

## **TO FURTHER CLARIFY...**

The Chautauqua Lake Property Owner Association's (CLPOA) mission is protecting the interests of property owners near Chautauqua Lake. It's goal is to maintain the beneficial uses and value of nearshore and shoreside properties and the Lake. The CLPOA is a New York State Non-Profit Corporation with IRS 501c3 status.

A major part of the CLPOA's work is informing and educating the public. This is done by identifying and evaluating potential scientific, social, and economic benefits and risks of enacted and potential actions by local, regional, state or federal governments, lake organizations, and special interests, researching and evaluating such actions and their effect on the community, and, most importantly, communicating the results, educating the public, with the benefit of our scientific and Lake experience.

The CLPOA's all-volunteer Board of Directors and other volunteers, and many from around the Lake and beyond, participate in the CLPOA activities. Those on our email distribution list of ~350 (and increasing) individuals and others who communicate through the CLPOA email account are engaged with what we develop and share.

The CLPOA holds regular public education meetings, typically with 75-100 attendees, to further inform the public and provide a forum for the public to ask and get questions answered and for the CLPOA to take suggestions. Our public education is further enhanced by the support of local government and media.

The CLPOA's activity is educational, with a focus on educating the public after identifying and evaluating potential scientific, social, and economic benefits and risks of actions by local, regional, state, or federal governments, lake organizations, and special interests, researching and evaluating such actions and their effect on the community and educating the public with the results. All is developed and communicated with the benefit of our scientific and experience with Chautauqua Lake its surrounding areas.

The combination of scientific, engineering, project management, marine, and information technology enhanced by other types of support by other volunteers allows the CLPOA to identify and communicate issues and opportunities which others miss. CLPOA activity lessens the critical communication burden on local, especially municipality government. We communicate with municipality leadership and often participate in Town and Village meetings to explain issues of interest to elected officials and the public in attendance, and to others who read the meeting minutes. Media coverage of the information we develop furthers the education of the public.

CLPOA activity helps prevent community deterioration especially as it relates to Lake and surrounding area conditions and the impact such deterioration could have on property values, tax revenue, and the social and economic viability of the local community and Chautauqua County.