

The Cayuga Lake Protection Plan:

- Protects Cayuga Lake water quality
- Helps maintain clean, safe water for swimming, fishing, boating, and recreation
- Retires aging holding tanks and septic systems
- Offers convenience, eliminating pump-outs, septic maintenance, and emergency repairs
- Reduces resident costs through substantial state grant funding
- Safeguards the tourism economy that supports our region
- Preserves the natural beauty that makes the Finger Lakes unique and special

Public Meetings

Tues., May 5, 7 p.m.

Tues., June 2, 7 p.m.

**Southern Cayuga School Cafeteria
2384 Route 34B, Aurora**

For more information, including the project plan and comprehensive FAQs, visit www.ccwsa.us.

If you have questions, contact Susan Phillips at sphillips@ccwsa.us.

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Protecting Our Lake.



Cayuga Lake Protection Plan



Preserving Our Future.

Project Outline

The Cayuga Lake Protection Plan, also referred to as county sewer district #3, is a proactive investment to safeguard the water quality, natural beauty, and cherished lifestyle that draw families to the Finger Lakes, and preserve the lakeside lifestyle for generations to come.

Heavy recreational use along the densely populated Cayuga Lake shoreline is allowing pollutants and excess nutrients to enter the water, contributing to harmful algal blooms that have increased in frequency in recent years.

To minimize this surge, this project proposes to install a low-pressure sewer system along approximately nine miles of Cayuga Lake shoreline in the towns of Ledyard and Genoa, creating a new Cayuga County sewer district in the process. Wastewater from homes in the district will be transported to the Village of Aurora's wastewater treatment plant to be safely treated.

Project Benefits

Healthier, cleaner lake water will improve conditions for swimming, fishing, boating, and recreation while helping safeguard property values and the vital tourism economy. This project eliminates the need for holding tanks and septic systems, ending maintenance hassles and reducing truck traffic, creating more time to enjoy lake living in a healthy environment.

Project Cost

More than half of the \$33 million Cayuga Lake Protection Plan cost will be covered by state grant funding, with the remainder financed through a 30-year, 0% interest loan, keeping resident costs as low as possible. Based on current financing, the household cost will not exceed \$165.83 per month for the sewer system. Additional grant funding is being pursued that could lower this amount further.

Protect Tomorrow. Act Now.

The question isn't whether action is needed—it's whether the pollution issue is addressed now or later when the problem worsens and becomes more expensive. Acting now delivers cleaner water for recreation and creates a healthier lake ecosystem, protecting Cayuga Lake's natural beauty and the exceptional quality of life it provides generation after generation.

PROJECT TIMELINE

- 2026** Planning, design, and financing finalization
- 2027** Upgrades to the Village of Aurora wastewater treatment plant
- 2028-2030** Construction in fall-spring months installing:
 - 8.9 miles of underground sewage force mains
 - 275 grinder pump stations
 - Two intermediate pump stations
- 2030** System operational

Project Voting

Voting to move this project forward will take place on Tuesday, June 23, 2026, 6 a.m.–9 p.m.

The Genoa and Ledyard polling locations are still to be determined by the Cayuga County Board of Elections. Visit ccwsa.us.