WCEBIA Newsletter
November 2026

WCEBIA 2027 Meeting Dates

Association Meetings are held the 2nd Saturday of each month, April through October at 10:00 AM. Locations to be determined. Dates of the 2027 meetings are:

April 10t
May 8th
June 12th
July 10t
Aug. 14th
Sept. 11th
Oct. 9th

Water Quality – Pres Dave Dailey

* The weed permit will be applied for in December.
* Dave and Ray have been involved in many meetings pertinent to area Bays. There will be more over the winter. These focus on working together to solve problems and share information.

Safe Harbor Vice President Ray Seigfred

*Our Temporary Revocable Permit (TRP) states we must bring equipment down the East side of the bar.
* He also shared that he would like to fill the damaged jetty with rocks and stone on the Lake side for safety. The DEC has declined any movement of rocks or fixes. Concerns have been expressed that with the condition of the jetty, the stone could be washed out and more damage done. This will be explored further.
* Ray also participated in a Great Lakes Action webinar. He concluded that it looks like there may be some great opportunities coming.
* Ray confirmed that the fill closing the channel is originating from the East side.

Apparel Lou Buscemi & Sharon Brewater

* There is some stock left from this year. No new orders will be placed until next year. *

Social Concerns -Kate Seigfred

*Please notify Kate if you are aware of events in the lives of our Bay neighbors that we should acknowledge and Kate will send a card from the Association. Dan Young shared that west side resident Pete Skillins passed away in August.

Social Media Jim Pierce

- Newsletters and any other pertinent information are posted to the website as soon as they are received.-*
  Website - https://www.wcebia.org/

* Exceptionally East Bay is a Facebook Page overseen by Kelli Bushnell. Check it out!!

Social Events – Donna Buscemi

* A big" Thank-you!" to Donna Buscemi for organizing our gatherings this year. Please contact Donna if you have any suggestions for social events in the 2027 season.



There are said to be 40 species of cormorants worldwide. These two are commonly found in New York State with the Double breasted the most common

Great Cormorant



Double Crested Cormorant

Cormorant Study-

The cormorant sightings study mentioned last month continues to be active. On Monday, October 12th, Seth Vorhees of Spectrum News featured a story about these birds. Zakk Hess, the Wayne County GIS Manager, got the attention of the DEC with his

study of cormorants in Wayne County and it has grown. You can watch Seth Vorhees report that includes interviews with Zakk Hess and Huron Town Supervisor, Dave Fantuzzo and " a ride" on Sodus Bay here:
https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/rochester/news/2026/10/08/cormorants-migratory-birds-new-york

You can continue to report any sightings of Cormorants here:
https://gis.co.wayne.ny.us/survey123/share/9fed526c1ddb43268d2741cf4f95b

Information from October Meeting Guests:

*Dave Fantuzzo – Huron Town Supervisor

- District 10 water project.
  - Tammy Vezzose, Huron Town Clerk had easements with her and notarized for those in attendance as needed. If you received an easement and have not had it notarized, and returned it, please do so soon.
    * Note: Tammy is available at the Town Hall to notarize easements and anything else that residents might need notarized.
  - Dave reported that Work on the water project has begun. It will stop November 1st and resume in April – weather permitting. The goal is to have the water project completed in 2027. The plan is to activate sections of the project as they are completed.
  - A sewer feasibility study continues to be worked on. It is being pursued as a water quality issue as there is more funding available going this route.
  - There are numerous stresses on the town budget but every attempt will be made to keep the effect of these two projects on taxes low or flat.
- Weed harvesting –
  - Attempts have been made to make changes to the weed harvesting program. Working with the DEC, Wayne County, the Bay Associations, and homeowners concerning what needs to be and what can be done. More money has been put into the harvesting budget. A new harvester was purchased but is pretty much dedicated to Blind Sodus Bay and the Wolcott Pond. Overall quality of the program's job still needs improvement. Mike Walker who oversees the harvester program has been training a replacement to take over his position next season.
    *Someone on Port Bay is looking into purchasing a harvester to potentially do Port and East Bays.
  - There is an ongoing Marine Sanctuary study of the southern coastal area of lake Ontario. A Marine Sanctuary Center has opened in Oswego. There is an effort to get some centers in Wayne County – the area under study ends at the Wayne/Monroe border.
  - Dave F. is attempting to get other Supervisors to understand the needs of the Bays but he is only one of 15.

*Tess Ruswick – Principal Proof Projects

- The goal of the project is to monitor the shoreline and find fixes to problems or concerns.
- The 3 year funded project is looking to answer three questions:
  * 1st Year (2026): Data Collection and baseline understanding of history. The last survey was done 13 years ago.
  * 2nd Year (2027): How do various things affect the shoreline (ex.: dredging, weeds, herbicide treatment, and any anomalies)? We can help by checking back newsletters, sending photos, or other things to help with data collection. Things like weeds – when do they bloom, peak and how long do they last. Water temperature information. Any such information will help with the study.
- 3rd Year (2028): Did the jetty change the shoreline?
  * We need to balance sediment movement with bar strength.
  * Based on shoreline data collected thus far, the jetty hasn't changed the shoreline much going back to the 1980s. East Bay actually has a strong barrier bar which the jetty has helped.
  * Tess shared that the wave buoy missing from outside the East Bay channel was found to has been moved "to a land location".After it went missing, it was discovered through GPS in a ditch south of Syracuse. It will go back in the water in the Spring with more security and better markings. It tracks wave action.
- **Note:** On October 14th, a questionnaire from Tess was e-mailed to all Bay members. She and her fellow Proof Projects Principal (Sean who works in conjunction with Cornell) hope to get as many of these returned as possible. If you have not completed one, there is one attached to this newsletter. Feel free to share this information with East Bay neighbors. Thanks!!

