle

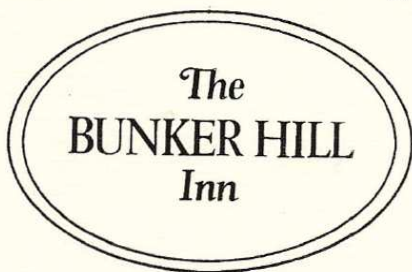
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January 19, 2015

Dear Cossayuna Lake Property Owner,

For the 2015 season, CLIA has proposed to treat Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) and curly leaf pondweed (CLP) with herbicides. Up to 120 acres in the lake may be treated. The final treatment area will be determined once total available funding is known and an early season survey is conducted. The treatment is tentatively scheduled to occur on or about May 6, 2015. Treatment using Sculpin G (2,4-D amine) and/or Aquathol K (endothall) herbicides is proposed. These products are registered for aquatic weed control by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and New York State. Copies of herbicide specimen labels can be accessed on-line at the following websites:

- Sculpin G Product Label, EPA Reg. No. 67690-49: <http://128.253.223.36/ppds/531483.pdf> and http://sepro.com/documents/SculpinG_Label.pdf
- Aquathol K, EPA Reg. No. 70506-176: <http://128.253.223.36/ppds/530212.pdf> , <http://128.253.223.36/ppds/514704.pdf>, <http://www.cdms.net/LDat/ld195009.pdf>

The treatment program will be performed by State licensed aquatic applicators under a permit issued by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). It is expected that the targeted EWM and CLP plants will be controlled within approximately 2 weeks of the date of treatment. Early season treatments with this herbicide combination have demonstrated good selectivity for the targeted plants. Non-target native plants are expected to remain to provide a habitat for fish and other aquatic life.

As a riparian owner/user, or landowner along the outlet to the Lake you have the right to object to the restrictions of water use resulting from the proposed application. The anticipated restrictions on water use that will result from the proposed application are shown below:

Water Use Restrictions	Sculpin G (2,4-D amine)	Aquathol K (endothall)
Swimming & Bathing	24 hours	24 hours
Fishing	24 hours	---
Animal Consumption	24 hours ---	14 days
Irrigation	Do not use treated water for irrigating greenhouse or nursery plants unless 2,4-D concentrations are confirmed to be less than 1 ppb by laboratory analysis. Do not use water treated with Sculpin G for hydroponic farming. Do not irrigate crop or non-crop areas not labeled for direct treatment with 2,4-D for 21 days or until 2,4-D concentrations are 100 ppb or less. There are no restrictions to irrigate areas labeled for direct treatment with 2,4-D such as pastures, cereal grains, turf or established grasses.	Do not use treated water to irrigate annual nursery or greenhouse crops including hydroponics and newly seeded or transplanted ornamentals, and newly sodded or seeded turf.
Potable/Domestic Use	Treated water must not be used unless a setback distance of 1,800 feet from functioning potable water intakes is used or a waiting period of 21 days from the time of application has elapsed or an approved assay indicates the 2,4-D concentration is 50 ppb or less at the intake.	Do not exceed 50 ppb endothall acid concentrations in potable drinking water at the time of consumption. The drinking water setback from functioning potable water intakes in the treated water body must be greater than or equal to 1200 feet.

If you wish to object to the proposed treatment you need to send a written notice stating your objection and the basis for such objection to: John Bennett, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Region 5, 232 Golf Course Road, Warrensburg, New York 12885, telephone (518) 623-1200. Your comments must be submitted within 21 days of receiving this notice. A lack of response will be considered as consent to the proposed treatment.

Also, in order to provide DEC with information on who may be impacted by the restrictions, if you use water from the Lake, or its outlet, for potable water (drinking, food preparation and processing) or irrigation (such as watering your garden), please contact Sheila Rappazzo (518-429-8312) or sarappazzo@yahoo.com

Notice of the specific treatment date will be provided by posting of the lake shoreline, publishing notice in the Post Star newspaper, and on the CLIA website: www.cossayunalake.com. If you wish further information about the treatment or a copy of the product label please contact either Sheila Rappazzo (518-429-8312 or sarappazzo@yahoo.com) or Jeff Madison (518-928-3514 or mads135@hotmail.com), or visit the website listed above.

