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PROTECTING + PRESERVING SKANEATELES LAKE



Skaneateles Lake **IS YOUR LAKE**

Whether you live on it, play in it, look at it or drink from it, Skaneateles Lake is your lake. And you can help keep it pristine. There is only one organization solely dedicated to keeping Skaneateles Lake clear and pure. The Skaneateles Lake Association.

Our mission is to promote the protection of the water quality of Skaneateles Lake and environmentally sound regional management of its watershed. We offer unique programs, projects, approaches and collaborations that help make that a reality.

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Your support for the SLA Membership Fund and Legacy Fund makes programs & projects possible that keep Skaneateles Lake *clear and pure*.



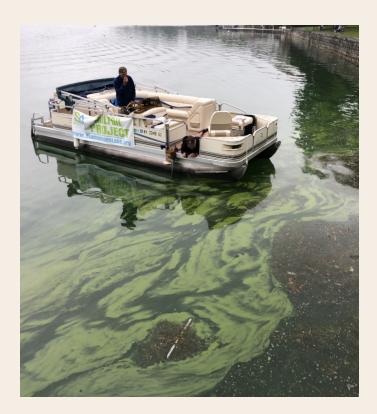
A Message from **OUR BOARD**

Dear SLA Supporters,

Thank you for all you do for Skaneateles Lake.

We are pleased to share this Special Report detailing continuing efforts to protect and preserve Skaneateles Lake. The threats to our clear and pure lake have grown substantially, but progress to address them has grown exponentially.

We are more encouraged than ever about the future of the lake and its watershed communities. The annually renewed support received for both the SLA Membership Fund and the SLA Legacy Fund is what makes this progress possible.



Skaneateles Lake is seen by many as a crystal-clear pristine jewel among the Finger Lakes. Recognized as one of the clearest and purest lakes in the nation, it is one of only a small handful of water bodies in the U.S. that is so clear that it provides unfiltered **drinking water** to over 200,000 people in the City of Syracuse and other surrounding communities. But the pristine status of our lake is under siege as never before with an unprecedented myriad of threats compromising the water quality of the lake, including:

- HABs (Harmful Algal Blooms) from increasing storm runoff and nutrient pollution
- HABs from increasing lake water temperatures
- HABs from invasive Hemlock Woolly Adelgid infestation killing the vital hemlock forests in the watershed causing soil erosion and increasing tributary water temperatures
- HABs from both agricultural and residential nutrient loading
- HABs intensified by invasive species such as zebra & quagga mussels, Eurasian watermilfoil, and others



Skaneateles Lake provides *unfiltered* drinking water to over *200,000 people* in the City of Syracuse and surrounding communities.



Please continue renewing your annual dues/donations to the SLA Membership Fund which has provided most of the support for fighting invasive species through the Milfoil Control Project since 2007, and Watercraft Stewardship/Inspection at the boat launches since 2012.

In addition, give generously to the SLA Legacy Fund (est. 2018) which has become so essential to sponsoring science-driven decision making, community outreach/education, and improving our watershed infrastructure in combating Harmful Algal Blooms.

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Protecting Skaneateles Lake for the long term will require watershed-wide collaboration and a personal commitment from everyone who loves the lake. We know our community and the entire Central NY region is ready and willing to face this challenge. Your Skaneateles Lake Association is poised to help lead the way with your continued strong support. Thank you again for your continued commitment to Skaneateles Lake!

Sincerely,

The SLA Board of Directors

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Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) indicate environmental changes *not only in the water but on land*, particularly runoff containing excess phosphorus and nitrogen nutrients.

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The Advisory Council is comprised primarily of community members whose role is to advise the SLA Board on a variety of issues related to protecting Skaneateles Lake and its watershed.

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SLA LAKE ECOLOGY TEAM

Key Stakeholders, government and NGOs alike, working together toward a common goal.

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The Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) seen around our lake from 2017 Lakewide Bloom. HABs caused by excess nitrogen and phosphorus threaten drinking water purity, recreational use, tourism and property values.

