

# THE DISTRICT DISPATCH

The Cuba Lake District Board of Commissioners Information Letter

**January 2007 – Happy New Year to All**

**The HEADLINES:**

## **Lake Management Fund Budget is released to State for Approval:**

At a total planned expenditure of \$170,500, the Lake Management Fund Budget for fiscal year 07/08 has received sign-off by the Commissioners for issue to the State OGS for approval as required by the Lake Management Agreement. In accord with the Cooperative Management Agreement between the State and the Seneca Nation of Indians, the proposed budget and a suggested meeting schedule was sent to the Nation for comment. For more see "Management Fund Budget", page 3. For related story see "Cuba Lake Manager" on page 3.

## **Town of Cuba Proposed Sewer District:**

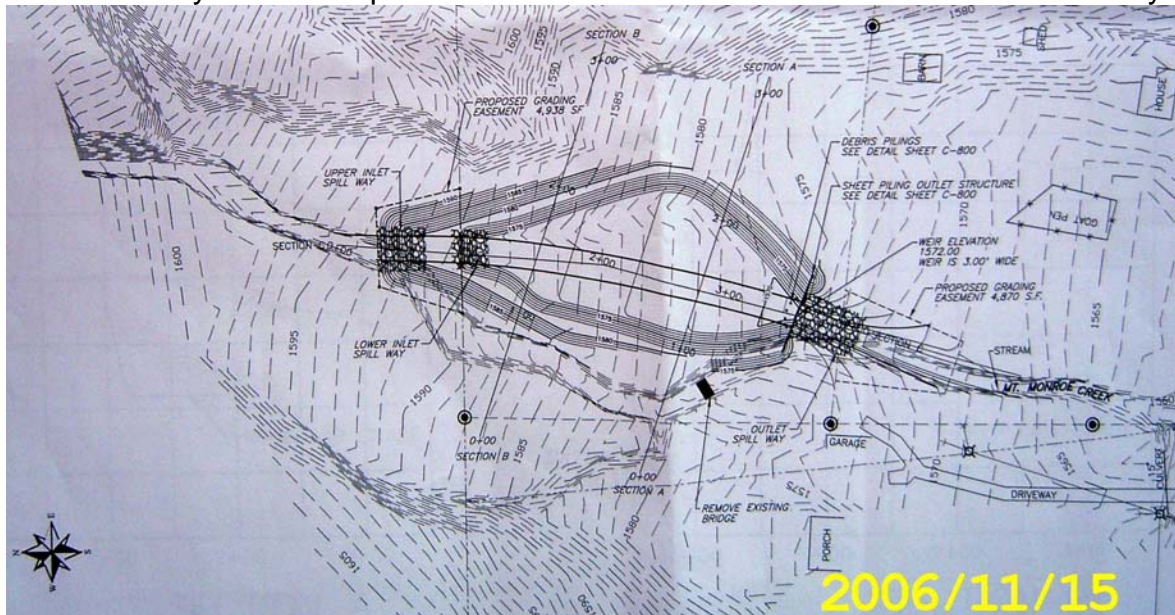
The vote on the proposed Sewer District is scheduled for March 22, 2007. Details of the voting procedure to provide most efficient coverage of the electorate are being worked out and will be published by the Town of Cuba in the near future.

The residents of the Town of Ischua portion of the proposed district have "voted" for the formation of the district by petition. Therefore, upon successful vote by the Town of Cuba, the full district as proposed would be formed.

The Town of Cuba is developing a web site to cover the project. The site will be named [www.cubany.org](http://www.cubany.org). The site is expected to be up and running by mid February; stay tuned. In the meantime information is available on [www.ourcubalake.com](http://www.ourcubalake.com).

