

A scenic sunset over a lake with a white rectangular box containing text. The sky is filled with soft, orange and yellow clouds, and the sun's reflection is visible on the water. The text is centered within the box.

CLEAN@SILVERLAKE.ORG
SLA ANNUAL MEETING
2026



CLEAN@SILVER LAKE

WORKING TOGETHER FOR A HEALTHIER SILVER LAKE

VOLUNTEER-LED ACTION TO REDUCE
PHOSPHORUS, IMPROVE WATER QUALITY,
AND PROTECT DRINKING WATER.
MONITORING • BUFFERS • EDUCATION •
DREDGING ADVOCACY • INVASIVE-SPECIES
PREVENTION

Mission & scope

2026 initiatives

HAB & dredging updates

Community partnerships

Ways to get involved

**CLEAN@SILVERLAKE
PROTECTS SILVER
LAKE'S WATER
QUALITY**

CLEAN@SILVERLAKE is the community resource and advocate for protecting the water quality of Silver Lake, for the lake, the watershed and the region.

Protect water quality • Preserve lake health • Educate the community • Coordinate partners and projects • Advocate for science-based solutions

Not for Profit (501c3) Incorporated Organization





CLEAN@SILVERLAKE CONNECTS ADVOCACY, SCIENCE & ACTION

- Dredging
- CSLAP water testing every 2 weeks
- Dissolved oxygen testing every 2 weeks
- NEW — HAB buoy pilot research
- Tributary & riparian buffer plantings
- Drinking Water Protection
- Japanese knotweed management
- “Don’t Rake in the Lake” education
- LED flare education & distribution
- Aquatic weed harvesting — disposal sites needed
- Boat launch / wash station improvements

HEALTHY SHORELINES BEGIN WITH EVERYDAY CHOICES

Protecting Silver Lake starts at home. CLEAN@SILVERLAKE promotes:

- Riparian shoreline buffers •
- Responsible fertilizer use •
- Stormwater runoff reduction •
- Pet waste management •
- Proper sewer/septic maintenance •
- Don't Rake in the Lake •
- LED Flare Use



KEEPING THE COMMUNITY INFORMED

- Stay connected through Facebook, cleanatsilverlake.org, and email notifications.
- Receive timely updates on HAB notifications and lake conditions.
- Find volunteer opportunities, community events, and restoration-project news.

PARTNERSHIPS MULTIPLY OUR IMPACT

- Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP)
- Silver Lake Watershed Commission
- Wyoming County Water Resources Agency
- Wyoming County Soil & Water Conservation District
- NYSFOLA
- Drinking Water Source Protection Program
- NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
- NYS Parks