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GET TO KNOW THE...

Skaneateles Lake Association (SLA)

CLEAR LAKE. PURE WATER.

Since 2007, SLA has conducted the most robust, continuous effort of milfoil control in the Finger Lakes.

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SOIL EROSION/ LAKE SILTATION Let's get a minor point of confusion out of the way. Here is what we are not. The Skaneateles Lake Association is not a traditional lake association comprised of lake front property owners. That couldn't be further from the truth. We represent anyone and everyone that has an interest in a clear and pure Skaneateles Lake and deliver innovative programs, projects, approaches and collaborations that help make that a reality.

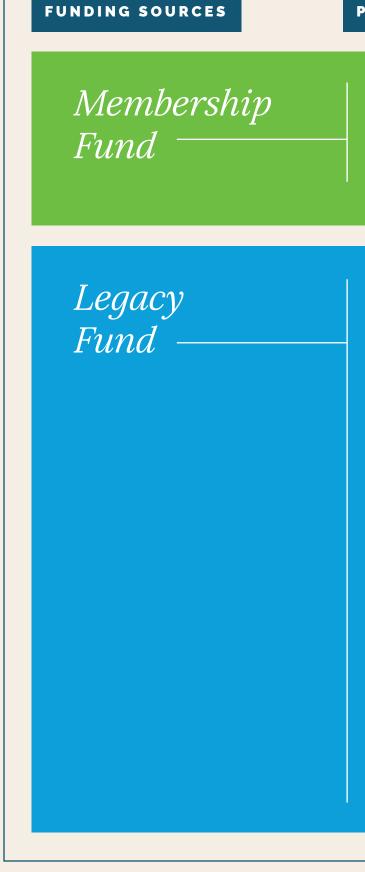
THE VERY REAL THREATS FACING **SKANEATELES LAKE**

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- Harmful algal blooms
- Hydrilla invasion threat
- Unabated storm runoff
- Watershed flora threats
- Eurasian watermilfoil proliferation
- Soil erosion & lake siltation
- Increased nutrient pollution
- Faulty septic & pollution sources

While the challenges are complex, what we do is very straightforward. The SLA pursues projects, research, programs and communications that help to either eliminate or mitigate these risks. Whatever is in the best interests of the lake is a top priority for the SLA.

How SLA Initiatives Are Funded



PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

- **Invasive Species: Milfoil Control**
- **Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention**
- Watercraft Launch Stewardship

Watershed Improvement Projects

- Stream Improvement Projects
- Runoff & Erosion HOA Projects
- Hemlock Forest Protection Program
- Grant Seed Funding Projects
- Partnering with ESF-Restoration Science Center

Research & Monitoring

- Harmful Algal Bloom Monitoring & Response
- Stream Monitoring
- In-Lake Monitoring
- Watershed Monitoring

Community Education & Outreach

- Emerging Watershed Scientists Program
- Lake Friendly Living Program
- ESF-Restoration Science Center Community Education
- Community Forums

Research & Education Boat - The BOB

- Milfoil-Macrophyte Surveying
- ESF Satellite Learning Water Clarity Project
- SU Lake Sediment Core Sampling
- Harmful Algal Bloom Monitoring
- Citizen Statewide Lake Assessment Program
- On The Water Education Program

SLA LEGACY FUND:

Investing In A Clear, Pure Future **YOUR LAKE. YOUR** LEGACY. OUR MISSION.



AN INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE OF OUR LAKE

The SLA Legacy Fund was established in 2018 in response to the 2017 crisis of a lake-wide Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) that turned the entire lake green with the potential for producing harmful toxins to both animals and humans. This crisis prompted development of SLA's Harmful Algal Bloom Response Plan. The four pillars of the plan focus on:

- Lake Ecology Team
- Education & Community Outreach
- Establishing Watershed Wide Governance
- Fund Development For Watershed Improvement Projects

The SLA Legacy Fund Lake Protection Plan is focused on directly addressing many of the greatest threats to the quality of our lake and funds the people, projects and progress that will keep Skaneateles Lake amongst the cleanest in the country. These plans fall into three primary categories of Watershed Improvement Projects, Research & Monitoring and Community Outreach & Education.

