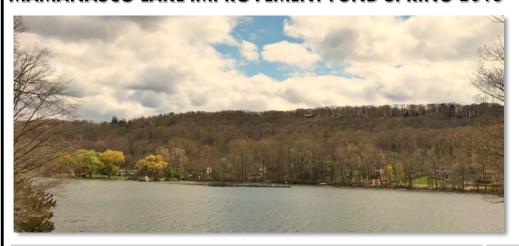
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President's Message

For those that I have not met yet, my name is Dean Williams and last month I stepped in as the new president of the Mamanasco Lake Improvement Fund. When my family and I first joined the Mamanasco Lake community 5 years ago, I was immediately impressed with the dedication and passion of the lake supporters. Whether it was the hard working board of directors, the Ridgefield town employees or the many financial donors, it takes a large team to protect and care for Mamanasco Lake.



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One of the things I love about our lake, is its rich history. From its importance to the Native American culture, to hosting Ridgefield's first grist mill in 1717 (and subsequent burning by the British in 1777), the ice houses that supplied refrigeration to the local homes, and the memories that thousands of families have made over past couple centuries, Mamanasco Lake has played a key role in our community. For the past 47 years, Mamanasco Lake Improvement Fund has worked hard to ensure that future residents of our community have the opportunity to enjoy the natural beauty of the lake. But this is not possible without your support. Protecting Mamanasco Lake takes significant resources- both people and financial. I encourage you to get involved. Please reach out to me if you want to learn more about how you can help protect our community lake.

Kind Regards,

Dean Williams, President – Mamanasco Lake Improvement Fund mlifboard@gmail.com

Healthy Lawn Tips

Want a healthy lawn AND a healthy lake? Follow these tips!

- 1. Test your soil's PH level to understand the right soil amendments.
- 2. Plant grass seed on existing lawns in the fall and spring to "out compete" weeds.
- 3. Use a grass mixture that does well in the setting (soil, sun, activity).
- 4. Leave the lawn clippings after the mow to add natural fertilizer to your lawn.
- 5. Water, if desired, in early morning, when there is less than 1 inch per week of rain.
- 6. Plant a deep rooted vegetation barrier between lawn and lake water.
- 7. Leave legumes, such as common white clover, among the grass to add nitrogen, which will naturally fertilize your lawn.
- If absolutely necessary, apply phosphorous free fertilizer once/year—the best time is early fall.
 Remember only phosphorus-free fertilizers and sweep up fertilizer from sidewalks and driveways.



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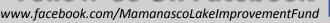
Phoslock Test

Cynthia & John Koelzer

Lake Treatments

We conducted the first lake treatment on
April 24th. Our lake management company
observed a drastic reduction in the amount of
non-native, curly leaf pondweed from last year.
Yeah! The presence of large amounts of curly
leaf pondweed has a direct link to toxic
blue-green algae blooms, so we are viewing
the reduction as a positive sign for this season.
Our next lake treatment is estimated to occur on May 10th.
In addition to being our first algae treatment of the year, the
lake will also be inspected for any curly leaf pondweed that has
popped up since the last treatment.

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maintain and improve the conditions of our lake, we are testing a new approach in the west end of the lake called Phoslock. With phosphorus being the primary nutrient for algae growth, lowering in-lake concentrations with Phoslock should improve water quality and may prevent or reduce the severity of nuisance algae blooms. For more information about this product, check out www.phoslock.com

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