

MLCA & WATERSHED ADVISORY GROUP GOALS 2012

1. Continue to support the Liberty Township Committee in **operating the municipal beach**. Also, request that they consider purchasing a **leaf vacuum** that would be used to prevent the massive volume of leaves which come down each fall from entering the lake & contributing to the increasing build-up of sediment. This piece of machinery could be used throughout the township to aid all citizens of Liberty who have a problem disposing of leaves and shared with other municipalities.
2. Pursue a grant to hire an **Executive Director** to guide and oversee the operation of the association.
3. **Increase** the amount of time allocated to **hand weed harvesting**. **Continue to encourage members to hand harvest**.
4. Stay active in the watershed management network to assist in seeking funding, if it is available, for a weed harvester, aeration system, or paleolimnologic study of the sediment to understand the history of lake eutrophication as it applies to Mountain Lake.
5. Continue to regularly update bulletin boards & to utilize e-mail to **improve communication** within our organization & the watershed when appropriate to compliment our three, yearly mailings.
6. Increase and sustain a membership level of **200 families committed to an environmental spirit** & to increase the number of life time members.
7. Continue to develop & participate in the **Water Monitoring Project** and the **Clean Communities Program**.
8. Continue pursuing **joint meetings** with the Liberty Township Environmental Commission featuring speakers that will provide important educational information to our members.
9. Continue to encourage the township committee to **adopt ordinances** that will contribute to the improvement of water quality in the watershed. Laws promoting the increase in size of riparian buffers, storm water retention strategies, lot size setbacks near water, lot size increases for building, and increased **zoning** are all necessary. Also, limits on dock & boat sizes permitted on the lake should be developed and implemented.
10. Continue to raise the awareness of our members and the community thru mailings and our bulletin boards regarding **good, safe, & efficient environmental practices**, i.e., promoting recycling & waste reduction, encouraging a reduction in the use of fossil fuels & the conservation of all natural resources, creating vegetative buffers along shorelines to aid in bank stabilization, filtering nutrients, and discouraging waterfowl; maintaining septic systems; limiting fertilizer and pesticide use; protecting our well water from potential contaminants; and, directing the flow of storm water over natural surfaces to promote absorption, ground water recharge, and filtration of sediments and nutrients.
11. Continue to **attend and participate in township committee & environmental commission** meetings and other state, county, and regional meetings of importance to the watershed.
12. Continue to **seek grants** that will result in improved water quality in our watershed.
13. Continue implementing a **lake management plan** that includes weed management, addresses all aspects of water quality, & includes a volunteer dock identification program, the establishment of 3 interpretive signs (Bog, Lodge, Capri) & a well monitoring plan.
14. Continue to hold a general membership meeting each summer.
15. Maintain **affiliations** with NJCOLA, NALMS, TR&VC, and the PPWA.