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2025 Annual Report of the Chautauqua Lake & Watershed Management Alliance

Presented at the May Member Meeting, The Lawson Center, Bemus Point, NY & via Zoom

Randall Perry, Executive Director

May 14, 2026

History & Structure of Our Alliance

- 501c3 Non-Profit Member Organization
 - ❖ 31 Founding Members
- Evolved from the Chautauqua Lake Management Commission (CLMC) in late 2014
- Established for the benefit of all lake and watershed stakeholders

Our Mission

The CLWMA, working in **collaboration** with lake and watershed-related organizations, municipalities and other stakeholders, will **promote and facilitate implementation** of recommendations from the Chautauqua Lake Watershed Management Plan and the Chautauqua Lake Macrophyte Management Strategy by **prioritizing projects, securing funding and allocating resources.**



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Introducing Our New Board of Directors Est. February 2026

- ❖ Cross section of **18 leaders from around Chautauqua Lake**
- ❖ **Appointed by our Members**, from their pool of talented elected officials, boards, or staff
- ❖ 3 from **County Government**
- ❖ 5 from Chautauqua Lake **Towns**
- ❖ 4 from Chautauqua Lake **Villages**
- ❖ 2 each from **CLA, CLP & CWC**
- ❖ **THANK YOU!**



Board

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Members

**Outside Lake
Consultant**



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Introducing Our *New Outside Lake Consultant, AJ Reyes, Certified Lake Manager & Aquatic Ecologist, GEI Consultants*

- ❖ 2025 Investments Driving 2026 Improvements
- ❖ 2025 → Learned the lake, its data & our Members
- ❖ 2026 → Action-oriented, timely advisement for Board & communication with our Members



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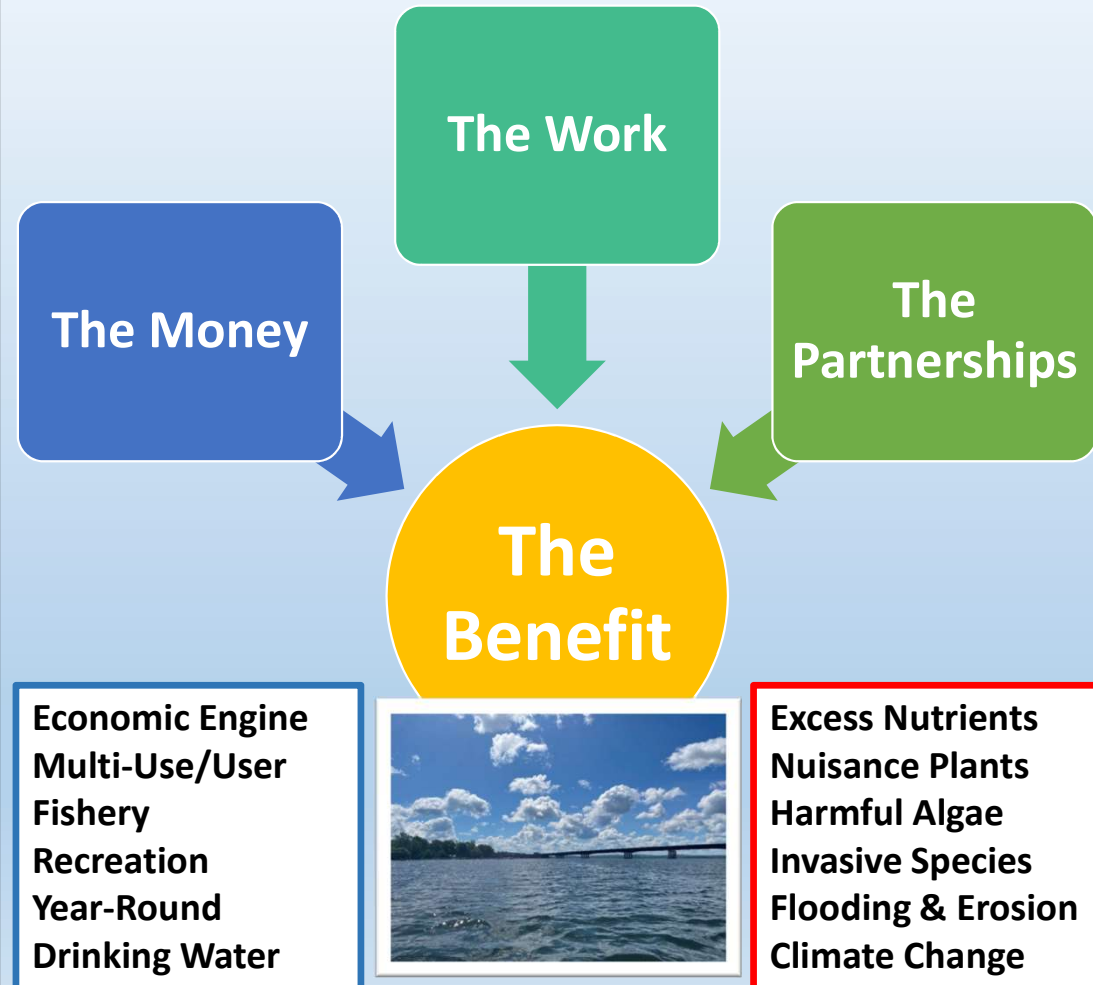
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Thank you!

