

June 8, 2023

Dear Bear Gulch Lake Partner,

We are reaching out to you as a partner in helping us determine the future of Bear Gulch Lake.

A committee was formed this year by the Town of Summit Board to help develop a Bear Gulch Lake Watershed Management Plan. The Committee is made up of eleven Town of Summit residents and the group is being advised by the Schoharie County Planning and Community Development Office and the Schoharie County Soil and Water Conservation District. The intent of the plan is to cover all issues that impact Lake users including:

- History of the Lake
- Recreation
- Impairments
- Maintenance
- Wildlife
- Land Use

Partners in this effort include:

- Watershed Landowners
- Bear Gulch Lake Association
- Town of Summit Board
- Schoharie County
- NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
- Army Corps of Engineers
- Schoharie County Soil and Water Conservation District

A key to a good plan is to have as much input as possible about all the issues to be investigated and discussed. We want to offer several ways for people to provide input during the process to ensure we cover all areas of concern. An excellent way to get input is to survey all property owners in the Bear Gulch Lake watershed. The survey is currently being developed and should be ready for distribution this summer. When you receive the survey, please take the time to answer the questions and return the survey on time. Your input is an important part of the decision-making process regarding the future of the Lake.

The Committee meets once a month at the Summit Town Hall (every 4th Monday at 1:00 p.m.). Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings. Please check with the Summit Town Clerk's Office at 518-287-1430 the day before attending to make sure a meeting has not been cancelled.

If there are specific issues that you would like addressed in the plan and/or survey, please contact Shane Nickle, Schoharie County Planning and Community Development at 518-295-8770 (8 a.m. to 4 p.m. M-F) or e-mail: nickle.shane@co.schoharie.ny.us. Project information will also be at the Town website - <https://www4.schohariecounty-ny.gov/government/town-of-summit/>

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this important endeavor.

Sincerely,

Bear Gulch Lake Watershed Committee