

LETTER OF NOTIFICATION

Date: March 28, 2022

From: **Town of Busti; Town of Ellery; Village of Bemus Point; Town of Ellicott; Village of Celoron; Village of Lakewood, Town of North Harmony**

Re: Herbicide application for the control of **invasive eurasain watermilfoil** and **invasive curlyleaf pondweed** in portions of Chautauqua Lake using the application of registered aquatic herbicides, to supplement plant harvesting efforts.

The Towns of Ellery, Ellicott, North Harmony and Busti, and the Villages of Bemus Point, Celoron and Lakewood are applying for permits from the NYSDEC to conduct the following aquatic herbicides applications to control invasive lake plants:

- a. **Aquathol K (endothall, EPA Reg.#70506-176)** application is proposed to occur on one day between April - May, 2022 to control 300+ acres of **invasive curlyleaf pondweed** located in the shoreline areas of Lakewood, Ellery, Village of Bemus Point, Ellicott and Celoron, as shown on the attached map. The total area of proposed treatment covers less than 3% of the lake. The application will selectively control the invasive plant with minimal risk of impacts to native plant or fish species.
- b. **ProcellaCOR EC (Florpyrauxifen-benzyl, EPA Reg. #67690-80)** application is proposed to occur on one day between May and June, 2022 to control up to 500 acres of **invasive Eurasian watermilfoil** located in the shoreline areas of Busti, Lakewood, Ellery, Bemus Point, Ellicott, Celoron and North Harmony, as shown on the attached map. The total area of proposed treatment covers approximately 4% of the lake. The application will selectively control the invasive plant with minimal risk of impacts to native plant or fish species.

Water use restrictions will be in effect in certain areas of the Lake and downstream waters for the time period of the treatment PLUS the period indicated in the table below. The areas of the Lake and downstream waters to which each restriction applies are shown in the attached maps.

Water Use Restrictions

Herbicide	Swimming/ Bathing	Fishing	Livestock Watering	Drinking, culinary or food processing purposes	Irrigation (except turf)
ProcellaCOR EC	No restriction	No restriction	Until herbicide concentration levels equal < 1 ppb	No restriction	Until herbicide concentration levels equal < 1 ppb
Aquathol k	No swimming until the day after application	No restriction	No restriction	Until herbicide concentration levels equal <50 ppb	No restriction

Information on water use restrictions, including herbicide concentrations and lifting of restrictions, will be posted on the website of each Town and Village that receives an approved permit from NYSDEC and undertakes the application of herbicides, or by contacting the Town or Village Clerks at the numbers below. In addition, signs will be posted at public access sites around the Lake and

along downstream waters notifying users of the water use restrictions. When all water restrictions are lifted, posted signs will be removed. After each treatment is completed, information on the status of the restrictions may be found on each Town's or Village's website or by contacting the Town or Village Clerks at the numbers below.

For actual application dates and areas, please contact Glenn Sullivan of Solitude Lake Management at gsullivan@solitudelake.com or 908-310-8775, or your appropriate Town or Village Clerk's office **once NYSDEC permits have been issued**. Notification of the application of the treatment will also be posted at public access points on each day of application.

In the event that you as a riparian owner or those individuals or entities to whom you have granted legal access rights (vested riparian users), have any objections to the proposed application or water use restrictions, please contact the NYSDEC at the address below within 21 days of receipt of this notice. All comments must be in writing and objections must demonstrate that your use of the waterbody will be significantly affected (per the NYSDEC's policy). Lack of comment will be considered consent to the treatment and water use restrictions.

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If you wish further information about the proposed program, please contact:

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Town of Busti

Darlene H. Nygren, Busti Town Clerk, (716) 763-8561

Town of Ellicott

Amy Bellardo, Ellicott Town Clerk, (716) 665-5317 ext. 202

Village of Bemus Point

Jen Jaeger, Village of Bemus Point Clerk, (716) 386-4398, (716) 386-2334 fax

Village of Lakewood

Mary B. Currie, Village of Lakewood Clerk, (716) 763-8557

Village of Celoron

Shirley Sanfilippo, Clerk/Treasurer, 716-487-4175

Town of North Harmony

Nancy Thomas, Clerk, 716-789-3445

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