

# SLA Water Quality Report

(for May 11, 2024)

## Meetings.

### A. Town of Perry (ToP) Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)

Several SLAWQ team members and residents attended the 05/2/2024 ToP ZBA meeting. The main agenda item was a Site Plan Review Application for a Dairy Farm Expansion at the Emerling Farms Dairy on Rt-246. There was significant discussion and the item was sent to the Wyoming County Planning Board for input. We thank Mary Kay Barton for bringing this situation to our attention!

### B. Wyoming County Planning Board (WCPB)

A representative from SLAWQ team attended the 05/06/2024 WCPB meeting where the Site Plan Review Application for a Dairy Farm Expansion at the Emerling Farms Dairy on Rt-246 (item A above) was discussed. No representatives for the applicant were present and many questions were raised by attendees. The item was tabled until questions were answered.

### C. Silver Lake Watershed Commission (SLWC)

Ron Norton attend this meeting. The water needs for the proposed Emerling farm expansion were briefly discussed, but not resolved (item A above).

The proposed farm expansion raises several issues important to Silver Lake residents (e.g., lake levels, water uses, and policies). The SLAWQ team last presented on this point to membership in 2016.

Several helpful attachments are provided.

### D. Wyoming County Water Resource Coordinating Committee (WCWRCC)

The WCWRCC met on 04/18/2024. SLAWQ team members raised the yard waste issue. Soon after the meeting Ron Norton noticed a blue paint roller near the Walker Rd bridge in the area where we previously reported milky-blue water.

### E. Wyoming County Water Resource Agency (WCWRA) Board of Directors

The April meeting was cancelled.

### F. Drinking Water Source Protection Program (DWSP2)

Ron Norton and Frank Bright participated in a Zoom kick-off meeting on 04/16/2024. A key aspect of this program is to make water drinking water supplies more robust and

resilient. We will strive to integrate our long-standing stream and tributary remediation and riparian buffer restoration efforts, dredging plans, and ideas for strengthening the sewer systems that ring Silver Lake during power outages. The next meeting is scheduled for 05/14/2024.

**Yard Waste.** The fall '23 dumpsters coupled with the “Don’t Rake in the Lake” and free leaf bag giveaway campaign were successful in that they kept significant amounts of organic yard waste out of Silver Lake. The programs were not perfect and a more comprehensive, permanent solution is needed.

One municipality complained that improper waste was found in the dumpsters.

Until a permanent solution is in place, SLAWQ suggests the '23 plan be continued in '24 with the following modifications:

- a) Dumpsters (2) be made available at the lake from Oct 15 to Dec 1.
- b) “Yard Waste Only” banners be attached to each dumpster.
- c) Dumpsters be emptied/replaced as needed during the “at lake” period.

**Dredging.** Please see the April 2024 Report.

**Walker Rd Bridge Replacement.** Work is scheduled to start in summer '24.

**Japanese Knotweed (JK) Spraying.** SLAWQ team members will survey the '23 spraying sites and address any issues.

**Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP).** The '23 CSLAP Lake Report is in hand and being assessed by the SLAWQ team.

Water sampling and submissions for the '24 campaign will begin in late May '24.

**Potential Planting Sites.** Staff from the Wyoming County Soil and Water Conservation District (WCSWCD) presented to the SLAWQ team (via Zoom) on 05/03/2024. The presentation focused on the proposed Silver Lake Wood Chip Bioreactor Pilot Project (see attached). The plan will be presented at the 05/11/2024 SLA meeting.

CLEAN members agreed to support the effort, but some SLAWQ team members questioned long-term maintenance plans and related financial responsibilities.

CLEAN will back the effort with \$7,500 if SLA will agree to match.

**Monarch Butterfly / Milkweed Program.** Kelly Paganelli and Kelly Jo McMurty of the Institute are in touch and plan to meet at some point in the future.

**SLA / CLEAN Water Quality Golf Tournament.** The 2024 Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, July 20, 2024 at the Club at Silver Lake.

Thanks to Michelle Hess and her hard work we now have an all on-line registration and sponsorship donation system. Currently, we have 15 teams registered and there are only 7 team slots remaining. Please urge your friends and neighbors to assemble their teams and register ASAP at:

<https://cleanatsilverlake.org/golf-tournament>

**Reminder:**

It is never too early to collect and assemble your baskets and gifts for the 2024 SLA/CLEAN Water Quality Golf Tournament's Gift Basket Raffle.

Please reach out to Bonnie Bright ([bbright4046@gmail.com](mailto:bbright4046@gmail.com)) or Karen Norton ([karenmort@yahoo.com](mailto:karenmort@yahoo.com)), if you have questions.

Items can be dropped off starting on July 1 to the Bright's cottage (4046 Lakeside Ave).