Sincerely,
Lynn Wilbur - Chair, Lake Management Task Force

Cossayuna Lake

COSSAYUNA LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015

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Please indicate how membership should read. _____

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Joint: John Doe & Jane Doe

Please call Nancy Hieber, Membership Coordinator, at (518) 692-9206
or email whiebersr@aol.com if you have any questions regarding membership.

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Membership Report

Here we are, starting off a new year for membership. Please see the membership application within this newsletter. I would like to thank all of last year's members for taking responsibility for our lake by joining the CLIA. We hope to see all of last year's members join again this year and to bring in new members as well. Please submit your membership application to take advantage of some benefits of a CLIA membership.

The benefits of membership are:

- Voting privileges at the June general and August election meetings
- Opportunity to serve on the CLIA Board of Directors and committees
- Access to harvesting services
- Access to the CLIA dock and beach area
- Opportunity to rent the Pavilion
- Satisfaction of being a Cossayuna Lake caretaker.

We need your continued membership support to help maintain this beautiful lake.

Your dues and donations provide financial support for CLIA events such as the dinners, dances, socials, and boaters' safety courses. This general fund also provides financial support for maintenance of the CLIA pavilion and grounds, Lake Management research, and CSLAP participation. CLIA is a 501(c) (3) and your donations to the CLIA are tax deductible to the extent of the law.

I would like to remind everyone that we need name and address changes as they become available for everyone owning property within a mile of the lake road for the purpose of Lake Management mailings and newsletters. Even if you're not a member and own property on this lake please contact me about changes at: CLIA, PO Box 81, Cossayuna, NY, 12823 or send an email to: whiebersr@aol.com.



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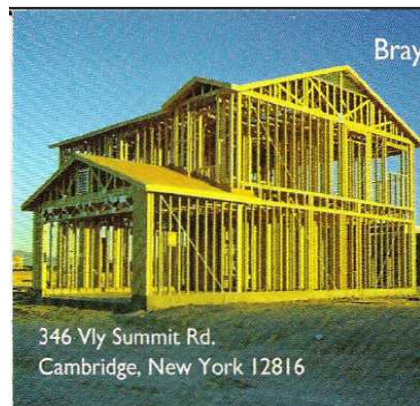
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Cossayuna Lake

50 / 50 Raffle

by Nancy Hieber

With cold nights upon us people are already gearing up for the exciting 2015 CLIA Ice Fishing Tournament and 50/50 Raffle Fundraiser. Last year the 50/50 prize was over \$1200 dollars. This money goes towards the Cossayuna Lake projects that help our lake look so beautiful. We have decided to make it more fun by making these 50/50 Raffle tickets available now, while some of you are still here and enjoying the lake. Be a part of the exciting day even though you are not physically here by purchasing your tickets early. You can submit the form below to order your tickets now.

CLIA 2015 ICE FISHING 50/50 TICKETS ORDER FORM

Drawing will be held at 3:35pm on Feb 7, 2015
Tickets are available from now until 3:30pm on Feb 7, 2015

Contact Nancy Hieber 692-9206 or at whiebersr@aol.com for 50/50 Ticket information
Mail this form & check to CLIA - PO Box 81 - Cossayuna, NY, 12823 to order your tickets today

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

50/50 Tickets \$ _____

50/50 Tickets are 1 for \$5.00, 3 for \$10.00, 6 for \$15.00, 10 for \$20.00, 20 for \$40.00, 30 for \$50.00

