

ASSEMBLY POINT WATER QUALITY COALITION

Better land use by lakeside residents can make the difference in water quality



A group of residents install a rain garden on Bob Tully's Assembly Point Road lakeside property in August 2013. By working with environmental professionals and educators to understand percolation rates, depth of garden and best placement, they planted a selection of native shrubs and perennials; the garden was designed to uptake water flow from a storm water retrofit diverter. Bob's driveway, as most

on Assembly Point Road, is impervious, sloping towards the road which carries run off to the lake. Retrofitting was critical to adhere to the principle that all water that falls on a property must be managed on that property. For summer 2014 we are seeking similar retrofit and buffering showcase projects; we can offer informational and planting support and can create interpretive signage for community educational benefit.

Mission Statement:

The Assembly Point Water Quality Coalition, Inc. is a 501c3 committed to improving and restoring water quality and compromised ecosystems in the Lake George Lake Champlain Basin by supporting policies, regulation and practices which preserve and protect waters and watersheds.

To become a member or contribute contact:
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"Lake George is classified as AA Special waterbody. The Lake George Park Commission was formed BECAUSE of this lake's status and the need to preserve it.. As residents we must continuously encourage the LGPC in its mission to create, oversee and uphold policies that ensure lake purity."

ASSEMBLY POINT WATER QUALITY COALITION PROJECT THANK YOUS TO:

- The LG Waterkeeper, Warren County Soil and Water, LGA, Froehlich Foundation and the Town of Queensbury (ToQ) for retrofitting/drywells on Sunset Lane
- To the Lake Champlain Basin Program for a 2014 start up grant of \$2000 to the Assembly Point Water Quality Coalition (APWQC)
- To the Fund for Lake George/FEMA for funding a community bulletin board for



- use by all area residents/walkers for non commercial, event, social, community and environmental announcements. Please post!!
- To the Towns of Queensbury and Lake George for passage of fertilizer restriction law revisions to include 50' setback protections to all waterbodies/wetlands
- To Kathy Bozony and BLULakeGeorge for consulting advice 2013

The State of the Point

The worst impact on water quality coming off Assembly Point (AP) is from **stormwater run off**, from impervious (paved and sealcoated) driveways and roadways. Pervious drives and disconnected pavement



are part of the solution for AP.

The ToQ septic records need updating and amending. Our Dunham's Bay neighbors swam their shorelines and recorded all properties to evaluate a significant septic impact on the water. On Assembly Point certainly maintenance and regular pump outs are first steps.

Assembly Point contributes to its own and southern basin water degeneration through overuse of **fertilizer and pesticides**. "Green lawn-green lake".

Denuding from storms and **incomplete shoreline buffering** are AP lake stressors.

Origin of APWQC

4 years ago we were observant walkers on Assembly Point who formed a committee, concerned with addressing the visibly alarming degeneration of our waters. We transformed ourselves into a non profit organization in fall 2013, The officers are Dr. Carol Collins, Beverly Pozzi and Lisa Adamson and Board members: Arlene Lotters, Dr. Lorraine Ruffing, Bob Tully, Bob Ervien, Dr. Rolf Ahlers. Please contact us if you would like to become a member or serve on the Board.

Winter Spring 2014

APWQC Coalition activities:

*January meeting with ToQ (Town of Queensbury) Supervisor John Strough to discuss state of Assembly Point Roads and ongoing infiltration needs

*Midwinter meeting with Ward 1 Councilman Metivier to initiate ToQ septic record updates to create uniformity and include pump out requirements. Follow up throughout the spring with focus on lakewide transfer law.



*Dr. Carol Collins addresses the LG Watershed Coalition in Feb. on critical land use management issues

*April 2- ToQ Septic Meeting to support a lakewide coalition of municipalities

*North Queensbury residents attend ToQ meeting 4/7 to speak in support passage of revision of fertilizer restriction law to include protection of waterbodies, not just lakes. Action continues throughout 2014 to pass a uniform lakewide law in each town. Triangular lawn signs distributed to residents in support of this initiative. Call us for your own sign.



*APWQC begins implementation of workplan for startup grant, including website creation and expansion of active membership.

SUMMER 2014 Upcoming:

Details and dates to be posted on the bulletin board at Crossover and Bay

June 25th, 2-3 pm planning meeting with APWQC Board, officers and returning AP residents 66 Bay Parkway, 656 9440

July 12, Awareness Day snorkeling, rain or shine, resident kayakers and snorkelers; see and photo your shoreline conditions from under water; call 307 7842

July 29, 9-10:30 walking tour of Assembly Point Road with Carol Collins. Meet at Bulletin Board

July 31, projected website publication

August 15, 9-9:30am... full coalition business meeting to elect officers for 2015. **9:30-11** Informal workshop following to share ideas about local stresses such as septic and run off, discussion of upcoming focus for the year, short presentation.

If you would like to support the mission of this local water quality coalition with a tax deductible donation please make payable to:

The Assembly Point Water Quality Coalition

c/o Beverly Pozzi, 66 Bay Parkway,

Lake George's declining status as an oligotrophic lake is threatened by a lack of lakewide enforcement and compliance. Degeneration in other lakes around the world has only been reversed with comprehensive management regulations that are missing from Lake George. In addition to intelligent and scientifically based ordinances, human impact can be minimized at an individual level on our own properties.

Let's join together to see Assembly Point lead the way in residential participation and awareness.