In the case of Skaneateles Lake, an ounce of prevention can be worth millions and millions of dollars and avert long-term irreversible damage to the ecosystem. An investment in the SLA Legacy Fund offers a multiplying effect that can deliver more than an ounce of prevention.

SLA LEGACY FUND LAKE PROTECTION PLAN:

Watershed Improvement Projects

"So, how do we prevent blooms? The only thing we can do is nutrients. This is why there is a big focus on preventing nutrients from coming into the lake."

- Dr. Greg Boyer, SUNY ESF



Research & Monitoring



Community Outreach & Education

SLA LEGACY FUND EXPENDITURES AT WORK

\$828,018 First 5 Years \$390,459

WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

\$362,270

RESEARCH & MONITORING

Projects Designed to Fight Algal Blooms

- Projects aimed at reducing excess nutrients from entering Skaneateles Lake
- Stormwater runoff protection buffer projects working with landowners, community partners, and scout groups
- Ditch improvement project with shared private road community and Soil & Water Conservation District
- Support of expertise from engineering consultants at Anchor QEA in development of improvement project program
- Dowling Creek Stream Stabilization Project with US Fish & Wildlife Service, the Nature Conservancy, SUNY ESF, Anchor QEA Engineers, and SCC

- Upper Willow Creek water control structure and detention basin improvement with local andowner and Anchor QEA Engineers
- Lower Willow Creek Sediment Reduction project leveraging SLA Legacy Fund investment with landowner and grant support from Great Lakes Commision Program
- Leveraging survey and project design support for additional investment from Onondaga County for shared private road community lake protection project
- Protection of Hemlock Trees in ravines and steep shorelines to help retain soil from washing into lake





SLA's inaugural collaborative Watershed Improvement Project, Dowling Creek, included The Nature Conservancy, who provided staff to develop initial designs with the US Fish & Wildlife; Anchor QEA Engineers, who helped finalize designs; SUNY-ESF, who provided expertise and plants to enhance the stream habitat; and the site host, the Skaneateles Country Club who, along with SLA, provided staff and financial support for the project. Capturing sediment and stabilizing Willow Creek at key locations while Leveraging Legacy Fund Investments with landowner cost-sharing, in-kind services from businesses like Brillo Excavation, and garnering federal dollars through the Great Lakes Commission. Willow Creek was given high priority due to its location being south of one of the City of Syracuse's drinking water intake pipes combined with a history of sediment loading and small algal blooms at the mouth of the stream.

Data Driving Decisions in Lake Protection

- Funded stream analysis by Upstate Freshwater Institute used to establish Nine Element Plan
- Syracuse University (SU) stream analysis
- SU Precipitation & associated nutrient loading studies
- SU lake bottom sediment sampling
- Bloom Optix Drone studies on stream nutrient loading
- SUNY ESF Satellite Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning for measurement of lake clarity
- SUNY ESF eDNA studies in sourcing of nutrient in stormwater and watercourses
- Supporting boat pilot to facilitate on lake research



\$75,289

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & EDUCATION

Inspiring and Empowering Lake Stewardship



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Skaneateles Lake Emerging Watershed Scientists - City of Syracuse students learn about drinking water stewardship as Anchor QEA Principal Tim Johnson showcases engineering and design of watershed improvement projects as a solution for improving water quality.

- Skaneateles Lake Emerging Watershed Scientists
- Lake Friendly Living initiative
- Landowner consultation
- Community education presentations
- Landscaping Workshops

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Lake bottom sediment core sampling research by SU supported by SLA Legacy Fund to better understand nutrients feeding Harmful Algal Blooms.

SLA LEGACY FUND AT WORK

5 Year Lake Protection Plan

goal *\$4,000,000*

\$2,750,000

WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Projects Designed to Fight Algal Blooms

SLA's watershed improvement action plan for 2023 is budgeted just under \$300K, but will continue to be an area of increased investment for years to come.

