

SLA Water Quality Report

(June 11, 2022)

Silver Lake Dam

The dam has been leaking for several months. The following message from Jacquie Billings (Chairperson, Silver Lake Watershed Commission) arrived on 06/07/2022:

Good afternoon Silver Lake Watershed Commission,

I am calling an emergency meeting for Thursday June 16 at 7pm at the Village of Perry hall in the courtroom to discuss the dam.

Administrator Pierce will give the group an update on where things stand with the plan for repairs, cost of repairs, and the advice we have received from Village of Perry Lawyer Dave DiMadio. Jeff Boersma from MRB will be present to answer questions.

Please RSVP to this email to confirm your attendance.

Thank you,

Jacquie Billings, Chairwoman SLWC

Several SLAWQ members plan to attend this meeting.

The Silver Lake dam camera shows the water level on 06/07/2022 to be 95”.

Dredging

There are no updates. Please see the 04/09/2022 SLAWQ Report.

Walker Rd Bridge

There are apparently plans and funding in place to replace the Walker Rd Bridge. We do not have information on logistics or timing.

Silver Lake Experience

The multi-day event is scheduled for August 4-7, 2022. Todd Shuskey and several of his Perry High School students will be speaking on August 4 at 10 am.

Watercraft Inspection Steward

Silver Lake has been fortunate to have a dedicated steward in place at the State Boat launch for the past several years.

Jenelle Grigelevich is serving as this year's steward. She is scheduled to be on-site from Friday, May 27 through Labor Day weekend (Friday-Monday 8:00AM-6:30PM).

Sewer System

The SLAWQ team has reached out to Town of Castile Supervisor, Joe Gozelski, to discuss long range maintenance plans surrounding the sewer system. Meetings are being arranged.

Flares

SLA will be offer chemical flares and tart tins for sale in 2022. Battery-powered LED flares are available for purchase at the Geneseo Wegmans. CLEAN has signed a cost share agreement with Wegmans.

Planting Session

We are working with partners from the Wyoming County Soil and Water Conservation District (WCSWCD) to identify a suitable 2022 planting site.

Japanese Knotweed

Between individual land owners, WCSWCD, CLEAN, and SLA we have secured all the approvals necessary to execute this project. One land owner has yet to pay, but they have given their verbal approval and they agreed to contribute financially. We have reached out to this owner on 06/07/2022 with a reminder.

We have updated A-TIP and they are advising us that they have the Silver Lake project scheduled for late June 2022 weather permitting.

Golf Tournament

The Golf Tournament is scheduled for July 30, 2022. Joe Caputo and Frank Bright are serving as main organizers. We will now have a formal committee structure, including Joe and Frank on meals. Ron Norton on golf. Frank Bright on sponsors. Joe Caputo on finance. DJ Starnier and Karen Norton on registration. Bob Capurso on advertising. Karen Norton and Bonnie Bright on basket raffle & prizes. Lee Loomis on course food and water.

Remember: All tournament proceeds go toward native plant installation efforts within the Silver Lake watershed to help mitigate nutrient influx into Silver Lake.

We ask each Tract to produce a basket for the raffle.

A volunteer sign-up sheet will be available at the June and July meetings.

More details can be found in the 2022 Silver Lake Directory and SLA and CLEAN sites and pages.

Temperature Array

Thanks to Todd Shuskey and Karl Hanafin's efforts on 06/02/2022 we now have a more robust array installed. This new array is enclosed in continuous shrink tubing that should eliminate leaking at the sensors. The new array appears to be operating well.

We will hold off on installing a 2nd array until we shake down the new array.

2022 CSLAP Campaign

All supplies are in hand for the 2022 campaign and the first sample was taken on 06/01/2022. Subsequent samplings (8 in total) will occur at biweekly intervals into September.

Sampling data from each session is now uploaded directly to a DEC supported web site. Hard copies are still submitted along with the samples.

The 2021 CSLAP Report should become available in spring 2022.

Perry Central School Activities

Please see the 04/09/2022 Report. There are supply chain delays holding up some of the new equipment. CLEAN has helped to purchase a new dissolved O₂ sensor module.

Todd and his students performed their first gravity corer experiments into the lake bed. These types of samples can be used as a "time machine", allowing students to quantify the history of inorganic analytes (e.g., heavy metals, nutrients) and biologicals in Silver Lake. The first samples are being analyzed at UB and PHS.

Diver Day

We have been unable to identify a new dive team. Any connections would be helpful.

NYS Federation of Lakes Meeting

The annual NYSFOLA meeting will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2022, at Moonwinks in Cuba, NY. SLAWQ members will attend.

The next SLAWQ meeting will be on June 24, 2022 at 4 PM.