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A PLAN FOR CEDAR LAKE

The following is a plan for the management of Cedar Lake and is intended to address the following areas of concern: (1) Water Level; (2) Water Contamination; and (3) Vegetation.

1. Establish a water level for the lake so that there is water sufficient to make the boat launch usable and so that there is water in the marsh.
2. Build a new spillway and install a permanent and lockable gate control with ability to control the water level of the lake.
3. Redesign and improve the storm drain system around the lake so that the storm drains are not dumping directly into swimming areas.
4. Purchase the swamp area property on the north end of the lake to prevent development of the swamp area, which acts as a filter for the lake.
5. Stabilize all lakeside parking lots to prevent erosion.
6. Stabilize all beaches to prevent the need for adding sand to beaches.
7. Stabilize the west bank of the lake near the spillway by proper seeding and enforce the parking ban along the bank of the lake in that area.
8. Enforce town ordinances regarding the prohibition of pets on beaches, bathing in the lake and bathing dogs in the lake.
9. Prevent feeding of water fowl on and near the lake.
10. Enforce zoning regulations within the Cedar Lake watershed area regarding the keeping of farm animals, junk yards, etc.
11. Pass an ordinance for mandatory septic pumping within the Cedar Lake watershed. The ordinance should require pumping every three to five years. The first pumping to be completed within 12 to 18 months after passing of the ordinance. Town records should be kept regarding compliance with the ordinance. The ordinance should include a provision requiring septic systems to be pumped and inspected prior to the transfer of property.
12. Contact the DEP and have them repair the boat launch and clean up surrounding area.
13. Draw down the water level of the lake in the winter months to kill of 80% of the weeds in the shallows to avoid the use of herbicides.
14. Research the possibility of using sterile carp for weed eating.
15. Provide public education with a direct mailing to everyone in the immediate lake area informing residents of the dangers of using detergents containing phosphates, fertilizers, etc.
16. Provide additional police patrolling around the lake to enforce laws.

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