

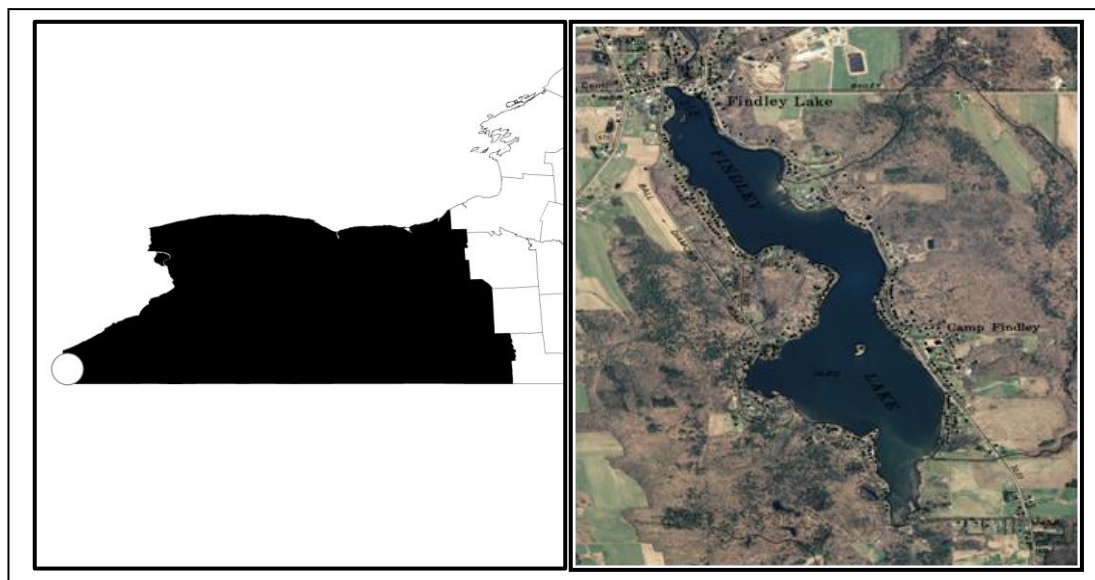
Appendix A:
CSLAP 2009 Lake Water Quality Summary: Findley Lake

General Lake Information

Location	town of Findley Lake
County	Chautauqua
Basin	Allegheny River
Size	124.3 hectares (307.0 acres)
Lake Origins	Natural
Watershed Area	1240 hectares (3063 acres)
Retention Time	0.5 years
Mean Depth	3.3 meters
Sounding Depth	11.7 meters
Public Access?	cartop launch
Major Tributaries	West Branch French Creek
Lake Tributary To...	Findley Lake outlet to West Branch French Creek to Allegheny River
WQ Classification	B (contact recreation = swimming)
Lake Outlet Latitude	42.119
Lake Outlet Longitude	-79.734
Sampling Years	1986-2000, 2003-2009
2009 Samplers	Jeff and Gwyn Horner
Main Contact	Jeff Horner

Lake Map

(sampling location marked with a circle)



Background

Findley Lake is a 307 acre, class B lake found in the Town of Findley Lake in Chautauqua County, in western New York State. It has first sampled as part of CSLAP in 1986.

It is one of 3 CSLAP lakes among the >15 lakes found in Chautauqua County, and one of 9 CSLAP lakes among the >50 lakes and ponds in the Allegheny/Chemung River drainage basins.

Lake Uses

Findley Lake is a Class B lake; this means that the best intended use for the lake is for contact recreation—swimming and bathing, non-contact recreation—boating, aquatic life, and aesthetics. The lake is used by lake residents and visitors for swimming, power boating and other recreation via shoreline properties and a cartop boat launch.

It is not known by the report authors if private fish stocking occurs in Findley Lake. The state usually stocks about 1000 9-10” tiger muskellunge in the lake, and about 5500 4” walleye were stocked several years ago. Fish species in the lake include bluegill, carp, muskellunge, northern pike, smallmouth bass, pumpkinseed sunfish, walleye, and yellow perch.

