



Summer 2025 Work Plan

LYLPS has published its annual work plan for 2025 which is available on our website here:

<https://bit.ly/ljl-wp-25>

Highlights of the plan include:

- Herbicide treatments for milfoil in the channel along I-81 and curly leaf pondweed in the lower channel.
- Ongoing monitoring with CSLAP
- Continued outreach support through C-OFOKLA and support of the CD3 cleaning station in the park

New York State has revamped its rules around protecting wetlands. As a consequence, we have been required to submit a request for a wetlands permit because the herbicide treatment areas may be adjacent to wetlands and potentially impact them. Unfortunately, virtually all lakes have been required to do the same and there is a large backlog of requests. We filed in January so are hopeful that DEC will process the permit, either issuing one or waiving the requirement, in time for the treatment season.

In the meantime, we have received our permits for the proposed herbicide treatments, but they are contingent on the wetlands ruling.

We are pleased to announce that Cortland County Soil and Water Conservation District (CCSWCD) received a large grant, with our support, and has purchased a weed harvester. We expect it will arrive in early June and we will be able to use it at Little York Lake during the main weed growing season.

CCSWCD also received a grant to support public outreach for aquatic invasive species education. We are working with them through C-OFOKLA to create programs to reach our community.

A key element of this outreach is reminding boaters to Clean, Drain, and Dry their watercraft BEFORE and AFTER they use the lake. If you have a guest at your home who bring a boat in, please remind them of this important practice. Visit bit.ly/LYL-CDD for a brief educational video. The CD3 boat cleaning station at Dwyer Park is an important resource in our campaign to preserve the lake.

Dockside Harvesting Program

In conjunction with CCSWCD, we plan to offer a pilot program this summer to provide dock-side harvesting. The focus of our lake-wide harvesting program is to ensure that the main navigable portions of the lake are cleared and open for recreation.

Our dock-side harvesting program will make the CCSWCD harvester available for clearing shoreline areas for property owners for a modest fee. We plan to hold a one week pilot in mid-summer with approximately 8 thirty minute harvesting slots. The price per slot is still being developed and will be announced with the program.

Our goal is to develop an ongoing program for dock-side harvesting and help all owners fully enjoy their lake experience.

Please let us know if you are interested in participating in our pilot program or in our ongoing dock-side harvesting program by completing our brief questionnaire here: bit.ly/LYL-Survey-25 or scan the QR code to the right.



Survey QR Code

Annual meeting

Mark your calendars now. The LYLPS Annual meeting will be held on Saturday, June 7th at 10 a.m. in the main pavilion in the park (CRT).

This year we will be holding elections for Vice President and Treasurer. We will also discuss our 2025 work plan including the new harvester.

Please fill out our survey at bit.ly/LYL-Survey-25 or scan the QR code above and let us know if you'll be able to attend. We are also trying to ensure that we have everyone's email, so please supply it and any you'd like to add for your household.

Boat Parade

Make plans now for our annual boat parade. This year it will be held on Saturday, July 5th prior to the fireworks. Details will be announced as we get closer to the date.

New York Safe Boating Certificate

Important Reminder: Every boat operator **MUST** have a valid NYS Safe Boating Certificate in their possession while operating a boat this year on the lake. You must successfully complete a state-approved boating safety class and carry your certificate with you while boating.

Details and a listing of in-person and online classes are available here:

<https://parks.ny.gov/boating/boating-safety-class.aspx>

Note that Boat U.S. (listed on the above page in the online courses section) claims to be the only free online course approved by the state, however it requires a \$15 fee for receiving a permanent boater id.