



# ONTARIO COUNTY Planning Department

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## NOTICE TO HONEOYE LAKE HOMEOWNERS

### **If you have a water line extending into Honeoye Lake, please read this notice!**

The 2018 Aquatic Vegetation Management Program is launching at the end of June. Summer harvesting is done in proximity to shoreline, docks, and water lines. In order to prevent damage, **all private water lines must be clearly marked.**

Ontario County has obtained a Floating Object Permit from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (OPRHP), which affords legal protection to the County and shoreline landowners. The permit authorizes the placement of water line markers within **100 feet** of the shoreline.

In order to be legally covered by the Floating Object Permit, shoreline landowners must comply with the following permit terms:

1. You must use markers that are:
  - At least the size of a 1 gallon plastic milk jug, red, white, green or yellow in color (***no blue***);
  - Placed in a secure manner which will not pose a hazard to navigation; and
  - Removed when the harvesting program is completed (*September 13, 2018*).
2. You must place your markers at the foot valves on your water intake lines and secure them by as short a rope as possible.
3. You must replace your markers if they have become unsecured during the harvesting season (*Please help your neighbors by notifying them of markers that have come undone; if you know that the neighbor will not be back on the lake for several days, contact this office so that we can take corrective action*).

We will not assume responsibility for damage to unmarked or improperly marked water lines.

### **SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**IF YOU BELIEVE YOUR WATER LINE HAS BEEN DAMAGED BY THE HARVESTER, CONTACT OUR OFFICE IMMEDIATELY AT 585-396-4455 or 585-396-4458. YOUR CLAIM MAY BE REJECTED OTHERWISE. YOUR COOPERATION IS APPRECIATED.**

**IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO HAVE AQUATIC VEGETATION HARVESTED ADJACENT TO YOUR PROPERTY, please notify our office, even if you have done so in previous years.**

**IF YOU ARE PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO PLACE YOUR WATERLINE MARKER YOURSELF, and cannot find someone to help you,** you may contact us to request assistance. As resources permit, the Town of Canadice will arrange for a local diver to place a **limited** number of waterline markers. Due to part-time hours at Canadice Town Hall, contact Ontario County Planning at 396-4458 by **Friday, June 22** if you need assistance. **You may need to sign a release form prior to this service being provided if you have not signed one in the past.** The diver will work on June 25, 26, or 27, dependent upon the weather.

**HARVESTING & WATER LINE MARKERS:** Our general operating practice is to harvest outside waterline markers. There are places where the harvester will move between the shoreline and a waterline marker with the cutting bar raised (not harvesting) to minimize zigzagging and turning, which creates turbulence. There are also areas around the lake where depth, length of waterlines, and the presence of excessive aquatic vegetation has allowed for harvesting close to shore in the past. In order to harvest in these areas, we now require landowner permission. We will only harvest between waterline markers and shore if affected landowners sign a release form.

**IN AREAS WHERE PUBLIC WATER HAS BEEN DELIVERED:**

If you are no longer using water taken from the lake, we invite you to consider removing your water line or pulling it back under your dock for protection, especially if you would like harvesting closer to shore.

**AS ALWAYS, please contact us if you have questions or concerns: (585) 396-4458.**

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR COOPERATION!