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Chemical Program

by Sheila Rappazzo

Post-treatment Assessment and Treatment Plans For 2015

Following chemical treatment of the lake in May, the first post treatment assessment was done to evaluate effectiveness. The initial review was done on July 30th and we were pleased at how little milfoil was found. Only a few plants were observed along the northwest shore and then some at the very southern end, south of the treated areas. The native plant growth was observed to be more robust than the prior year. Coontail, elodea, and eelgrass appeared to be the most abundant. Overall, it appeared that the dual treatment worked very well and was very selective for the milfoil and curlyleaf pondweed. Curlyleaf comes back year after year because they produce thousands of seed-like structures from which new plants grow, and these can remain in the soil for a number of years. Plus there are a lot of areas in the lake that were not treated and the seeds can spread throughout the lake. It was also expected that some milfoil will come back as well, but it's difficult to predict how much, so it was decided that it would be good to look at the lake again in mid to late September to see if there was additional milfoil recovery.

On September 25th a technician from Aquatic Controls Technology, did the second post treatment assessment of the lake to identify where and how much regrowth of the targeted weeds had occurred. We spent 3 hours going around the lake, and he marked up a treatment map of the lake with what kinds of weeds he was seeing and where. When it was difficult to see what was under the surface, he utilized a submersible camera to identify the weeds. He did find some milfoil regrowth in a few treated areas; along the north end, and the northwest shore. There were a few scattered plants in other areas as well, but only a few for the most part. We did see substantial milfoil growth in a number of areas that have not been treated. Not only the Southend, but in sections between treated sections, particularly in the northwest corner of the lake (which may be the source of the regrowth in those treated areas adjacent to it). Even in the South end where there are substantial untreated areas, you could see the difference in how much milfoil depending on proximity to treated areas. Most of the east shore was nearly clear of milfoil. Only a very few plants were observed in a couple of spots.

Based on the assessments finding some, but limited, milfoil growth, coupled with the expectation that Curlyleaf pondweed will return in similar densities due to the existing seed banks, options for treatment were discussed. Ultimately it was decided that we will treat using the same combination of Sculpin and Aquathol that we used last year in the areas that showed milfoil regrowth, and using just Aquathol in other areas to target the Curlyleaf pondweed and also Sago Pondweed. Another assessment of the lake will be done next Spring shortly before the spring treatment to determine which areas will require the combination of chemicals vs. the Aquathol alone. With the goal being whole lake health, we want to make sure that we only treat what needs to be treated.


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Cossayuna Lake Ice Fishing Tournament & 50/50 Raffle Fundraisers

February 7th - Open to the public

The 7th Annual CLIA Ice Fishing Tournament

Saturday, Feb 7th, 2015

Registration at Cossayuna Fire House: 5:30AM - 8:00AM

Measurements at Check-In Point: 7:00AM to 3:30PM.

Strong Tournament Participation – Over 300 Participants Last Year

Pre-registration is \$10 per person until 7pm on Feb 6th

Day of Feb 7th registration fee is \$12 per person

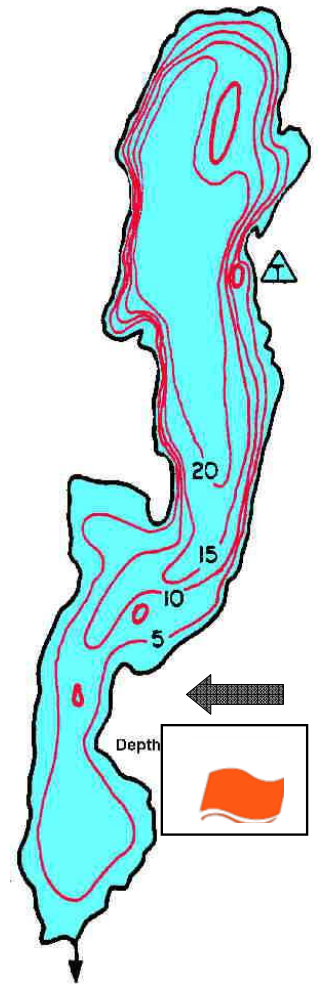
90% Return of total entry fees as follows:

50% largest pike or tiger muskie (2014 winner was 35^{1/4"})
25% largest perch (2014 winner was 14")
25% largest crappie (2014 winner was 15")

