

LAKE HADLOCK ASSOCIATION, INC

P.O. BOX 438
FORT ANN, NEW YORK 12827

Dear Lake Hadlock Property Owner:

Enclosed is a **Preliminary Petition** to the Town of Fort Ann, which, when signed and returned by you, will express your support for the creation and establishment of an Improvement Tax District. The **new district** will be known as the **Lake Hadlock Improvement Tax District** and is being proposed to provide for the financial support of caring for Lake Hadlock. Our lake has fallen victim to a non-native invasive plant which if left unchecked, ultimately will dramatically reduce swimming and boating options. To maintain the lake, ongoing efforts and protocols will be required. Such efforts will have an expense associated which is why we are proposing that the **new Lake Hadlock Improvement Tax District** be created. At the meeting for all Lake Hadlock property owners on September 5, the overwhelming majority of those present voted in favor of proceeding with a new tax district.

In August, we all were advised by Gayle. A. Hall, Supervisor, Town of Fort Ann, that our lake has the invasive Eurasian water milfoil. The Adirondack Park Agency recommended to the Town that the operation of the harvester be suspended pending the outcome of an aquatic plant survey and the development of a control strategy. Since that time, the Board of Lake Hadlock Association (LHA) has met with representatives of the Town Board, the Adirondack Park Agency, Nature Conservancy, Lake Champlain Regional Planning Board, Washington County Soil and Water Conservation and Darrin Fresh Water Institute. Mr. Eichler of Darrin Fresh Water Institute was hired by LHA and currently is developing recommendations for an Aquatic Plant Management Program to control the aquatic invasive plant species. The study is a critical and required step in what will be an ongoing process to control the quality of our lake. The study is scheduled to be completed in December 2009.

What will it cost each property owner? Since we do not know what the ultimate per year cost will be for Lake Hadlock, we can provide only an educated guess based on the experiences of other lakes and our meetings with experts in the field. The initial costs for Lake Hadlock should be between \$50 thousand and \$100 thousand.

(Please see Section IV of the Petition for **estimates** of per share costs.) The exact cost per share cannot be calculated since, in addition to completion of the Aquatic Plant Management Program, a Map, Plan, and Report (MPR) to determine the exact number of parcels in the **new district** will be needed. The MPR will be undertaken if it is determined that there is sufficient interest in the **new tax district**.

This is the first step in a lengthy process and we cannot begin until we receive your signature on the enclosed petition. Like you, there is not one of us who wants to pay more taxes. Unfortunately, if we do not prepare to take steps right now to care for the lake, the lake that we have loved and enjoyed will be ruined. Should you have questions, **a meeting is scheduled for all property owners on Lake Hadlock on Saturday, December 5, 2009, 10:00 AM, at the West Fort Ann VFD on Joe Green Road.** We urge you to please sign and return the enclosed petition

To:

Lake Hadlock Association, PO Box 438, Fort Ann NY 12827

Please plan to attend the meeting on December 5.

Thank you for your attention and your help.

Sincerely,

Alex DiLallo, 793-3934

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Gene Connell, 792-2621

Novembers, 2009