

“Weeds” or Algal Blooms? Healthy waters need growing plants!!

THIS?

- Rooted plants in our lakes produce oxygen, provide food and stabilize bottom sediments.
- Rooted plants, including long-established non-native plants, provide nursery areas for fish and inhibit algal blooms.
- Rooted plant harvesting removes the surface nuisance while retaining the below-surface ecosystem benefits and sediment control.

OR THIS?

- Plants treated with herbicides remove oxygen from the water and release nutrients into the water as they decompose.
- Fewer growing plants can turn a shallow, nutrient-rich lake like Chautauqua into an algae-dominated lake.

Do YOU want rooted plants or algal blooms?

- Visit <https://bit.ly/3OTp09h> to see the research demonstrating the value of rooted plants in healthy lakes and the harmful impact of algal blooms
- Permit requests have already been submitted to apply even more herbicide, ProcellaCOR, in Chautauqua Lake between July 18 and August 12.

**Help keep Chautauqua Lake healthy!
Sign the petition against use of the herbicide
ProcellaCOR in Chautauqua Lake at
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QR code**



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