- All fish must be alive and ALL NYS DEC regulations apply
- All fish must be legal size to qualify for prizes
- Entry ticket must accompany all fish being measured
- Winners will be determined by length only
- Ties will be broken by time of entry to check-in station
- A legal fish must be caught for the prize category to be awarded
- No entrants after 8:00AM : No fish will be measured after 3:30PM
- All fish will be measured on lake near Pratt's Point- Orange flag
- Check-in info/ location accessible on the lake at 195 East Lake Rd.
- Call Nancy with any questions (518) 692-9206

50 / 50 CLIA Raffle Ticket Drawing

- **Open to the public, you do not need to enter the fishing tournament**
- **Advance tickets available now by mailing in form below**
- Tickets available in person at Check-in point from 8:00AM – 3:30PM on Feb 7th
- **You do not need to be present to win**
- Drawing at 3:35 PM on Feb 7th
- Ticket prices: 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10, 6 for \$15, 10 for \$20, 20 for \$40, 30 for \$50.



-----Detach Here and Mail-in -----

Submit Tournament Registration and/or Purchase 50/50 Tickets

- Call 692-9206 for Registration and/or 50/50 Ticket information
- Please mail registration and/or tickets by Jan 29 to: CLIA – PO BOX 81 – Cossayuna, NY, 12823
[These fliers are also available on www.cossayunalake.com](http://www.cossayunalake.com)
- Register in person and pick up entry tickets 5:30AM – 8:00AM on Feb 7th. at Cossayuna Fire House on Corner of Bunker Hill Rd & East Lake Rd
- 50/50 Tickets will be available at registration location from 5:30 – 8:00AM then at Check-in Location from 8:00AM - 3:30PM.

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Cossayuna Lake

Boat Inspection Program

by Gene Henry

Volunteers are still needed for the boat inspection program hopefully to start in the spring. If interested please contact Gene Henry

Phone [518-798-1422](tel:518-798-1422)-E-mail: newpilotg@roadrunner.com

Mailing Address: PO Box 12,Cossayuna,NY 12823

Thanks Gene

No Harvesting Experiment

by Lynn Wilbur

Last year my husband and I made a decision to participate in the herbicide program only. In years past we had always participated in both the herbicide and the harvesting programs. Since the Association was treating for the two invasive weeds (milfoil and curlyleaf pondweed) that we have at our location on the lake, we wanted to see what would happen if we didn't have harvesting. We watched closely and we were very happy from May through the end of July. Our swimming area around our dock was clear of weeds and the fish were flourishing. But heading into August we noticed the change coming. Coontail was coming in fast. Its thick blackishness overwhelmed our area. I stood on the dock, not wanting to get in the water, and regretted our decision to experiment, especially when the harvester went by. The harvester could have cleaned out our dock area so easily. The summer is too short to miss any time enjoying the lake's pleasures. Needless to say, we will be participating in both programs this year. It was good to learn another lesson from this lake's ever changing ecosystem. As we work to bring the lake back to health, I'm sure we will need to experiment and learn much more.

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As of Jan. 2, 2015 we have had 12 property owners write to say they are interested in hydro-raking for their lake property. Aquatic Control has provided the following information regarding costs and conditions property owners are obligated to comply with. In 2012 they had 30 sign-ups. Email Deb Hamilton if interested at gib303@wildblue.net.

- **Mobilization / demobilization of hydro-rake (transport, assembly, launch, removal, dismantle, transport of hydro-rake) - \$1,500 (divided among participating property owners)**
- **Set-up and breakdown of filter fabric turbidity curtain (Condition 9 below) per property owner - \$125**
- **Hydro-rake service cost per sign-up hour - \$200**

