



Crystal Lake Preservation Association
PO Box 872 Barton, VT 05822

Crystal Lake is a beautiful, glacial lake located in Barton, Vermont. Known for its crystal-clear water, the lake supports a wide variety of native flora and fauna and provides year-round recreation opportunities to residents and visitors of Vermont's Northeast Kingdom.

The Crystal Lake Preservation Association (CLPA) is a non-profit group dedicated to preserving the beauty and purity of our wonderful lake.

The CLPA hires a specially trained diver to remove the milfoil using various techniques, including diver-assisted suction harvesting (**DASH**). DASH is a chemical-free method for removing invasive aquatic plants using divers with specialized equipment to uproot target plants and feed them into a suction hose for collection and disposal, effectively removing the entire plant, roots and all, to prevent regrowth. This technique protects native plants while controlling invasive species like [Eurasian Watermilfoil](#), making it an effective and eco-friendly alternative to herbicides.

To continue our remediation efforts to keep Crystal Lake free from invasive species, the CLPA hires local residents as four greeters each year who work at the boat launch to inspect watercraft that are entering or exiting the lake to ensure no plant matter is brought in or taken out. Boat transfer is by far the biggest culprit in spreading invasive species from lake to lake. Our incredible greeters work hard to protect the lake, hand-in-hand with our diver assisted harvesting, alongside volunteers who use their own boats to survey and hand pull invasive species.

The last two summers with their opposing meteorological conditions, flooding one year then drought the next, have not created a significant increase in invasive species that would be expected with those types of extreme weather events. This is a result of the hard work of the CLPA and in the remediation efforts we can complete with the assistance of the annual appropriations from the town of Barton and an Aquatic Nuisance Control annual grant from the State of Vermont.

There are concerns going into the 2026 season, however. To compete with other lake associations, we are increasing the hourly rate for our local resident employees from \$15 an hour to \$18 an hour. This increase, along with the DASH increases every year will put a strain on our budget. The CLPA is always looking for ways to raise more money to continue our important work, and are concerned about the future availability of the ANC grants and the decrease in funding from the federal government.



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Non-Profit Name:		Actuals		Budget		Next Year	
Crystal Lake Preservation Association Inc		12/31/2025	%	12/31/2026	%	12/31/2027	%
Fiscal Year ending:							
REVENUE AND SUPPORT							
Revenue							
	Product sales	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00	0%
	Membership Dues	\$1,196.01	4%	\$1,300.00	3%	\$1,400.00	4%
Support							
	Town of Barton Appropriation (end of prev year)	\$6,838.00	22%	\$15,000.00	39%	\$15,000.00	39%
	Grant from VT ANC24 (March, for prev year)	\$22,553.00	74%	\$21,201.00	56%	\$21,000.00	55%
	Contributions and Donations		0%				
Other							
	Events and Fundraising		0%	\$500.00	1%	\$1,000.00	3%
	TOTAL INCOME	\$30,587.01	100%	\$38,001.00	100%	\$38,400.00	100%
EXPENSES							
	Payroll	\$17,730.00	58%	\$21,276.00	56%	\$23,000.00	60%
	Payroll Taxes	\$1,861.00	6%	\$2,100.00	6%	\$2,100.00	5%
	Administration (Greeters Program)	\$750.00	2%	\$750.00	2%	\$750.00	2%
	Administration (Management Program)	\$1,125.00	4%	\$750.00		\$750.00	
	Coordination	\$750.00	2%	\$0.00	0%		0%
	Subtotal Personnel	\$22,216.00	73%	\$24,876.00	65%	\$26,600.00	69%
	Advertising	\$371.00	1%	\$500.00	1%	\$500.00	1%
	Annual Meeting / Outreach / Membership	\$0.00	0%	\$500.00	1%	\$250.00	1%
	DASH - Consultant Swamplguana	\$6,625.00	22%	\$8,000.00	21%	\$8,000.00	21%
	Office and Boat Supplies	\$23.00	0%	\$100.00	0%	\$100.00	0%
	Marketing and Promotions	\$0.00	0%	\$100.00	0%	\$200.00	1%
	Insurance: Business/Liability/Real Estate	\$1,493.00	5%	\$2,000.00	5%	\$2,000.00	5%
	Training/Education - Staff		0%		0%		0%
	Internet/website/Quickbooks	\$791.00	3%	\$800.00	2%	\$800.00	2%
	Miscellaneous		0%		0%		0%
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$31,519.00	103%	\$36,876.00	97%	\$38,450.00	100%
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)		-\$931.99	-3%	\$1,125.00	3%	-\$50.00	0%