

**Preliminary Petition for the Establishment of the New  
LAKE HADLOCK IMPROVEMENT TAX DISTRICT**

**In The Town Of Fort Ann, Washington County, New York**

TO: THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN, WASHINGTON COUNTY, NY

I, the undersigned, being an owner of taxable real property situated in the proposed **new Lake Hadlock Improvement Tax District**, according to the latest completed assessment rolls of said Town, do hereby petition your Honorable Board to express support for the creation and establishment of a **new Improvement Tax District**, in the Town of Fort Ann, County of Washington and State of New York, outside of any incorporated village and wholly within said Town of Fort Ann, to be known as the **Lake Hadlock Improvement Tax District**.

**I. Proposed Improvement Tax District-** It is proposed that the **new Lake Hadlock Improvement Tax District** would consist of the properties that contain shoreline on Lake Hadlock or have property that has access rights to Lake Hadlock through an easement.

**II. Improvement Tax District Purpose-** It is proposed, and the undersigned support, the **new Lake Hadlock Improvement Tax District** to be responsible for and financially contribute to:

- (1) Aquatic Plant Growth Control
- (2) The Harvester
- (3) Lake Safety and Control, including Pollution Prevention and Navigation Aides
- (4) Lake Maintenance
- (5) Any other Environmental Issues Relative to the Lake

**III. Management of the Tax District-** It is also proposed, and the undersigned support the **new Lake Hadlock Improvement Tax District** to be managed by its members through an elected Board of Commissioners. The Board would consist of five commissioners from within the District, who would be elected to three year terms, of which their terms would be staggered. These individuals would hold unpaid positions and would make all the determinations relative to the District.

**A. Powers and Duties of the Board of Commissioners-** The Board of Commissioners would have the power and authority to:

1. Determine the budget for the Tax District
2. Determine how the monies for the Tax District are spent
3. Authorize all expenditures for Tax District funds
4. Determine what issues need to be addressed by the Tax District
5. Draft by-laws and policies for operations of the Tax District
6. Annually review, on Grievance Day, any requests for inclusion or exclusion from the Improvement Tax District and the associated property contribution as defined under Section IV

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**IV. Taxes Payable to District -** The petitioners propose that the taxes payable to the District would be based upon Lake rights on a per parcel basis. *(Based on estimated initial year costs of \$50,000 - \$100,000, and our best estimate of parcels that would be taxed, the range of resulting per share costs are in brackets.)*

(1) *Lake Front - One Share* [\$215 - \$429 based on estimated 199 parcels]

If you have property that contains shoreline on the Lake, the tax will be one share of the set contribution.

(2) *Access Rights - One-Third Share* [ \$72 - \$143 based on estimated 72 parcels]

If you have property that has access to the Lake through an easement, the tax will be one-third of

the set contribution.

*(3) Commercial Operation - Ten Shares* [\$2146 - \$4292 based on estimated one parcel]

For any commercial operation that impacts the Lake directly or indirectly, the tax will be ten times the set contribution. This includes but is not limited to launching of **non-residents'** watercraft, dock rentals and moorings.

*(4) Multiple Parcels - Zero Additional Shares*

If an individual taxpayer has additional parcels, which are contiguous and identified in the Washington County Clerk's Office under one owner and utilized as one parcel, then the additional parcels will not be subject to a tax. However, if the additional parcel contains any structure, it will be deemed a second lot and will be taxed independently.

*(5) No Shoreline/No Access Rights - Zero Shares*

If your property is contained in the District but contains no shoreline and has no access rights, then the property will not be subject to a tax.

This petition has been compiled to demonstrate to the Fort Ann Town Board the desires of the individual owners of property on Lake Hadlock to create its own independent Tax District which will address all Lake problems. **Please also note that time is of the essence.**

**I, THE UNDERSIGNED, UNDERSTAND THIS IS A NEW TAX AND WILL BE IN ADDITION TO ALL PRESENT TAXES.**

Date Printed Name Signature

Email Address or Phone Number if support provided not in person

Tax Map Parcel Address of Fort Ann Residence in Proposed District

Address if Fort Ann is not your Principal Residence

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