- ❖ Members and founders of the Chautauqua Lake Management Commission (CLMC)
- ❖ Our Founding & Current Members
- ❖ County of Chautauqua
- ❖ Ralph C. Sheldon Foundation
- ❖ Chautauqua Region Community Foundation (CRCF)
- ❖ The Lenna Foundation
- ❖ Hultquist Foundation
- ❖ Arnold Holmberg Foundation
- ❖ Gebbie Foundation
- ❖ Committee Volunteers
- ❖ Individual Contributors
- ❖ Past & Present Board of Directors
- ❖ The Scientific Research Community
- ❖ Our Lake Community's Stakeholders
- ❖ NYS & US agencies: DEC, DOS, EFC, OPRHP, USACE & more



2025 Chautauqua Lake Management Snapshot – April to October

2025



- 2025 Achievements**
- ❖ *New lake consultant facilitating improvements*
 - ❖ *New herbicides with lower dosages*
 - ❖ *Board expansion for 2026*
 - ❖ *Joint ops between CLA & Town of Chautauqua*
 - ❖ *Delivery of critical new equipment for lake fleet*
 - ❖ *Navigated new regulatory framework*
 - ❖ *Over 24 million pounds of plants/debris removed*
 - ❖ *460 acres of invasive plant herbicide treatments*
 - ❖ *400 invasive water chestnut plants removed*
 - ❖ *17 acres of starry stonewort removal*

- Other 2025 Lake Programs**
- ❖ *May-Sept: Invasive Species Boat Stewards (CLA)*
 - ❖ *June-Sept: Invasive Species Early Detection Program (CWC)*
 - ❖ *August: Lakewide plant survey (CLP/NC State Univ.)*
 - ❖ *Native plant nursery pilot project (CWC)*
 - ❖ *'Yard Smarts' watershed program (CWC)*

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Lower Lake Challenges – 2025