The plan will cover core lake protection programs including:

- 2 main improvement projects in 2023 with increase in capacity to take on more projects
- Grants for shared private road communities
 enhancing watercourses
- Continuation of Hemlock tree protection
- Investment into ESF's Restoration Science Center land stewardship
- Establishment of a maintenance fund to subsidize landowner cost to ensure lake protection project integrity over time

With an increase of watershed wide planning, surmounting threats from more intense rain events, the need to sustain improvement project integrity, and identification of more problem areas requiring solutions in nutrient reduction and resilience, SLA will be garnering with the community \$2.75 million to invest back into the lake and its watershed over the next 5 years.



RESEARCH & MONITORING

Data Driving Decisions in Lake Protection

Investments in research will continue to:

- Support science that aids in prioritizing projects that help reduce nutrient loading and maintain integrity of aquatic life.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of programs & projects
- Pilot studies on emerging technologies and strategies designed for lake protection
- Continued research in support of monitoring:
 - in-lake water quality
 - stream stability
 - watershed integrity, and
 - impact from invasive species

NYS DEC, SUNY-ESF, Syracuse University, Finger Lakes Institute and other academic institutions and research groups with input from science advisors will be at the forefront.

\$600,000

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & EDUCATION

Inspiring and Empowering Lake Stewardship

SLA is targeting an investment of \$500,000 over the next 5 years to grow our community outreach & education initiatives. Activities and programs will include, but are not limited to:

- Advancement of the Skaneateles Lake Emerging Watershed Scientists (SLEWS) program to connect students with ongoing research and associated careers in water protection
- Development of a digital guide to Lake Friendly Living with continued workshops and impact events
- Bolstering of lake protection awareness campaigns and education lecture and forums
- Support of communications and engagement with Executive Director and Community Engagement Coordinator
- Investment in community education through ESF Restoration Science Center programs

SLA's community engagement plan for 2023 alone with investment in SLEWS, Lake Friendly Living, ESF Restoration Science Center, Dr. Robert Werner Research & Education efforts, staffing, and additional initiatives totals over \$100,000.



CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Investing in Lake Protection Hardware

Establishing a reserve for capital costs through SLA's Legacy Fund will allow for responsible growth to maintain and replace critical equipment necessary for lake protection operations.

SLA anticipates the need for a \$300K fund over 5 years to support the following capital improvements:

- Maintenance and equipment upgrades for the Robert Werner Research & Education Boat -"The Bob"
- Upkeep and motor and pontoon replacements for Milfoil Control Vessels
- New purchase and repair and maintenance of Mifoil Control Benthic Matting
- Upkeep of Milfoil Control Diving Equipment
- Purchase and maintenance of watercraft decontamination infrastructure to help prevent invasive species
- Purchase and upkeep of watershed improvement project infrastructure
- · Support for lake monitoring research equipment

SLA LEGACY FUND

Investors

2018-2023 **DONATIONS & PLEDGES** We extend our deep appreciation to each of our donors who have joined with us in all of our efforts to help prevent future Harmful Algal Blooms and keep our Lake clear and our Lake water pure.

"Water links us to our neighbor in a way more profound and complex than any other."

- John Thorson

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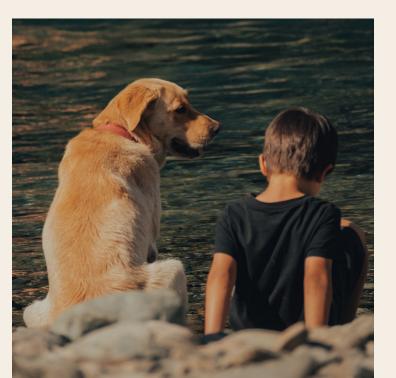


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*indicates additional donation made via Allyn Family Foundation

The Dr. Robert Werner **RESEARCH AND EDUCATION BOAT**

For many years, the Skaneateles Lake Association's (SLA) esteemed Board Member and Lake Ecologist, Dr. Robert Werner, (Bob) had conducted lake surveys, water sampling and other studies using his own pontoon boat in supporting the SLA's efforts to protect Skaneateles Lake. While he was often assisted by other Board Members and colleagues, he carried out much of the work alone on his own boat. In 2019, Dr. Werner advised his fellow Board Members that he was no longer going to be able to conduct the lake surveys and be available to conduct the other sampling and studies he had conducted.

