

ATTN: ANDREW ZIEMIAN  
PROJECT # 2024-0040

I have been a resident  
of Caraga Lake for many  
years + do not recall putting  
any chemicals in our lake.

The weeders did a good job  
getting weeds out.

The children enjoy fishing  
+ they cook some of their  
fish.

Therefore, being a resident  
of Caraga Lake I certainly  
disagree with any chemicals  
put into the lake.

From a long time resident



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Attn: Aaron Ziemann  
Comments from: Jim Altizio  
Email from: [altizioj1@aol.com](mailto:altizioj1@aol.com)  
Address: 304 south shore rd(west) NY 12032  
Re: Agency Project 2024-0040, Town of Caroga

My Comments:

I am opposed to this project for the following reasons. I think that this product isn't to used in a lake that has outflow,TA2 site on east caroga lake is at the outflow of the lake. A am very concerned about putting any chemical in the lake.

**From:** [John Glenn](#)  
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Dear Aaron Ziemann

In response top APA pending ProcellaCOR EC project scheduled for Caroga Lake, I am total favor of this project to help us control the weed problem in our lakes

John L Glenn,MD

**From:** [Karen Fusco](#)  
**To:** [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)  
**Subject:** APA Project No. 2024-0040 East and West Caroga Lakes  
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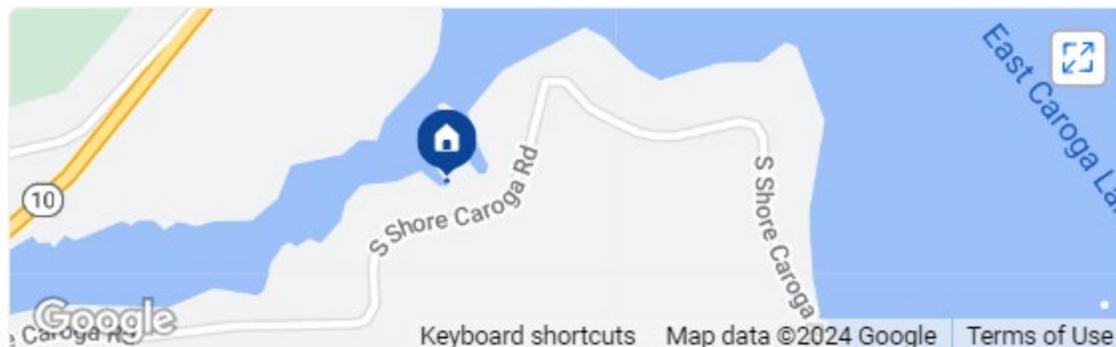
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Dear Mr. Ziemann:

My husband and I are completely in favor of the proposed project for the application of the aquatic herbicide to treat the Eurasian watermilfoil in East Caroga Lake. Our property is located within the outlet area of East Caroga Lake, which I believe is south of and nearest to the TA2 treatment area. The presence of Eurasian watermilfoil is prevalent in the water that borders our property and we're concerned that the treatment applied during this project will not adequately control the Eurasian watermilfoil that is present in the outlet areas beyond the TA2 treatment area. Furthermore, without extending the treatment into the outlet to mitigate the watermilfoil there, when the residents take their boats from the outlet into the lake, the watermilfoil that gets pulled up and wrapped into the propellers will be spread back into the lake. With that, we'd advocate that it would be beneficial to extend the treatment area further to include the outlet area.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Karen and Michael Fusco  
728 S Shore Caroga Road  
Caroga Lake, NY 12032



**From:** [Christine DeBellis](#)  
**To:** [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Aquatic herbicide ProcellaCOR EC  
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I'm writing to object to the application of the aquatic herbicide ProcellaCOR EC. From what I've read there is not enough evidence that this is safe and needs further study. We have a house on West Caroga Lake and get our water from the lake and we all swim in this lake which includes 4 children. They still allow Glyphosate to be used and its a known carcinogen so if they aren't banning Glyphosate usage why do they want us to believe this chemical is safe. This lake is also known for its great fishing so now the fish are affected as well as anyone that eats the fish which goes for humans, birds, wildlife. Please consider the whole affect on the environment in your decision. Maybe take a look at what Lake George is doing since they outlined a handful of problems it found and have suspended its application approval.

