

## Otisco Lake July Lake Report

We kick off our **Virtual Watershed Shuffle** our Annual walk/race on July 20<sup>th</sup>! This year the race will be a virtual run around the lake. Participants can enter mileage & watch their progression the 17 miles around Otisco Lake. Shirt to all entrants!!

We are in the third & final year of our invasive species identification grant. It will finish up this month. We have identified two major invasive species milfoil and curly-leaf pondweed. We were able to show that we have no new invasive species including the bloody-red shrimp or starry stonewort

We are in the process of developing our 9-element plan through Bill Ayling, a member of our board

We continue to do an annual water chestnut pull to control the two areas of water chestnut that have been previously identified. This event is entering its ninth year and has had a great effect on controlling the water chestnuts in our lake.

We're working with the Finger Lakes Land Trust to continue to preserve shoreline. They have a purchase offer in on a large track of land at the south end of the lake. We hope to have this used as an educational area in the future. The purchase of the property is in coordination with Onondaga County & the Land Trust.

We have a two-year grant starting this year to continue our stewardship program. Our program is in coordination with the Finger Lakes Institute who employs the stewards working at our lake launches.

A new launch has been added by the DEC at the south end of the lake. Construction should be completed towards mid-summer. Completion has been delayed due to the Pandemic.

We are working on a boat wash station to be located on the lake. This project in coordination with the DEC.