



# Eagle Lake Property Owners, Inc.



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Donna,

Hope all is well with you!

I am writing to you on behalf of the Eagle Lake Property Owners, Inc. (ELPOI) in order to request a donation for our lake needs. We are a 501(c) 3 not-for-profit association that, with member financial contributions and an all volunteer staff, monitors the recreational and environmental qualities of Eagle Lake (EL), located in the Towns of Ticonderoga and Crown Point. We communicate with our approximate 85 lake residents once a year with a formal newsletter that addresses yearly projects, goals and outcomes and informally communicate throughout the year with emails, as needed. The ELPOI also maintains a website for record keeping and information for resident communications, a network of lake viewing cameras for community enjoyment of scenes of the lake, both in and off season, and many other activities that members/ residents have asked for and find worthwhile. For this year we are requesting your financial help with two of these current projects. These projects are long term and drive positive results in our community through lake health, resident/ member communications and both visual and recreational enjoyment. The two areas which we would like to focus your funding on are: water testing and lake level control through beaver management.

1. Water testing: Our volunteer lake residents complete two water testing programs each year. The first is Citizen's Statewide Lake Assistance Program (CSLAP), a NYS DEC joint program which utilizes volunteer lake residents to collect and preprocess water samples bi-monthly, for a total of 8 times a year. These tests look for various issues including surface and depth temperature profiles, secchi water clarity and many water chemistry features, as well as aesthetic and recreational impacts from aquatic weed growth. The DEC provides the laboratory services for the analytical water processing. This CSLAP testing and subsequent reporting provides a map of the long and short term water quality and health of the lake, and would show any trends that might be there. The second is fecal testing, a feature not covered under the CSLAP program. Fecal testing is done in later summer at 4 different locations on the lake. This testing is done to see if there are any concerns from potentially failed septic systems. An extensive lake wide septic dye test was done in the late 80's and our subsequent fecal testings are follow-ups to this previous survey. Sample collection(s) for this testing is done by volunteers, with water samples being processed by a local water testing lab.

The ELPOI has been involved with both of these testing programs for many years. Results from these tests have in the past driven lake management plans for aquatic invasive plant (Milfoil) control and are used today to continue monitoring the lake water for any changes in nutrients, invasives, etc. that would impact environmental and recreational use of the lake. All past test results and reports are posted to the ELPOI's website at eaglelake1.org.

The yearly cost of CSLAP water testing is \$520 (\$470 for deep lake testing and \$50 for membership fee), and the fecal testing is \$220 for 4 sample sites.

2. Lake level control with Beaver Trapping and relocation: The water level of EL is controlled by volunteers under a NYS DEC Volunteer Steward Agreement (VSA) where-in "DEC registered" EL residents add or remove splash boards from the dam located at the western end of the lake. The goal of regulation is to keep the summer lake level within the DEC and ELPOI agreed upon level of zero, plus or minus 4 inches. This level/ range provides for good recreational activities. When water levels are high shoreline erosion occurs, shore structures suffer and any shoreline nesting mammals and or macrofits can be flooded out. With low levels any shore line nesting/ breeding/ ecosystem areas can dry out and residents can have difficulty accessing their water fronts. During the winter the lake is drawn down by selective removal of the splash boards to protect shoreline properties and to accommodate spring snow melt. For the past few years beavers have detrimentally interfered with the residents' year round control of the lake level by setting up their dams at the spillway and stopping the outflow of water. Over the past two years 11 beavers have needed to be relocated to preserve the delicate lake level balance.

Charges accrued by a professional trapper for this service for 2022 - 2023 are \$950 to date.

Based on the combined costs for both of these projects, I am formally requesting \$1,690 in order to help ELPOI offset funding these activities that were completed in the current 2022 - 2023 fiscal year.

The ELPOI has 57 members for 2022- 2023, and between dues and donations, received and deposited to date \$2,870.00. There are approximately 85 properties around the lake that are eligible for membership. Several residents on the lake own multiple properties or right-of-ways and choose to pay one "dues" for all owned properties. Several properties are vacant and not paid, and a few residents have chosen not to join (we communicate with both paid members and residents, and non members, so that all are informed. Non members however have no vote in ELPOI actions). For the current year of 2022-2023 67% plus of lake residents are members. Overall the ELPOI has, for many years, represented 60 to 70% of the lake residents. Income and expenses for the past few years have been similar to this year and ELPOI over the last few decades has operated with a balanced budget. A copy of the ELPOI's 2021 - 2022 year end budget, as presented to membership, at the July 2022 Annual Meeting, is attached.

Please reply back to me at your convenience with your thoughts and or questions about the above request.

Please reach out to our Treasurer, Rolf Tiedemann, at [camptouchstone@yahoo.com](mailto:camptouchstone@yahoo.com) or by voice at 585-310-2514 with any specific questions about financials. If and when a check is issued please send it to him, made out to Eagle Lake Property Owners, Inc. It can be sent to his off season address of 358 Electric Ave., Rochester, NY 14613

I/ we, the ELPOI Officers and members and lake residents, want to thank you for considering us and appreciate everything Sylvamo does to help us and our community.

Thank you,

All the best,  
Ed Leahy

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