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Please help us stop the spread of Asian Clams in Lake George! Your quick response will allow us to **turn one dollar into two!**

As part of the Lake George Asian Clam Rapid Response Task Force, we are raising funds to address several populations of Asian Clams in Lake George. The Task Force is looking at a \$600,000 project to investigate Asian clam locations and install mats on 8-9 acres of lake bottom this fall. We achieved 98-100% effectiveness in the most recent treatment last fall, and we would like to repeat our efforts so that we can stay on top of the clams and not allow them to continue to spread.

We are looking to everyone who has an interest in protecting Lake George to share in the cost of this effort. The State of New York is expected to provide funding through the Lake George Park Commission, but the exact dollar amount remains undetermined. Various towns around the lake have committed between \$3,000 and \$12,500 each in 2013; and Warren County has committed \$150,000. As you can tell, this still leaves us markedly short of what we need for this upcoming treatment.

Asian clams are known to have drastic negative impacts on the environment, recreational uses, water quality, and property value surrounding waters they infest. The threat is great, but it is still manageable if we continue to take action. This is an effort to protect your property investment as well as protect water quality and recreation. Please consider the impact your donation can have on your family and for future generations. It is a wise investment in the future of Lake George.

The LGA will apply your donation directly toward the Asian clam management project this fall. For every dollar we raise from this appeal, the LGA will match with a dollar -- up to \$50,000. Not one dollar will be used for administration, overhead, or fundraising. In fact, your dollar will become two dollars with the LGA's match!

We are continuing to work to identify as many other funding sources as possible including local municipalities, county governments, state and federal agencies, and private individuals and foundations. A full report on the effectiveness of this treatment will be made available on the LGA's website at www.lakegeorgeassociation.org, and www.StopTheAsianClam.info next spring after the mats are removed.

Send your tax deductible contribution in the enclosed envelope to the Lake George Association which has set up a restricted fund to support Asian clam management. Please make your donation payable to Lake George Association.

Sincerely,

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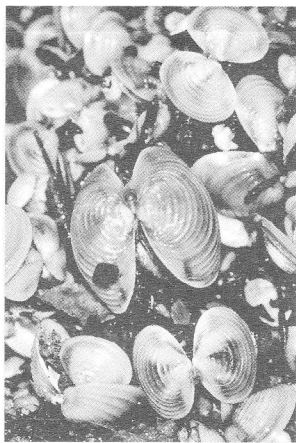
Map of Known Asian Clam Locations in Lake George

As of September 2013

Asian Clam Management in Lake George

September 2013 Update

Asian clams were found in Lake George in late 2010, and control efforts were initiated immediately in the spring of 2011 to eradicate this threat to the lake. Left unchecked, this invasive species multiplies rapidly, ultimately resulting in thousands of clams per square meter. Thanks to immediate action, no significant impacts from these clams have been noted in Lake George to date.



More than \$1.5 million has been spent over the past three years to control this threat, and the results of the most recent fall/winter treatment are very encouraging. Seven of the 27 known acres of clam beds in Lake George were treated using plastic mats on the bottom of the lake, which smother the clams. Planning efforts for a fall 2013 treatment are underway. For more information, including detailed reports and maps, go online to www.stoptheasianclam.info