Obligation and Conformance

No Burning of Vegetation, Debris	Burning of removed vegetation or debris is prohibited.
Removal of Spoil Piles	The piles of removed aquatic vegetation and debris must be removed by either the individual landowner or upland landowners within (7) days of placement.
Filter Fabric Around Work Area	A filter Fabric (turbidity) curtain weighted across the bottom and suspended at the top by floats shall be positioned by the company to enclose the work area site before commencing operations. The curtain shall remain in place and in functional condition during all phases of the operations and remain in place until all plant fragments are collected and turbidity inside the curtain no longer exceeds ambient levels.
Limits of Hydro-raking	The extent of shoreline hydro-raking is limited to fifty percent (50%) of each individual landowner's shoreline or fifty (50) lineal feet of each individual landowner's shoreline, whichever is less. The extent of waterward hydro-raking is limited to thirty (30) feet from the shoreline or maximum of eight (8) feet in depth, whichever is less. The hydro-raking of adjoining properties may not result in contiguous removal of more than 50 feet of aquatic vegetation.
Emergent Vegetation Removal Prohibited	The removal of emergent vegetation (e.g., cattails, rushes) is prohibited.
Prohibited Removal	No woody vegetation, floating bog material or vegetated hummocks shall be removed.
Deposition of Removed Material	All aquatic vegetation and debris removed as a result of hydro-raking must be deposited in one contiguous pile on the shoreline of each individual landowner. Such piles must be protected from re-entrance onto the lake by a silt fence or other effective means.



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Cossayuna Lake Concerns

In September of 2012 the lake association had a meeting to address concerns about the deteriorating condition of the lake. Several residents including myself attended to see the presentation by Marc Bellaud of Aquatic Control technology, voice their concerns, and ask questions. There were some lively discussions, and debates at that meeting, and several disagreements about what should or could be done going forward. The one fact that brought everyone together that day that was not debatable was the poor and worsening condition of Cossayuna Lake. The majority of people, me included were unhappy, and frustrated with how bad the lake had become. Although there were many opinions about how to get there, everyone that I talked to had one common goal: MAKE IT BETTER!

So going on 3 seasons later where are we now? In my opinion the transformation that the lake has started in such a short period of time is nothing less than remarkable. To go from how bad it was in 2012 to how much better things looked in 2014 is an unarguable improvement.

How did we get there? The lake improvement committee looked at several control options including proven chemical and mechanical techniques, along with some newer less established methods. These options were all discussed with our consultant (aquatic control), other industry professionals, and the NYS DEC. After considering all of our possibilities we chose to use a traditional and proven integrated method of both chemical control, and mechanical harvesting. The harvesting program was “revamped” for the 2013 season and based on recommendations by the DEC and Aquatic Control we treated for milfoil only in 2013. In comparison to 2012 the reduction in invasive aquatic growth in 2013 was tremendous and the reaction of many on the lake was simply WOW!

In 2014 we “tweaked” our programs based on our 2013 results, what we learned, and what was recommended by the experts. Some significant changes that we incorporated were the introduction of a second chemical to control curly leaf pond weed, a concentration on as much contiguous coverage as possible around the lake shore, more focus on “open water” treatment in troubled areas, and some targeted use of the harvester in known problem open water areas.

Where are we going? THE WEEDS....knocked down but not forgotten! There is no doubt we are in a much better place than we were a few years ago, and I don't think there is anyone who is unhappy about that. What we can't do at this point is let our guard down, the saying “out of sight, out of mind” is around for a reason and let's be honest most of us have pretty short memories. To keep the lake clean and continue to improve its health we need to continue with all of our ever adapting current programs, and look at new options for the future. The 2015 season will see an even better, more productive integrated approach between using the chemical program to control invasive species like Curly leaf and Milfoil. The harvester will also target thick areas of curly leaf in the spring, and native plants like Coontail that have sprung up since the milfoil is under better control. We NEED to continue these programs! Just because things are looking better doesn't mean we can stop. We need your continued support of the chemical and harvesting programs to keep things going in the right direction. Specifically, we need you to try and treat as much of your own shoreline as possible, and contribute to open water applications. The more overall connected area we can treat, the better the lake will be everywhere for everyone! We have seen a definite correlation between positive treatment results, and larger contiguously treated areas. All the support you can give to treat these areas will be greatly appreciated by all this summer!

