

Eagle Lake Properties Owners, Inc.



UPDATE LETTER

-NOTE-
The DEC has
Issued a NO OPEN
BUILDING order due
to the dry conditions;
this includes campfires
and trash.

Officers;

President - John DiPofi
Vice President - Lloyd Burroughs
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Board of Directors;

Roger Wickes - Chairman
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June 21, 1999

Dear Eagle Lake Property Owner:

Time has passed quickly since we were last in touch. We hope that the March newsletter reached you. (Some individuals may not have received their letter due to a change in their mailing address, please be sure to forward any changes on to Lloyd Burroughs.) In addition to the newsletter, with its attached pledge letter, you should have received the annual membership renewal notice and annual meeting/picnic letter (meeting starts @ 10:00; picnic starts @ noon; on July 10th). If you didn't receive these mailings please contact Lloyd Burroughs @ (518) 585-7277 for a replacement copy.

By now we hope you have had the opportunity to read the newsletter and have made an effort to *write the listed representatives* to express your concerns and desire to bring the pilot project to completion. *They KNOW we have asked you to write to them stating that you support the project! Now is the time to do so if you haven't already! A low response will not speak well for the project.* We truly appreciate your efforts on this matter. Please be sure to mail a copy of those letters to Lloyd Burroughs for our records. *In case you haven't taken the time to respond to the pledge request, please do so now.* It is vitally important to hear from you, whatever your pledge decision may be. Again, the number of supporters as well as the collective dollar amount pledged is very important. *Whatever amount you pledge, be comfortable with it and know that it is truly appreciated.*

Since our last correspondence a number of small but important discussions have occurred with regards to the following items;

Department of State Water Front Revitalization Grant and Septic Dye Testing

This grant needed to be renewed for 1999-2000 and that has been taken care of. The grant is worth \$15,000 towards the Sonar permit and application process. In order for us to receive this money, we as property owners need to provide some in-kind services. Part of our in-kind services will be the performance of septic dye testing on our residences, scheduled for completion this summer. Wayne Wagner of the Town of Ti's Building Department is ready to help assist us with the voluntary septic dye test project. Completion of this project will allow us access to the funds that are covered in the Department of State Grant. Attached to this

Update Letter is a letter from Wayne describing the process and how our Association will be involved. Please take a moment to help move along this important part of the project along by filling out and returning the survey that is attached to Wayne's letter. Wayne, or one of several Association members that are working with him, will contact you in the next several weeks to schedule an appointment for the actual application of the dye and the follow up observations. We hope we can gain everyone's support on this project. We need to see this through.

Politician Contact

Mike Connery, Dale French, Senator Stafford, Assemblywoman Elizabeth O'C. Little and various people at the DEC have all been contacted with regards to the current status of the project. Everyone has promised to help to whatever extent they can. Senator Stafford requested that we submit a budget for the project and one has been sent for 100,000 plus dollars to cover the costs associated with the application of the product. We are on the "list" for money allocation but will not know anything until the NYS Budget is passed. Assemblywoman Little has been in contact with the Regional Director at the DEC on our behalf and has also looked into the possibility of obtaining money from the Environmental Bond Act. The DEC has stated that they are doing everything they can at the moment and that unfortunately funds from the bond act are not appropriate to this project. Assemblyman Little has also promised to work with the other State agencies to try to secure funding for us this year. All of the politicians indicated that they needed to hear from each of us stating that we support the Milfoil eradication project. Several politicians were extended an invitation to attend our annual meeting and picnic. We have not had any confirmations to date.

Environmental Impact Study and Permit Process

Jim Sutherland, the NYS DEC lead person for the project, is working on our behalf and has been in contact with many people to get the Site Specific Environmental Impact Study completed. He has also started filling out the paper work for the necessary permits for the actual application. He states that the remainder of the paperwork will be easily completed when promises of funding become a reality.

SePRO, Sonar, and product applicator Allied Biological

Bo Burns of SePRO continues to work on our behalf. He has stated several times that Eagle

Lake has the ideal situation for the use of Sonar because of its wide variety of natural vegetation and the dense beds of Milfoil. SePRO is anxious to show everyone that Milfoil can be controlled without harm to the native vegetation. Allied Biological, the company that has been hired as the product applicator, and SePRO have both worked together to provide the necessary information for Senator Stafford's budget request and say they will guarantee the application for a period of 3 growing seasons. SePRO has been doing some testing with the application of Sonar at other times in the growing cycle and has found success with this. Bo Burns has been discussing this with us and Jim Sutherland to see if it has any relevance to our project.

CSLAP and LCI

CSLAP (Citizens State Lake Assessment Program) is a free lake monitoring program that we applied for. Although we were not selected for this year we are number 2 on the waiting list. However, thanks to Scott Kishbaugh of the DEC, we were presented with a unique opportunity to have our lake water sampled. The Lake Champlain Inventory (or LCI) collects bimonthly information about water that finds its way into the Lake Champlain Basin. Although Eagle Lake does not drain into the Champlain Basin, Scott stated that since we are in the process of preparing to treat our lake that he would stop by on his way to Lake Champlain and sample our lake. If you see someone on our lake collecting samples, be sure to say hello and thanks!

Thanks for taking the time to catch up with where we are in our efforts and thank you for taking the time to see that of the actions we've asked of you have been addressed. See you at the Annual Meeting!

Ralf Tiedemann, ELP.OJ. Board Member

Thoughts for a Sample Letter to our politicians

Simply state that, "as a property owner on Eagle Lake you support the direction of the Association in the fight to control Milfoil" and that you thank them for their efforts on our behalf. (it needs to be a few words with your signature in your own hand writing. Send it on a Thank You note card if you have one.)

Note - Several of the politicians we've been in contact with have been invited to our annual picnic. We hope to ^{see} you and them there.