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Visit the Skaneateles Lake website: skanlakeinfo.org!

You're Invited!
CCE Onondaga Annual Meeting

When: Thursday, October 19th
Where: Camp Brockway (part of Pratts Falls Park), 7757 Pratts Falls Rd, Manlius, NY 13104

Don't miss our Annual Meeting **Thursday, October 19th**! Doors will be open for dinner and mingling at 5:00pm and the evening's program will officially begin at 6:00pm.

This year we will be back at Camp Brockway (part of Pratts Falls, Onondaga County Park), a historically significant location for CCE Onondaga as it was the location of our 4-H camp prior to 1965.

Join us in the celebration and annual reporting of the Association.

Please click the link below and register by October 9th.

Register here!

Harmful Algae Blooms (HABs)

Several Harmful Algae Blooms (HABs) have been reported on Skaneateles Lake recently. Make sure you know what a HAB looks like, so you can avoid it, and report it if possible.

Visit NYHABS, DEC's harmful algal bloom notification map to view locations of freshwater HABs in New York State that were reported in the past two weeks. Click on a dot for more information, including the date it was reported, the waterbody name, and pictures. Click on the arrow at the bottom of the screen to view a list of reported HABs. Instructions on how to use NYHABS are on DEC's HABs notification webpage.

Know it: HABs vary in appearance from scattered green dots in the water, to

long, linear green streaks, pea soup, or spilled green paint, to blue-green or white coloration.

Avoid it: People, pets, and livestock should avoid contact with floating mats, scums, and discolored water.

Report it: Report a suspected HAB using the NYHABS online reporting form. Report health concerns related to HABs to the Department of Health at harmfulalgae@health.ny.gov, or contact your local health department.

Exciting News! DEC and the Central New York Land Trust, Inc., Announce Land Acquisition to Protect Drinking Water

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and The Central New York Land Trust, Inc., (CNYLT) announced the acquisition of 144 acres of land near Skaneateles Lake, a critical drinking water source for 190,000 Central New Yorkers. The project was funded through the State's Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) Program, which directly improves water quality or aquatic habitat, promotes flood risk reduction, restoration, and enhanced flood and climate resiliency, or protects a drinking water source.

"By working with partners like Central New York Land Trust, New York State is making long-term investments to ensure access to safe drinking water far into the future," **DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos said**. "The Central New York Land Trust's acquisition of the first of several parcels near Skaneateles Lake

will protect the water supply, not only as a drinking water source, but also as an environmental and recreational resource for the region."

CNYLT Executive Director Simon Solomon said, "Protecting the water quality of Skaneateles Lake has been a priority for many over the last decade. While we cannot go back in time, we can create stable lakeside parcels that work to reduce harmful algal blooms and prevent nutrients from entering the water source. The water quality of Skaneateles Lake is unmatched in the region allowing the City of Syracuse to utilize this resource unfiltered. Keeping our drinking water clean has been a continued priority identified by our local government, and this partnership between local and state government, non-profit organizations, and local land trusts continues to be key because it leverages public funds with private dollars."

CNYLT intends to acquire multiple parcels near the lake with the remaining funds by summer 2024. CNYLT acquired the 144-acre O'Neill Parcel for $900,000, using a portion of its $4 million WQIP Land Acquisition for Source Water Protection grant awarded by DEC. The acquisition of this parcel will help protect Skaneateles Lake, the drinking water supply of the city of Syracuse.

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