Sincerely,  
Christine DeBellis  
12 Dry Brook Road  
West Shokan, NY 12494  
[cdebelli@gmail.com](mailto:cdebelli@gmail.com)

**From:** [Jim Lebinski](#)  
**To:** [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)  
**Cc:** [Darcy Lebinski](#); [Don Hopper](#); [papaduke00@gmail.com](#); [wjhogan@outlook.com](#); [GPS@readyscout.com](#); [supervisor@caroga.town](#)  
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Hello Aaron,

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Jim and Darcy Lebinski

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**From:** [Art Forgue](#)  
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Art and Dawn Forgue

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**From:** [Nicole Wright](#)  
**To:** [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)  
**Subject:** PA Project No. 2024-0040 - ProcellaCOR Applications in East & West Caroga Lakes  
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Dear Mr. Ziemann-

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above project.

As full-time lakeside residents of East Caroga Lake (10+ years), and formerly West Caroga Lake (4 years), we have a vested interest in the health of these waterbodies. Coincidentally, so does the NYSDEC given that they stock Splake annually and also operate the Caroga Lake Public Campground.

While we understand that the mechanical harvesting of milfoil that the Town of Caroga has historically undertaken certainly has its limitations and disadvantages, introducing an aquatic herbicide into two Adirondack lakes also raises significant concerns.

The NYSDEC website indicates that East Caroga Lake “provides excellent warm water fishing and rainbow trout fishing” (<https://dec.ny.gov/places/east-caroga-lake>). Similarly, West Caroga Lake “is known for excellent warm water fishing, but it also offers the only location to fish for Splake in the county” (<https://dec.ny.gov/places/west-caroga-lake>). Meanwhile, the Mohawk River Watershed Grant Awards announcement (<https://dec.ny.gov/news/press-releases/2023/8/lieutenant-governor-antonio-delgado-and-dec-announced-600000-in-mohawk>) states this a “Project to demonstrate whether the use of an herbicide to eradicate the invasive milfoil plant can be accomplished with no harmful effects on water quality, fish, or native plants.” Shouldn't we know this first before taking a chance and introducing this herbicide?

A pause would seem logical to allow for further study of ProcellaCOR. Additionally, we believe the Town of Caroga, and the other lakeside residents in particular, need to do their part to reduce the nutrients that artificially feed the milfoil, by updating their legacy septic systems stressed by full-time use and discontinue their routine applications of lawn fertilizer, runoff which has caused Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) in recent years. If after these housekeeping efforts have been exhausted, and assuming the toxicity and interim ProcellaCOR results are further proven and favorable, the Town of Caroga could reasonably consider introducing this herbicide as a last resort to address milfoil.

As members of the Caroga Fish and Game Club, we also raise funds to annually stock Rainbow and Brown Trout, which the Town of Caroga matches. However, if this herbicide application proceeds, we will be halting our stocking efforts given the sensitivity of trout until water quality is actually proven, not assumed, safe for aquatic life. Curiously, does the NYSDEC still intend to stock Splake here this year if ProcellaCOR is applied?

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. Again, we believe the potential effects

of ProcellaCOR should be definitively known and understood prior to treating both East and West Caroga Lakes. Introducing aquatic herbicides into Adirondack lakes should be the method of last resort, with all other options exhausted.

Respectfully,  
Nicole Wright  
Michele Simmons  
(Maloney Road, ECL)

**From:** [Dave Steele](#)  
**To:** [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)  
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Mr. Ziemann,

I am writing in response to a letter from the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) received by my sister Katherine Hargis which was dated 2/26/24. I am representing my family who are long time lakefront property owners at 249 Garlock Road East Caroga Lake, NY. We are very concerned about the Town of Caroga's plans to administer the aquatic herbicide ProcellaCOR EC in up to four locations on East and West Caroga Lakes in early summer 2024.