The SLA Board recognized that we were going to need to acquire our own boat in order to be able to continue to do all the work that Dr. Werner had done for years and even more including educational programs for youth and adults. It was immediately decided that the boat would be named for Dr. Werner.

An initial concept for the boat was developed and drawings of the concept were made. We were pleased to be able to share the concept, renderings, and proposed name for the boat before Bob passed. His comment on seeing the plans was brief ... "this will be good".

The Board had already started to reach out to community members for donations to build and equip the boat. After Dr. Werner's passing, donations in his honor and donations specifically for the boat poured in from friends, family, colleagues and many community members.



Special thanks to SLA volunteers Bill Dean and John Menapace for designing and fabricating this sophisticated research/education vessel which will serve our lake and watershed region for many years to come!

The Dr. Robert Werner Research & Education Boat, affectionately known and secondarily, named "The Bob", was commissioned into action at the Skaneateles Country Club on June 27, 2022 and was only made possible by the generosity of all of the following:

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The SLA Membership Fund is our primary funding source to support on-going prevention and remediation efforts to combat invasive species. SLA implements a Eurasian watermilfoil (Myriophyllum spicatum) control program on Skaneateles Lake that has now reduced that species coverage to a level only requiring "maintenance" control.





Milfoil Control work boat with matting on board. Photo courtesy of Ty Denslow.

Patch of Eurasian Watermilfoil on Skaneateles Lake

AIS Prevention and Milfoil *Control yearly costs are close* to \$250,000 and primarily supported by annual membership funds.



Over 6 acres of matting designed to reduce Milfoil populations was strategically deployed by John Menapace and Aquatic Invasives, Inc. using sonar survey information collected by SLA.



Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention with Watercraft Steward Program





Aboard "The Bob" - (Dr. Robert Werner Research & Education Boat) - SLA Board Members, Dr. Bill Dean, Co-Chair of Lake Ecology Team; Dr. Paul Torrisi, President; Dr. Buzz Roberts, VP, Lake *Ecology Team Co-Chair, and volunteer Director* of Watercraft Stewardship program since 2012, conducting a Milfoil Survey.



Side-scan Sonar imaging with Milfoil signature.

Our neighbor, Cayuga Lake is both home to Hydrilla **and** the #1 source of boaters coming to Skaneateles Lake.

SLA Watercraft Steward Jim MacLachlan surveys incoming boats to protect Skaneateles Lake from any new threats of invasive species like Hydrilla.

L to *R* – *City* of Syracuse Mayor Ben Walsh with head SLA Boat Steward Marty Minet and Sr. Steward Roy Truswell. City of Syracuse continues to be a partner leveraging SLA membership funds in support of preventing new invasive species from entering Skaneateles Lake.

Skaneateles Lake Association MEMBERS

Just as clear, pure water is the lifeblood of Skaneateles Lake and the Skaneateles community, membership is the lifeblood of the Skaneateles Lake Association. A strong membership supports innovative and dynamic projects & programs that can help us all to achieve lasting results. We'd like to thank our Members which include individuals, families, businesses, and organizations.

