

November 7, 2025

Committee & Project Updates

Dredging (Frank Bright) – No report.

Weed Harvesting (Bob Michalski)

- DEC permit application submitted and in process.
- Funding request denied by Wyoming County (not a current priority).
- Exploring smaller pilot project and alternative funding sources.
- Local lead on used harvester in private garage (Daryl Heiby). **Action:** Bob to follow up with Daryl Heiby and develop pilot-project budget for December meeting.

Ultrasonic Buoys (Nate)

- Site visit completed with vendor. One unit covers ~40 acres; requires 4-day continuous operation.
- Full-lake deployment (15 units down centerline) estimated at \$1.5M over 5 years. Proposed test site at north end of the lake near drinking water intakes and area of the outlet with the most HABs.
- Canandaigua Lake running 10-unit pilot.
- Opportunity to integrate water-quality monitoring with Todd Shusky.
- DEC does not have much data on this option and provided link for other HAB treatment options:
<https://hcb-2.itrcweb.org/introduction-to-treatment-strategies/>
- **Action:** Nate to obtain firm quote for 1-year single-unit pilot (north end near intake).
- **Action:** Frank to engage Drinking Water Committee for co-funding interest.

LWRP Phase 2 (Kelly) - October meeting attended by Frank, Heidi, and Kelly at Charcoal Corral.

- Phase 2 submission in progress; Castile will withdraw if not approved. 43 policies reviewed for any projects; no funding expected for ≥5 years.

Golf Tournament Fundraising (Heidi Ruchala)

- Face-to-face sponsor meetings preferred over mass mailing. **Action:** Heidi to circulate updated sponsor list and draft solicitation letter. **Action:** CLEAN Team to review/select businesses to contact to assist Heidi/Chad starting after January 1st.

Communications (Michelle Hess)

- Website and Facebook active; water-quality reports posted. Moving forward, minutes will be posted in place of separate water quality report.
- **Newsletter Action:** Michelle to draft year-end newsletter and send to Team to review/send to email distribution.

EXTERNAL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:

Wyoming County Water Resource Agency (WCWRA). Frank Bright No October Report. Next meeting?

Drinking Water Source Protection Program (DWSP2). Frank Bright – No October Report.

Silver Lake Watershed Commission (SLWC). Lee Loomis - Lee will connect with Jim Brick regarding dredging. Next meeting 1/15/26

Wyoming County Water Resources / Resource Conservation and Development Committee (WCWR / RCDC). Lee Loomis. Next meeting 1/15/26

NYSFOLA Annual Meeting – Rob and Lee. Zebra mussels and HABS – they do clean lake but do not like HABS, so having zebra mussels increases chance of having HABS. They also stir up phosphates as they seek deep living at base of lake.

Talked with CSLAP administrator, (**Alene Onion**, Research Scientist). Arlene provided a table of in-water strategies that can be considered to prevent future blooms or reduce or eliminate an ongoing bloom which can be found at:

<https://hcb-2.itrcweb.org/introduction-to-treatment-strategies/>

Microbial Source Tracking. Evidence-based research on how we can improve lake water – can determine source - cows vs. human. Expanding riparian buffer zones to filter run off and reestablishing hedge rows is beneficial.

Agricultural and Human Nutrients program. \$25 million dollars available for projects that remove farm runoff and improve sewage systems.

Lake Stewards – Canandaigua has engagement people contact the lake stewards and help where needed. **Action:** CLEAN to advertise lake steward position and help recruit for 2026.

DEC -NY's Great Lakes Action Agenda Sub-Basin Work Group – Rob Ritz

Website: [New York's Great Lakes Action Agenda 2023](#)

This group aligns and supports the CLEAN mission and will be a great resource. Drinking Water Source Protection is highest level of priorities for funding.

Grant funding options:

[Funding Finder Tool - NYSDEC](#)

[Search for Funding in SFS | Grants Management](#)

[greatlakesfunding.pdf](#)

Ongoing Initiatives

- LED Flares: \$2,000 budgeted for 2026 purchase when pricing is favorable.
- State Launch Improvements: **Action:** Michelle will draft a follow up letter to send to Doug Kelly.
- Native Planting 2026:
 - Private Drive #1 site ready after knotweed treatment (target fall).
 - Wyoming County SWCD has grant for large inlet project – spring 2026. **Action:** Michelle to coordinate spring date planting with Allan Fagan for inlet.
- Japanese Knotweed: **Action:** Michelle to secure ATIP quote for Fairview/Private Drive #1 for 2026 treatment.
- CSLAP: 2025 Report due January 2026. Todd Shusky stepping down from testing. **Action:** Michelle to post volunteer position on website/Facebook and in newsletter. Kelly to confirm funding, dates for volunteer training.

New Business

- **New Member/Volunteer Outreach** – ongoing

Next Meeting Friday, December 5, 2025 | 4:00 PM | Zoom

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