We grant that ProcellaCOR EC is a latest-generation aquatic herbicide targeting Eurasian Milfoil, and that this Milfoil is gaining a faster hold in Caroga Lakes than the current weed harvesting methods can keep up with.

During Summer 2023 we did extensive research on this product and the problem of Eurasian Milfoil in general, attended the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Invasive Species presentations at Saratoga Spa State Park, met personally with Town Board members, and attended both informational meetings of the Caroga Town Board on July 21st and October 18th.

**After discussions with DEC scientists who have conducted studies on this herbicide we are not at all convinced that ProcellaCOR EC dissipates without affecting the basic food chain of the lakes, not to mention long-term yet-undetected effects on human genetic material. While several lake communities within Adirondack Park and several states are allowing this herbicide to be used, several others have warned of adverse consequences including potential birth defects to humans.**

Control of Eurasian Milfoil and invasive species generally is a difficult, multi-faceted problem. It is closely related to the increasing development of the lakes with consequent dramatic increase in recreational gasoline-powered watercraft. We are concerned that the Town of Caroga, despite statements to the contrary, will consider this herbicide a quick fix for the Milfoil problem and emphasize the herbicide use over other endeavors. Indeed the enforcement of existing law regarding boat washing is weak at best. More natural methods of control and public education are areas that also need to continue emphasis going forward.

We see this herbicide use as part of a growing trend toward relaxing the "forever wild" mandate in the Adirondack Park in general.

We understand the APA will probably concur with DEC in granting a permit for use of ProcellaCOR EC in East and West Caroga Lakes. We strongly request APA to strictly monitor the application of this herbicide and follow up with long-term monitoring of the results by independent entities.

Thank you for considering our concerns. We look forward to your reply.

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**From:** [Barbara Musial](#)  
**To:** [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)  
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Hello Aaron,  
Just letting you know that we fully support the work you will be doing. We live on Garlock Rd. near zone TA4.  
Best of luck with the project.  
Thank you for the information.  
Barb and Michael Musial

**From:** [Clarebunny Caroga](#)  
**To:** [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)  
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Hi. How are you?

We got your notice. Our only comments are:

DO IT!!!

We've lived on Avery Road for over 20 years and in that time, weeds have increased every year - especially the milfoil. As the dredger works, the tailings float into the Avery Road cove and take root. The fish nests we used to be able to watch from our dock have disappeared under a carpet of milfoil. The dredger won't come into the cove because it smells bad (true story).

We are PRO ProcelliCOR.

DO IT!

Kind regards,

James and Marcia Johnson

115 Avery Road

Caroga Lake

**From:** [Tor S](#)  
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Dear Aaron Ziemann & Deputy Director Plante:

We are sending this email in response to the Park Agency's request for comment regarding application of the herbicide ProcettaCOR EC.

I've already read the proposal for this application, and know first hand, that suction harvesting is not the complete answer to eradication of Eurasian Watermilfoil. In fact, nothing thus far is completely successful.

That said, from what we've read, this herbicide has a short period of toxicity (drinking it or swimming in it would be restricted), and is reported to be non-toxic to non-invasive native plants, fish, and waterfowl. Those of us who live in the areas proximal to the proposed treatment areas, have been informed in writing about the need to not use the water for a period of time that has yet to be determined.

Luckily for us, our water is from a deep drilled well, not proximal to the lake. We have advocated for this Town for years, and firmly believe that reducing the impact of various invasive species, is a means to preserve and protect the overall environs of this beautiful Town. We support the application of this herbicide and look forward to being informed about the dates for application, if approved, and the timeframe during which the applications would occur and use of these areas would be restricted.

Best regards,

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