2025 Financial Snapshot – *Local dollars tackling local priorities*

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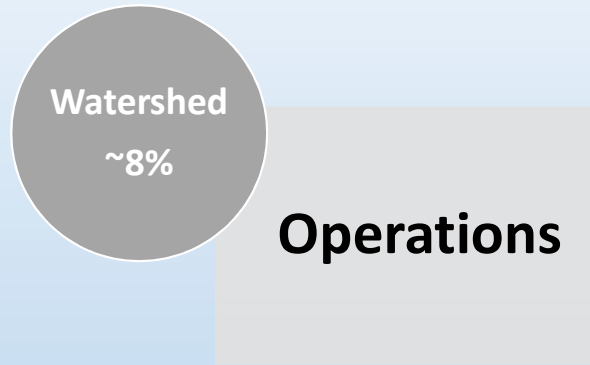
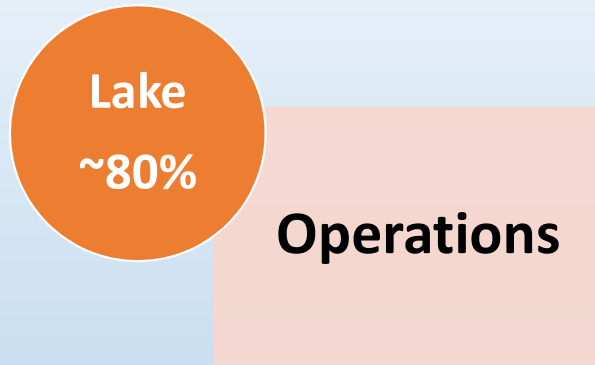
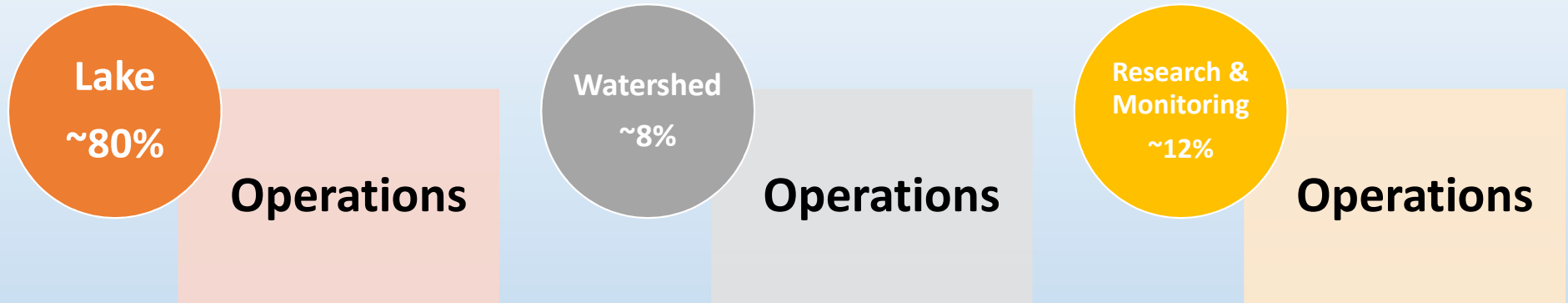


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2025 Financial Snapshot – Leveraging balanced, long-term protection

