

March 4, 2009

Donald Nelson
NYSDEC
1285 Fisher Ave
Cortland, NY 13045

Dear Mr. Nelson,

I am writing in response to the notification that the Town of Cazenovia has applied for a permit to apply Renovate to the Lake this summer. I appreciate the information that has been provided about water restrictions, and although I do draw water from the lake, I have an alternative water source and do not foresee any problems with these restrictions.

I would like to voice my support for this proposed treatment. I have watched the lake deteriorate over the eight years I have lived here. We are losing a beautiful resource and the impact on our community will be huge if the spread of milfoil is not reversed. The summit attended by scientists and community members last November convinced me that Renovate is the only practical, cost-effective solution at this time. I am also assured that the possible negative impacts of applying an herbicide have been thoroughly researched, and while there are no absolute guarantees that something unforeseen may arise, I feel confident that the benefits far outweigh the risks.

Sincerely,