



Canandaigua Lake Watershed Association March 21 2022 FLRWA Lake Report

Lake / Watershed Management:

- On February 18, 2022, the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Council (inter municipal organization) hosted the first public information session on the 9 Elements Planning process to update the 2014 Watershed Management Plan. Recording can be found here: <https://www.canandaigualake.org/9e-plan>
- CLWA hosted a Hemlock Woolly Adelgid survey training session and hike on February 27. A direct mailing was sent to property owners with hemlock trees on their land, and we are currently scheduling site visits for survey assistance. Volunteers will be assessing tree stand health and reporting findings using the New York State Hemlock Initiative Hemlock Hunters protocol.

Education / Outreach:

- The K-12 Watershed Education Program has been back to in-person activity this school year with many programs delivered in the Canandaigua, Naples, and Marcus Whitman School districts. Through a partnership with the Honeoye Valley Association, educators will also be delivering programs in the Honeoye Central School District this spring.
- CLWA had a main focus on virtual programming in recent years with the pandemic, but has been happy to get back to in-person programming this year. Recent activities included:
 - Tabling at the Fire and Ice Festival in downtown Canandaigua, with a hands-on kids activity on February 20
 - HWA Workshop and Hike on February 27
 - Upcoming events include: [Woodlot Management Hike with Marty Dodge on April 30](#), as well as two CLWA sponsored in person events as part of Lake Friendly Living Awareness week in May. In partnership with the Finger Lakes Land Trust, CLWA will also be announcing a series of Family Friendly events, with the first event happening in early June.
- CLWA recently launched a monthly E-Newsletter, *Lake Matters*, sent on the Third Thursday of each month. Recent edition can be found [here](#). If FLRWA members are interested in receiving our communications, sign up [here](#).

Research / Monitoring:

- CLWA's Citizen Science Committee is preparing for the 2022 monitoring season programs, which will include: Shoreline HABs monitoring, Secchi Disk Monitoring, and an expanded project in collaboration with SUNY ESF. We will continue our partnerships with the Finger Lakes Institute to analyze HABs samples.

Governance / Operations:

- As a result of CLWA's strategic plan, CLWA has launched two new committees this past year – Government Relations and Education – which are off to a great start. Government Relations will be presenting to each municipality over the next several months.
- CLWA recently moved our office. The new space is on Mill Street, closer to downtown Canandaigua, and will be used as a community space to offer trainings, host committee meetings, and have more space for sample drop off. An official "opening" will occur in early summer.