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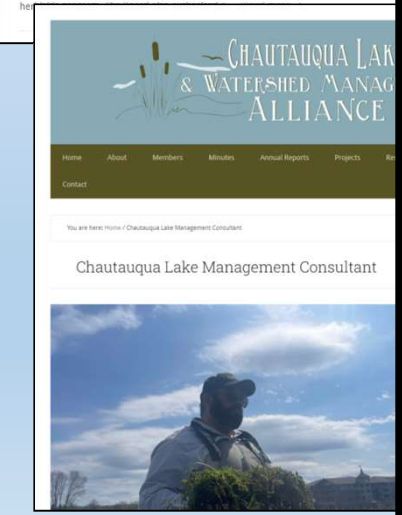
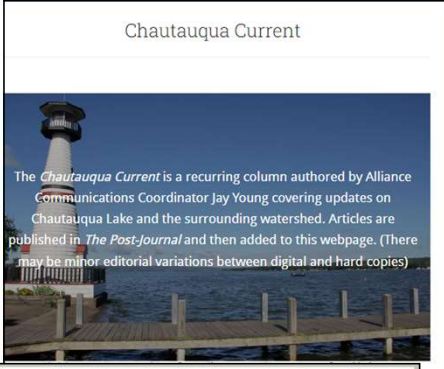
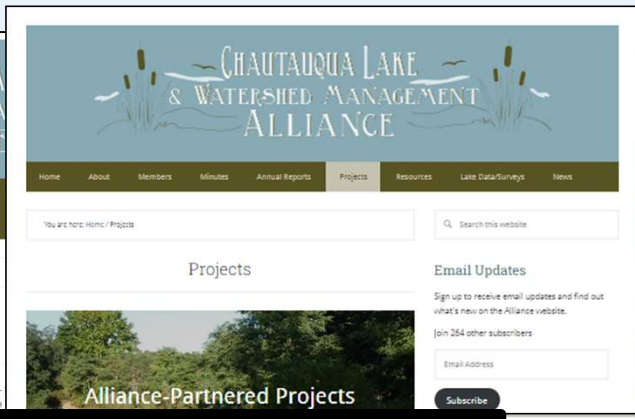
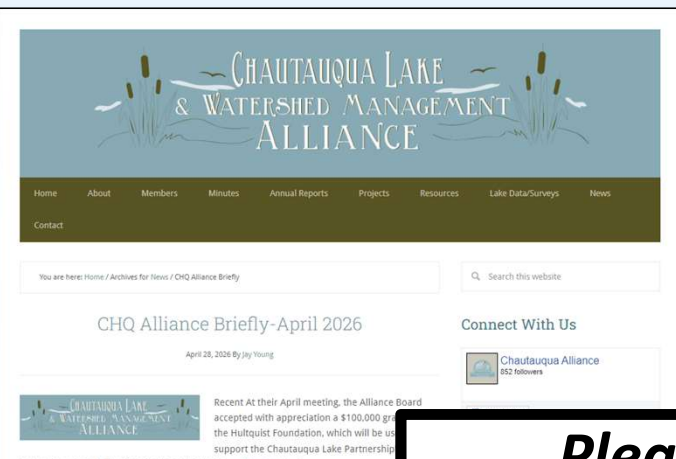


LOCAL Allocations Overall ca. 2017-2025:
~76% Lake | ~8% Watershed | ~16% Research & Monitoring

LOCAL & OUTSIDE Allocations Overall ca. 2015-2025:
~42% Lake | ~49% Watershed | ~10% Research & Monitoring

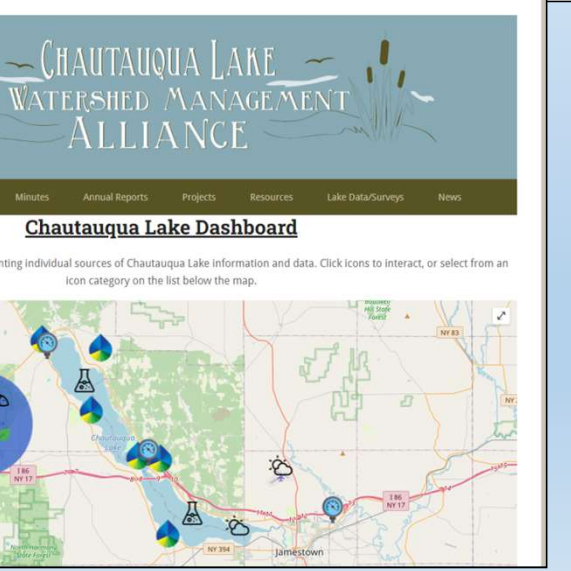
- ❖ Values in image above don't include NYS grants, which are mostly watershed-focused (Almost \$2M active in '25).
- ❖ Values above only include Alliance-partnered funding.

Want to learn more?



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<http://www.chautauquaalliance.org/>

And, please visit our Members' websites & social media to learn more about all the great work they do for the lake and watershed.



Thank you for your time & support! Questions?

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