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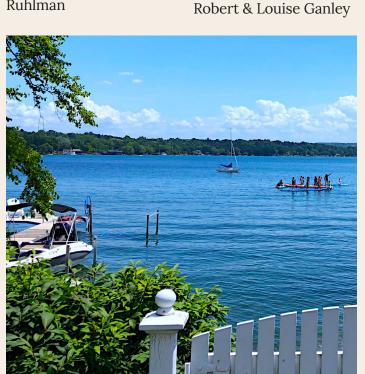
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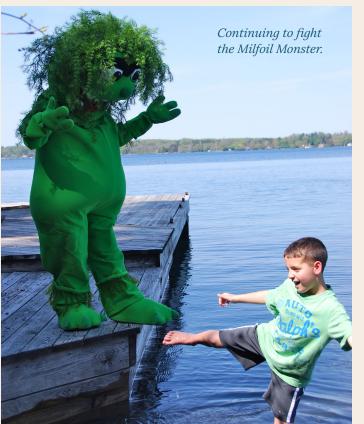
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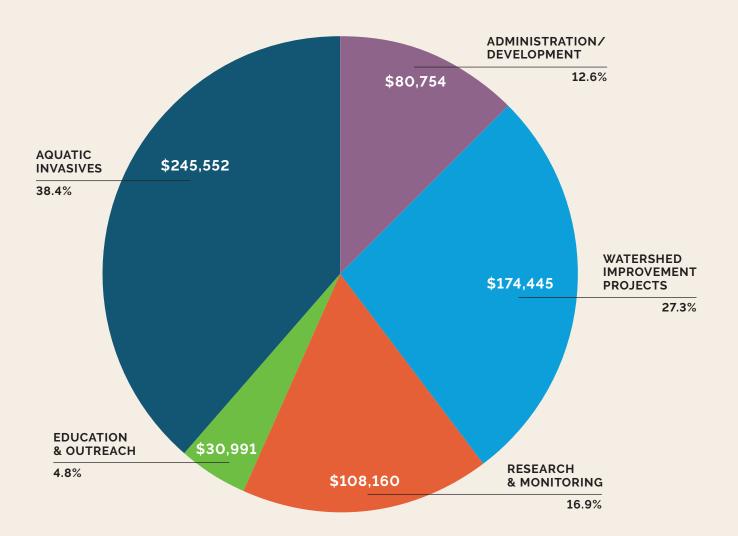
In addition to these members, the Skaneateles Lake Association receives sustaining support from Onondaga County, gratis slips for the Milfoil Team boats from the Skaneateles Marina and a gratis mooring for the Dr. Robert Werner Research & Education Boat from the Skaneateles Country Club.



SLA is supported primarily by the *renewal of annual memberships*.

SKANEATELES LAKE ASSOCIATION - 2022 MEMBERSHIP & LEGACY FUND EXPENSES

Combined Total - \$639,902



87% directly dedicated toward lake preservation and protection!

It Takes A Team To Keep Our Lake Clear And Pure

Congratulations! You have reached the exciting conclusion of the first of many SLA special reports detailing our efforts to protect Skaneateles Lake. The SLA Board of Directors shares this 2023 Special Report with you to deliver a detailed understanding of our progress to date, a view of the many challenges ahead and a clear vision for our future efforts.

With your support the SLA is ushering in a new era of breakthrough initiatives that give everyone a role to play at this most critical time for Skaneateles Lake. Supporting SLA through membership and the SLA Legacy Fund is one of the most profound commitments you can make to ensure a clear and pure future for Skaneateles Lake. This investment not only helps to protect and preserve the lake for future generations; it protects the very investments we have all made in the lake in properties and the local community economies.

The clear and pure water of Skaneateles Lake is literally the lifeblood of the Skaneateles community as well as the City of Syracuse and other CNY communities as a drinking water source. Skaneateles Lake is seen by many as the crown jewel among the Finger Lakes. Crystal clear, pristine and pure, one of the last sources of unfiltered drinking water remaining in the nation. It is a haven. It is a recreational gem. It is a natural wonder. It is a lifetime of memories. It is an economic engine. Quite simply, it is worth protecting. The work is before us, we know what needs to be done, join the team and make a smart investment in the future of our lake.





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"It's the patience factor that always stymies things, because for some reason people can spend fifty years screwing up a lake but expect to be able to fix it in a couple of years. *It just isn't the way it happens.*"

- David Schindler (1940-2021), American/Canadian Ecologist, University of Alberta



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