

Lake levels are low here on **Otisco Lake**. But the mood is very high!

With the lack of rain, the and the native weeds emerged as an issue. We are looking at strategies for **both** native and invasive species control. Our board member, **John Bristol** is looking at both mechanical removal of weed and weed bogs as well as a chemical interface. He has had good meetings with the **DEC & OCWA** regarding this along with a contractor for weed control application.

Our steward program continues to be supported by **Finger Lakes Institute**. This year we have primarily focused on the state boat launch as this launch services most of the out-of-state people. We do have coverage at the other two marinas at limited level. The adjustment was based on volume from previous years.

We had a very successful **Annual Meeting** on July 7th. **Don Leopold** from ESF spoke on native plantings, **Sam Elliot** spoke on lawned Meadow program that they have been doing all that they have been studying over at ESF. **Lauren Darcy** gave an update on the Otisco Lake Watershed Protection Plan and **Andy Zepp** from **Finger Lakes Land Trust** gave an overview of the newly acquired **Henderson property** renamed and rechristened at a ribbon cutting ceremony this month the **Otisco Shores Conservation Park**. We are already looking at programs and coordination with ESF to evaluate and manage and maintain the property.

We have an active group working on our **9-element plan**. Board member **Marion Greenhalgh** has taken this on as a primary project. She is working with county planners and former legislator **Mike Plochocki** to obtain a grant for funds to continue to evaluate the lake and watershed for the plan.

The **Otisco Lake Drinking Water Source Protection Plan**, has been prepared and final copies being generated. Lauren Darcy of this group spoke at our annual meeting as mentioned above.

Respectfully submitted,
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