## **Mt. Monroe Sediment Basin Project:**

2007 will be the year for completion of the sediment basin at Mount Monroe Tributary. The



necessary purchase contract has been signed contingent upon approval of the Cuba Lake District electorate by vote. A special election will be held at a date to be announced. Details of the vote and polls will be announced at least 30 days prior to the vote in the local newspapers (Patriot and Olean Times Herald). **By your vote, please support this project as it is important to sediment and debris control in the North East corridor of the Lake.**

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Upon completion of the project, 75% of the project cost will be reimbursed by FEMA through SEMO. Moneys in the 07/08 budget plus carryover from the 06/07 budget will be used to complete the project. Estimate for completion of the project is \$110,000. For reimbursement, the project must be complete by October 31, 2007. Purchase of land, required easements and completion of permits should allow advertisement for bids in April.

The Map Plan on page one shows the layout of the proposed sediment basin. It will be on approximately 3.3 acres of land on the North side of the North Shore road. The project will be somewhat unique from the Munger Hollow and Abbott's Creek projects due to the steep incline of the creek and the need to slow the resultant higher velocity of the water. The current "trench-line" of the creek will be moved East into the new basin. (Note North is to the left in the map Plan.) Over the last few years sediment and debris removal from the lake bed has had to be provided on a local basis in the area of lot #323 and adjacent properties. The development of this basin should greatly reduce flooding and debris problems both at the lakeside and at the adjacent properties on the North side of the road. (See Pictures below.)



#### **Rawson Creek WRP:**

In order to provide for enhanced filtration of nutrients and sediment entering the lake from Rawson Creek, The District has long supported the establishment of a marsh or wetlands in the Rawson Creek watershed. The final project has been fully funded without the District's help and the land has been provided by Joseph Strzelec who initiated the project.

The Rawson Creek project is of great interest to the future of Cuba Lake. The project would develop marshlands below the farm and around Rawson Creek providing a major attraction for water fowl (drawing them away from the lake) and providing filtration of the water before it enters the lake. The program will be funded as provided for under the USDA-NRCS, "Permanent Easement" program which provides 100% of funds required. The project, under the direction of the local office of the USDA-NRCS in Ellicottville, is still in the design phases and is at least two years from coming to fruition. However, the land easement has been closed. The easement was purchased from Marsh Acres LLC an entity for which Mr. Strzelec is the major stockholder.

The District Commissioners are setting up a meeting with the USDA-NRCS, Mr. Strzelec and government officials to review the project design, status and schedule. The meeting to occur in March or April.

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### **Lease fees due:**

Lease fees are payable "on or before May 1". Late payment penalty begins May 1 at an annual rate of 9% compounded daily. It is important to note that fees collected in 2007 will support the budget for year 08/09. From information available to the District, lease fees collected in 2006 represented 99.99% of fees due for the year. Hopefully we will make it 100% this year.

### **Spillway Schedule:**

The timbers used for controlling the water level at the spillway are being replaced. For this reason, all timbers have been removed from the spillway frame allowing the water level to go to the lowest level. With the rains we've had, getting to the lowest level has been no easy task. The current plan for putting timbers back into the spillway is:

- To return the timber height to normal winter level no later than February 15, 2007
- To return the timber height to normal summer level, a two step process, beginning as soon as the ice is off the lake but not earlier than March 15, 2007.

### **Management Fund Budget:** (continued from page 1)

The funds available to the District through this process are provided by the fees paid by the leaseholders on an annual basis. The 2006 drive for settlement of outstanding fees was very successful with only one long term delinquency and a few short term delinquencies remaining.

Budget cost areas for 07/08 compared to the budget for 06/07 are:

- Administration expense, down 7.3%, due to reduced cost of the District office partially offset by increased Insurance, Legal and contingencies.
- Weed cutting, equipment and other Maintenance, up 24%.
- Sediment control and other major projects, about even with the increased amount (290%) of last year.
- Total budget, is up about 2%.

### **Recognition Plaque:**

The Board of Commissioners is establishing a plaque to recognize those who have served terms in support of the Cuba Lake District. We need your help in remembering all of those who have served. On the reverse side of this page is a list based on information retrieved from our records. We would appreciate your giving us any additional information that you have concerning the people on the list as well as others who should be on the list. In addition to name and position, we would like to have the dates of service.

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**Meetings** – District office; 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month; beginning at 7:00 PM  
(Exceptions are published in local newspapers.)

