

# Lake George Association

## *A Lake Saving Project*

### Town of Putnam Stormwater Planning Project - May 2010

The Lake George Association (LGA) is pleased to announce that grant funding has been secured for a new stormwater planning project for the town of Putnam, scheduled for completion by the end of 2011.

Putnam's current stormwater infrastructure will be evaluated, covering the areas of Black Point Road, Glenburnie and Gull Bay.

#### Project steps:

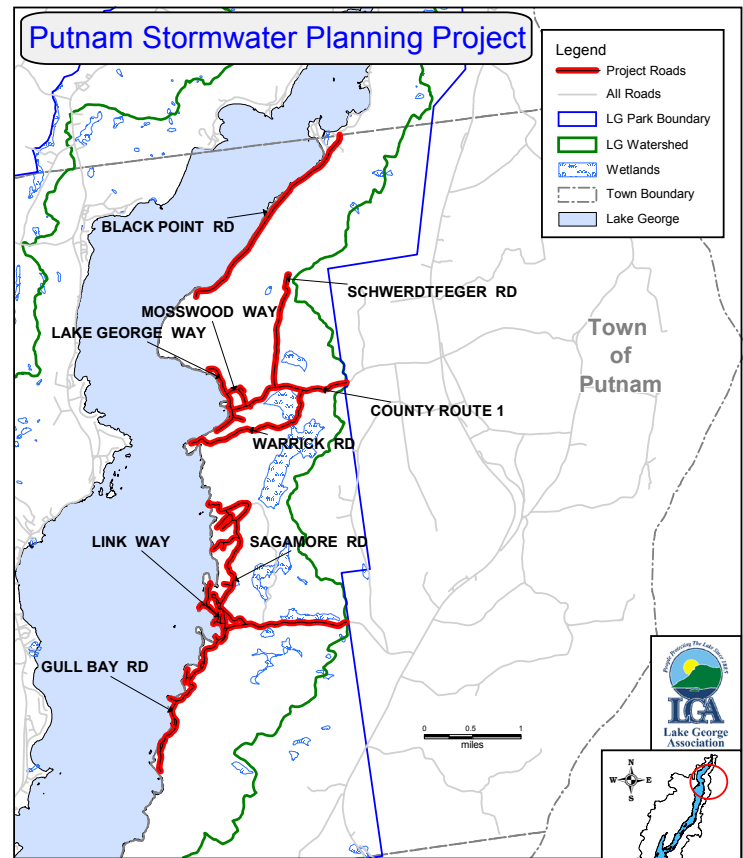
1. Document the existing stormwater infrastructure in the field;
2. Conduct limited hydrologic analysis on sites needing improvement;
3. Prioritize these sites;
4. Make recommendations on how to retrofit the highest priority sites.

There is concern about the beaver dam located in the Glenburnie area. A full evaluation for a catastrophic dam failure is outside the scope of this grant. However, we can provide possible dam alternatives and outline the steps needed to realize these alternatives.

The project is part of the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE) Planning Assistance for State Program. USACOE is providing \$65,000 for this project. The LGA is contributing \$30,000 toward the project and will be adding, along with some assistance from the town of Putnam, \$35,000 of in-kind services to complete the local match for the planning grant. LGA in-kind services will include collecting all available geographic data (digital GIS data), as well as physical collection and analysis of points in the Gull Bay area.

Final recommendations will be used to request technical assistance from the Watershed Environmental Assistance Program, which operates via the Lake Champlain Basin Program in cooperation with the USACOE. If accepted as a viable project, it will receive 65% federal funding with a 35% local match.

In making this project possible, LGA wishes to recognize the support of Supervisor John LaPointe, Highway Superintendent Gary Treadway, as well as support from many local homeowners, especially Peter Leyh.



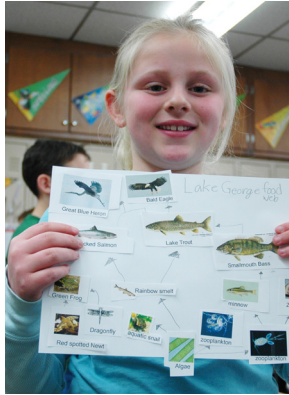
LGA Project Manager Randy Rath and Executive Director Walt Lender inspect an LGA Lake Saving Project on Hague Brook. Photo credits and thanks to Carl Heilman for the panoramic photograph used in the masthead at top.

# Join us in keeping the Lake beautiful and fun.

With a class-AA-special-water-quality designation, Lake George is one of the cleanest lakes in New York.  
For 125 years, LGA members have worked hard to keep it that way!

## The Oldest Lake Association in the USA.

The LGA is a non-profit organization with 5,000 members. Established in 1885, the LGA is the oldest lake association in the United States.



The LGA works together to protect, conserve and improve the quality and beauty of the Lake George Basin. Our approach to watershed management is both comprehensive and balanced. We are actively involved in monitoring lake quality, engaging people of all ages in education and stewardship, in providing accurate and balanced information and counsel, and in conducting lake-saving projects.

## Over 70 Lake Saving Projects help keep the Lake clean.

The LGA actively identifies, designs, funds and oversees infrastructure projects in the Lake George Watershed to reduce pollutants, sediment and nutrients from entering the Lake.

Since 2000, we have successfully coordinated dozens of complex lake-saving projects, involving regulatory agencies, municipalities, home-owners and land developers. We have fixed, or are currently engaged in fixing, over 70 problems in streams, roadsides, ponds, deltas and more.

Our lake saving infrastructure projects are in-the-lake, along the shoreline and inland. The input of members, residents, engineers, environmental consultants, and our Geographic Information System is vital to providing the information we need to identify potential and existing problems and to implement workable stormwater management solutions.

## Stewardship and Education to keep the Lake beautiful, now and in the future.

Over 1000 school children and visitors board the LGA's FLOATING CLASSROOM to learn about water quality and lake stewardship through hands-on experiences.

We train volunteers how to participate in the Citizens State-wide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP). These volunteers test the Lake's water quality on a regular schedule throughout the summer. Results are sent to CSLAP for analysis.



LGA publications, presentations and professional courses educate the public on a wide variety of topics, from alternative septic systems and lake-friendly gardening, to the management of nuisance geese.

Property owners come to us for advice on topics like buffers, native plantings and stormwater management, and invasive species. Our popular Citizen Science programs engage folks in monitoring turtles, loons and water quality, as well as zebra mussels and other invasives.



Each summer LGA's Lake Stewards inspect thousands of boats coming from other lakes to launch at Lake George sites. The stewards identify and remove invasive species and educate the boaters, encouraging CLEAN boats and CLEAN waters.

## Become a 125th Anniversary LGA member.

### You'll receive:

- The satisfaction of knowing you are a Lake George caretaker; preserving the Lake for generations to come;
- Access to LGA's staff of professionals for technical assistance, information & answers;
- LGA newsletters, E-mail alerts and event invitations;
- Recognition in LGA's Annual Report;
- Opportunities to serve and save the Lake!