Questions should be directed to :

- Tess Ruswick
- Principal, *PROOF Projects, LLC*
- www.proofprojects.com
- www.healthyportfutures.com
- Mail: Tess Ruswick, Proof Projects,213 Mountain St., Philadelphia, PA. 19148

Association Budget Vote

- At the October 2026 Association meeting, the members in attendance unanimously voted to adopt the same budget for 2027 as was successfully used in 2026. Reach out to an officer if you have questions.

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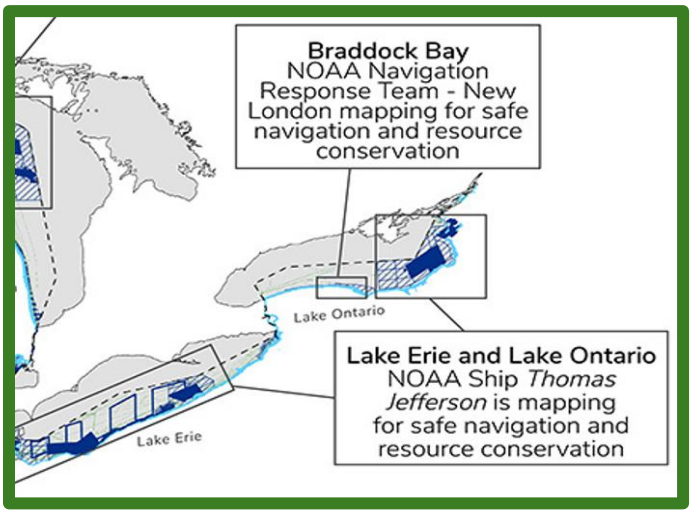
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Jan Brewster Tom Boehly Lou Buscemi
Jim Pierce Tim Wright

* NOAA Vessel

- The Thomas Jefferson, the research vessel that has been mapping the floor of the Lake (see map below) this summer held an Open House in September. Some Bay residents attended – Jeff Klem and Tom and Barb Boehley that I am aware of . They reported that they have found many surprising things in their efforts. We'll look forward to sharing their report!



Map of the area surveyed by the Thomas Jefferson this summer. Compliments of Ocean Service.gov

Membership

As of October 28,2026. The Wayne County East Bay Improvement Association has 57 paid members. Encourage your neighbors to become members and support the Association as we work to maintain and improve our Bay.

*** If your membership ends in 2026, remember to update your membership in 2027. Form is attached. No change in membership dues!**

1	Albanese, Charlie & Michelle	25-27
2	Boehly, Tom & Barbara	25-28
3	Brewster, Jan & Sharon	23-26
4	Buscemi, Frank & Danielle	24-26
5	Buscemi, Louis & Donna	26-28
6	Buscemi, Louis & Veronica	24-26
7	Bushnell, Jeff & Kelli	26
8	Cutaia, David & Jennifer	25-27
9	Dailey Jr., Dave & Kim	25-27
10	Dailey Sr., David & Charlotte	26-28
11	Dailey, Pete	24-26
12	Damico, Bryan	24-26
13	Darrow, Richard & Deb Aufderheide	26-28
14	Finn, Michelle & Jeremy Stoner	25-27
15	Godfrey, Kim	25-27
16	Godfrey, Roger	25-27
17	Groeschel, Mark & Donelle	25-27
18	Hopping, Raymond & Cynthia	26
19	Isselhard, Alan & Mary	26-28
20	Jakymowycz, Eileen & Steve	25-28
21	Jessop, Terri & Lawrence Thorek	26-28
22	Kalbfleisch, Larry & Patty	26
23	Klem, Jeff & Wanda	24-26
24	Klem, Jim & Eileen	24-27
25	Kopin, David & Laurie	25-27
26	Kujawa, Aili & Nevin Maffett	24-27
27	Kujawa, Dolly	25-27
28	LaForce, Darryl & Anna	24-26
29	Latone, Dorothy	26-28
30	Latone, Lawrence & Betty	24-28
31	Link, Bob & Robin	24-27
32	Link, Jim & Debbie	26-29
33	Merchant-Borna, Kian & Rachel	24-26
34	Myhers, James	26
35	Pierce, Jim	26-31
36	Pierce, Roger	25-26
37	Piperata, Anthony & Linda	26
38	Plucinik, Peter & Tamara	26-28
39	Schalberg, Jeremiah & Carrie Nelson	24-26
40	Schlosser, Gary	26-28
41	Schmitt, Jim & Kathy	26
42	Seigfred, Greg & Kim	25-27
43	Seigfred, Marc & Kelsie	25-27
44	Seigfred, Ray & Kate	25-27
45	Sloan, Bob & Diane	25-27
46	Stam, George & Gretchen	24-26
47	Staub, Paul & Diane	25-27
48	Straubing, Tammy	23-26
49	Tahou, Alex & Jeanette	25-27
50	Triplett, Roger & Janet	24-27
51	Tooley, Bill and Mary	
52	Troia, Bill & Dawn Vanderwater	25-27
53	Van Cura, Joe & Maureen	26
54	Watts, Rick & Lois	24-27
55	White, Diane	24-27
56	Wright, Tim & JoAnne	24-26
57	Young, Dan	26

Have a safe winter! See you in the Spring!!!