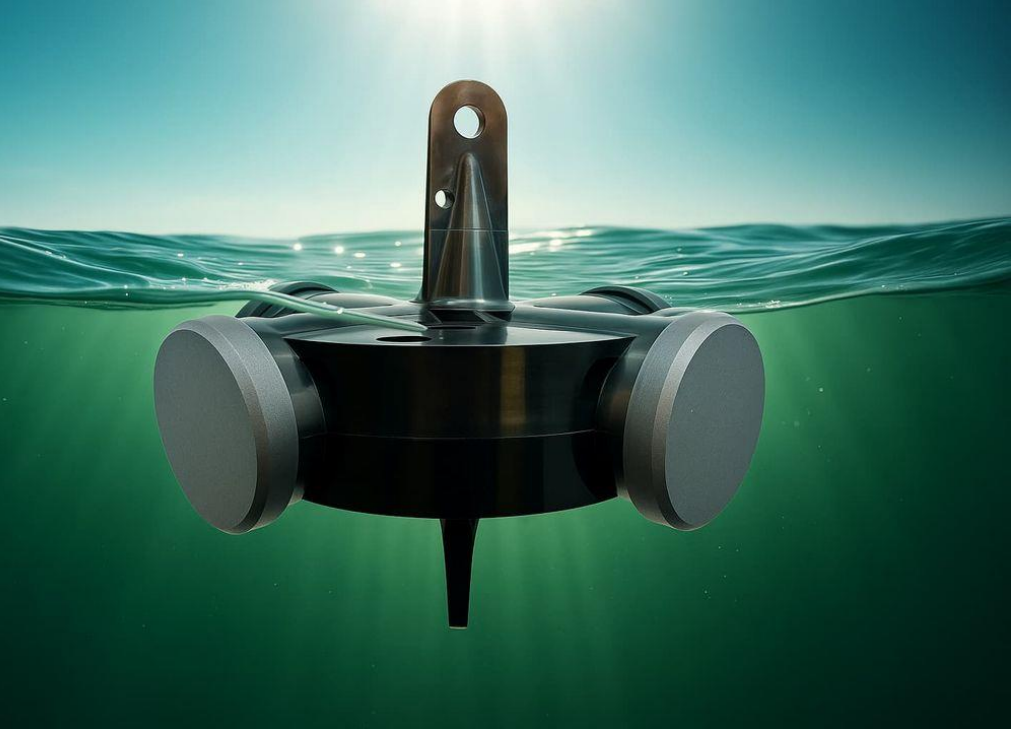
COMMUNITY SUPPORT POWERS THE WORK

CLEAN@SilverLake is a 501(c)(3)
nonprofit supported through
donations and community
fundraising.

Golf Tournament Fundraiser •
July 17, 2027

Thank you to our 2026
Tournament Directors, Heidi and
Chad Ruchala.





A NEW HAB BUOY PILOT LAUNCHES THIS WEEK

PILOT SCOPE

- Continuous monitoring of water conditions
- One treatment area
- Multiple control areas

STUDY GOAL

- Evaluate whether ultrasonic technology can help monitor and reduce Harmful Algal Blooms.
- Determine whether it is an effective management tool for Silver Lake.





**DREDGING
PERMITTING
ADVANCED IN JULY**

**DEC APPLICATION
SUBMITTED • JULY 2026**

**170 NATIVE
PLANTINGS WILL
PROTECT A
TRIBUTARY**

Volunteer opportunity • Warrior House • Late
September / early October

Plant 170 native trees, shrubs and perennials.

Stabilize the tributary • Reduce erosion • Filter runoff

Keep sediment and phosphorus out of Silver Lake



2026 FUNDING SUPPORTS A \$16.45K COMMUNITY WORK PLAN

2026 FUNDING SOURCES

SOURCE	AMOUNT
Donations	\$3,000
LED Flare Donations	\$1,400
Golf Tournament Fundraiser	\$9,300
TOTAL REVENUE	\$13,700

CURRENT PLANNING GAP

\$2,750

Listed planned expenses minus listed revenue

2026 BUDGETED EXPENSES

INITIATIVE	BUDGET
State of the Lake Meeting	\$1,600
Tributary & Riparian Plantings	\$7,000
Japanese Knotweed Control	\$2,000
Educational Materials & Signs	\$300
Website Support	\$600
Invasive Species Tools	\$150
CSLAP Monitoring Program	\$1,000
Leaf Collection Program	\$2,500
LED Flares	\$1,300
TOTAL PLANNED EXPENSES	\$16,450

Planning snapshot. Sources: CLEAN SLA annual-meeting planning discussions; Michelle Hess annual-meeting planning notes.

EVERY RESIDENT CAN HELP PROTECT THE LAKE

- Volunteer with
CLEAN@SILVERLAKE
- Sign up for email updates

**Keep Phosphorous and AIS from
getting into lake through:**

- Keep leaves & yard debris out
of the lake
- Make the switch to LED flares



- Plant native shoreline buffers
- Report Harmful Algal Blooms
- Clean, Drain, Dry your watercraft

Next Updates:

- State of the Lake Meeting • June 5, 2027
- Facebook • [clean@silverlake.org](https://www.facebook.com/clean@silverlake.org)

PROTECTING SILVER LAKE TOGETHER

**Every CLEAN initiative supports one goal:
protecting Silver Lake's future.**

Every action matters.

Together, we can preserve Silver Lake for
future generations.

Volunteer • Donate • Stay informed

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