

About The Coalition

The Coalition to Save the Yaphank Lakes was founded in October 2007, and is committed to protect and preserve the Upper and Lower Lakes of Yaphank, N.Y. Working with local and state organizations, and environmental organizations, we will continue to actively participate in efforts to find a solution to the invasive weed problem.



Serious About Saving The Lakes

Dam removal continues to be supported by special interest groups concerned with river restoration. The Coalition does NOT support dam removal. We do not believe that dam removal would be in the best interests of the community and would, in fact, destroy much of the historical character of the hamlet.



Coalition Initiatives

Outreach

- Contacted local Environmental, Educational, & Research Groups

Engineering Studies

- Obtained bathymetric survey of Upper Lake depths and sediments
- Obtained structural analysis of Upper Lake dam & spillway

Requests For Information

- Contacted Aquatic Analysts for harvesting Proposal
- Contacted Dr. Ken Wagner, Pres. Natl. Assoc. Lake Mgmt. (NALMS)

Carmans River Working Group

Signage at Both Lakes

The Future

LAKE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
PREVENT SPREAD OF INVASIVES
FISH PASSAGES
ADOPT-A-WATERSHED
VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS
CONTROL STORMWATER RUNOFF
MONITOR HEALTH & BIODIVERSITY

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OUR MISSION

We are committed to clean and protect our lakes, eradicate the invasive aquatic plants, restore their natural beauty, and preserve and protect the entire Carmans River environment.



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PAST

"Since the first dam was built in 1739, the community has looked to the Mill Pond that was formed for recreation. People swam off the dam until the Town Beach was created behind the Swezey-Avey House in 1965. Boating and fishing are popular pastimes here, as is ice skating in the wintertime. Though Yaphank is no longer dependent on its mills for lumber, grain and cloth; we are dependent on our mill ponds for our recreation and our quality of life."

- Yaphank Historical Society
Karen Mouzakes, Historian
September, 2007



Bridge at Mill Pond, Upper Lake, Yaphank (Photos courtesy Yaphank Historical Society.)



Fourth of July, Gerard's Mill Pond, Lower Lake, Yaphank

PRESENT

"The Carmans River is one of only 4 relatively large, undisturbed, riverine ecosystems on Long Island. Despite the presence of small dams on the river, it remains an outstanding fish and wildlife habitat in the region."

- NYS DOS Div. of Coastal Resources

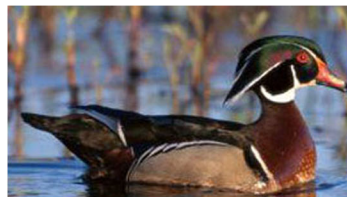


"Of all the ponds and lakes on Long Island, I find Lower Yaphank Lake to be one of the most intriguing. This pretty, 25-acre impoundment of the Carmans River seems to be a lake in almost perfect balance with nature."

-Tom Schlichter, "Long Island Best Freshwater Fishing"

A Healthy Ecosystem

The Upper and Lower Lakes are home to a wide variety of native aquatic plants, fish, amphibians, reptiles, mammals, birds, and waterfowl.



Wood ducks nest in secluded areas of Upper Lake.

The Problem



Upper & Lower Lakes are choked with invasive aquatic plants: Cabomba and Variable-leaf Watermilfoil. These non-native plants limit use of the Lakes as recreational resources and put a survival burden on native plants and wildlife.

The Options

HERBICIDES
HARVESTING
HANDPULLING
DRAWDOWN
BENTHIC BARRIERS
COMBINATIONS

What You Can Do:

Prevent the Spread of Invasives

PROTECT YOUR WATERS!

Prevent the Spread of Invasive Species

Invasive Plants and Animals Can Impact Boating, Fishing, Swimming and the Environment

WHEN YOU LEAVE A BODY OF WATER

REMOVE any visible mud, plants, fish or animals before transporting equipment.



ELIMINATE water from equipment before transporting.

CLEAN & DRY anything that comes into contact with water (boats, trailers, waders, wading boots, equipment, dogs, etc.).

NEVER release plants, fish or animals into a body of water unless they came out of that body of water.



STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!

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