Some fantastic people have stepped forward, and devoted significant time over the last 2 seasons. None of this could have been achieved without their devotion. Let's keep a good thing going!

Jeff Madison

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Chemical Treatment Application

Following the last two years of successful treatment, we will again be applying herbicides to keep the Milfoil and Curlyleaf Pondweed in check. We are adjusting the herbicide dosages to address the lake's changing needs, to attempt to target areas with specific weeds. It will be necessary to provide strong support for the chemical program to control the overabundance of invasive aquatic plants. The goal is to get substantial contiguous areas treated, which would enhance the overall effectiveness of the treatment, and result in improved conditions for the entire Lake. Therefore, we are asking people to contribute to "whole lake treatment".

The more areas that can be connected to fill in gaps between treated areas, the more effective the treatment will be, and the less likely there will be spread of the weeds from untreated areas. It is also important to keep a channel open through the south end of the lake to permit the water to flow freely through to the outlet. Even if you do not have a weed problem by your shoreline, we would greatly appreciate any contributions that you would make to enhance the overall treatment of the Lake.

There is no set amount for whole lake treatment, but for reference purposes, \$110 provides for treatment of about a quarter of an acre (roughly 50 ft x 200 ft). For treatment of shoreline, the cost is \$2.20/ft (with a minimum of \$110), which is the same as last year. If you have questions, please contact Sheila Rappazzo at sarappazzo@yahoo.com or 518-429-8312 (call or text).

Please fill out the below form and mail to: CLIA, PO Box 81, Cossayuna, NY 12823 by **March 21, 2015**.

Chemical Treatment Request Form – 2015

Name _____ Telephone _____

Cottage address _____

Shoreline footage to be treated

Your entire shoreline? Yes ___ No ___ If no, distance from your property line _____

\$ _____ Whole lake treatment

\$ _____ Shoreline treatment @ **\$2.20/ft** (minimum of \$110)

\$ _____ Total

Signed _____ Date _____



Septic System News

Mid-summer the Lake Funding Task Force sent out a septic system survey to all property owners. One positive result of the survey was a number of individuals renewed their interest in checking out the condition of their septic systems. A fair share responded called local septic companies for pump outs. I went this route myself. Our cost for pumping out a small tank, probably 300 gallons, was \$215.00.

In a call to Washington County Code Enforcement in November I spoke with Dave Armando, Code Administrator. He detailed several ways that homeowners in doubt about their septic systems can proceed.

Property owners need to know: setback requirements are a minimum of 50 feet from the sealed septic or holding tank to the lake, streams or any water well, and a minimum of 100 feet from the distribution box and leach field to the lake, streams or any water well. Sometimes the setbacks for leach field areas can be as much as 200 feet if the treatment system is located upgrade and in the direct path of surface water drainage to a well or lake.

If the current system fails, variances are sometimes granted depending on terrain, soil, and access. For example, in one situation the homeowners with a failed septic cannot not meet the 100' from the distribution box and leach field to the lake requirement. They applied for a variance which was granted. With the approved variance of 80' the homeowner is in the process of installing a new system.

There are three or four cases in the last two years where homeowners' systems have failed and they have replaced them. In some cases a holding tank is the logical solution because it is a sealed tank with an alarm. For home owners who are in doubt or just realize it's time to do something about the questionable covered hole right outside the back door, I suggest you go online to the Washington County Department of Code:

<http://www.co.washington.ny.us/Departments/code/cod1.htm> or call 518-746-2150. There are several people in the office to help you. If you decide it's time to look into improvements you will need to find a contractor.

Another point that came up in tabulating the surveys were complaints from a small number of the responders that their neighbors' septic systems had failed. Several wanted information on how to report this. The answer is that you can do so anonymously on line. Go to the NY State DEC website (dec.ny.gov). On the left side, scroll down to Regulations and Enforcement, under that there is a link to Report an Environmental Violation Online.

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