



LYLPS Work Plan 2025

January 2025

Overview

LYLPS plans to continue to grow and expand activities based on the positive momentum from the past several years. These activities are guided by and in the context of the overall lake management plan.

Primary activities will consist of:

- **Monitoring**
 - Monitor the lake through CSLAP
 - Expand the monitoring by implementing the Lake Management Plan Tracker methodology from APIPP with Soil and Water (SWCD)
 - Develop a HABs monitoring program
- **Prevention**
 - Continuing support, through C-OFOKLA, of the boat steward program, CCStoptheInvasion.org and including support of the boat decontamination station.
 - Provide content for public outreach, both directly and through C-OFOKLA.
- **Treatments**
 - If feasible, treat the identified VLM field with ProcellaCOR and curly leaf pondweed with ClearCast
 - Treat starry stonewort, pondweed, and nuisance natives through weed harvesting
- **Management**
 - Explore a more detailed sediment study
 - Continue support of septic education program
 - Refine working relationship between LYLPS and LYLPRD
- **Organizational**
 - Continue to build community
 - Maintain the lake management plan
 - Expand plans for building a “dredging” fund including conducting additional fundraisers
 - Provide consistent communication to the community using email of lake property owners, the Little York Lake association web site, our Facebook page, and USPS when appropriate.

The following paragraphs provide details on each of the above activities as well as a proposed budget for implementation.

Monitoring

LYLPS will participate for its 16th year in CSLAP testing. This data supports long term lake management planning.

Additionally, LYLPS will work to implement APIPP’s Lake Management Plan Tracker methodology to measure and track progress in our aquatic invasive species management efforts.

We will work to establish a HABs monitoring and notification system.

Prevention

LYLPS previously worked with SWCD to win a grant to support the ongoing operations of a boat steward program for Cortland County: CC Stop the Invasion. We will continue to provide support to the program including online and program outreach through C-OFOKLA.

We will also provide content and support for the public outreach and education programs provided by C-OFOKLA.

Treatment

We have identified a VLM field of approximately 1.5-2 acres in the channel near I-81. We will attempt to have it treated with ProcettaCOR to ensure that it doesn't spread to the main portion of the lake.

We worked with SWCD in 2024 to submit and win a grant for a weed harvester. We will work with SWCD to harvest starry stonewort, curly leaved pondweed, and other nuisance plants over the course of the summer.

Management

We are exploring a more detailed sediment study as a follow-up to last year's SUNY ESF project. This will provide guidance for future activities in the lake and watershed.

We will provide ongoing support for the county's septic education program to encourage lake homeowners to effectively maintain their systems. We will also encourage property owners to apply for grants through SWCD to repair or upgrade their systems.

We will continue to refine the working relationship between LYLPS and LYLPRD by conducting regular briefings as well as conducting monthly meetings with SWCD.

Organization

In order to support our ongoing management efforts, it is important to have a vital community, including an active board. We will continue our community building efforts by:

- Recruit new board members and volunteers, particularly for the CSLAP and macrophyte programs
- Conduct two meetings
- Hold our Independence Day boat parade
- Host our annual fall picnic
- Promote various social events during the summer
- Support ongoing efforts to implement the lake special district

We will explore expanded fund-raising opportunities focusing on the broader community of lake stakeholders.

We will provide consistent communication to the lake community by:

- Using our website as a primary means of sharing information: <https://www.littleYorklake.com/>
- Maintaining emails for lake property owners to inform property owners when new information is shared on the website
- Providing links from our Facebook page (Little York Preservation Society, Inc.) to inform property owners when new information is shared on the website
- Using USPS to mail our newsletters to lake property owners whose email addresses cannot be verified.

Key information will be provided on the website:

- The LYLPS Work Plan will be posted yearly before the first annual meeting. This will include harvesting and treatment activities.
- The biannual newsletter
- The yearly budget will be posted prior to the first annual meeting and the yearend actuals will be posted by 1Q of the following year.
- Announcements for harvesting and treatment will give lake owners sufficient notice to understand what's coming and provided 2 weeks in advance when possible.
- Other communications such as announcements for 4th of July boat parade, the winners of the boat parade, Lake Association meetings, algae bloom, etc. as needed