General statewide fishing regulations are applicable in Findley Lake. In addition, open season on walleye lasts from the 1st Saturday in May through March 15, with an 18” size limit and a take limit of 3. Ice fishing is allowed.

Historical Water Quality Data

CSLAP sampling was conducted on Findley Lake from 1986-2000, 2003-2009. The CSLAP reports for Findley Lake will be posted on the NYSFOLA website at www.nysfola.org, under NYS Lake Association Lake List.

Findley Lake was sampled by the NYSDEC as part of the state ambient lake monitoring program (referred to as the LCI, or Lake Classification and Inventory Survey) in 1976 and 1985. These sampling programs indicated water quality conditions that were probably similar to those measured through CSLAP- the lake was less productive in 1985 (with nutrient and clarity readings similar to those measured in 2003 and 2004), and more productive in 1976. Conductivity readings have steadily increased from the 1970s sampling to the present day, but this has also occurred in most NYS lakes, and at present the increase in conductivity has not been connected to any other water quality changes.

Findley Lake was also sampled in 1937 as part of the Conservation Department (predecessor to the NYSDEC) Biological Survey of the Allegheny River basin. This survey showed slightly higher pH than in the typical CSLAP (or other contemporary monitoring program) sampling season, and oxygen deficits starting at a depth between 15 and 20 feet from the lake surface. The field notes for the 1937 survey included the following:

“This, the westernmost lake in New York State, is a very irregularly shaped body of water with numerous shallow bays and several islands. The level is maintained by a dam at the

north end. A large part of the south end is a shallow area with flat bottom covered with a thick growth of hornwort, waterweed, and Robbins pondweed. These plants cover almost the entire bottom and apparently have been the most successful invaders of what was once a wooded area, as evidenced by the numerous large submerged stumps. In this same weed bed are found many plants of the broad-leaved pondweed (*P.amplifolius*), of najad and bladderwort, as well as the ubiquitous waterlilies and water shield. Along the marshy shore, at the south end of the lake, are extensive marshes of cattail and large floating masses of water smartweed. Other large weed beds were found at the north end of the lake and along the east side.

Findley Lake has very poor bottom chemical conditions in the face of which it will be difficult if not impossible to improve production by stocking alone. To form the present lake, an 8-foot dam was built across the outlet of two small ponds. The total area of the two ponds was slightly more than half the area of the new lake. As a result about one-half of Findley Lake is less than 10 feet deep. Within recent years this shallow area has become quite completely choked with vegetation. During the summer this vegetation becomes so dense that only the tops are alive. In the lower levels where sufficient light fails to penetrate, the vegetation is dead or dying. While green plants normally aerate the water, here so little of the plant actually is green that stagnant conditions prevail on the bottom. It is not unusual for algal and rooted aquatic plant growths to become sufficiently unpleasant although these growths seldom become sufficiently abundant to affect fish life adversely. The conditions in Findley Lake, however, leads one to conclude that vegetation may become so abundant as to be detrimental to fishing and fish production....

Bottom samples of water taken among the vegetation at a depth of 8 feet had only 0.4 parts per million of oxygen. In contrast to this in deeper water where vegetation is lacking and where surface winds can mix the water more completely, at a depth of 14 feet there were 3.96 parts per million of oxygen at one station. At this same station below the plane of the 14-foot contour or in that areas not greatly affected by surface winds, the oxygen dropped from 0.84 parts per million at 15 feet to 0.0 parts per million on the bottom at 31 feet. From this it can be seen that among the vegetation the oxygen is less at 8 feet than at almost twice the depth where the oxygen is lacking. The bottom chemical conditions were inadequate for fish needs. A probably contributing factor is the nature of the bottom. Most of the area flooded when the dam was built was low, muck land that in earlier times had probably been covered by natural ponds.

To remedy the condition here will not be easy. Weed elimination by chemical methods is out of the question for the present since so far as is known, chemicals sufficiently strong to eliminate rooted vegetation on a large scale would kill all fish life. Algal blooms in water supply reservoirs are controlled by chemical means but here it probably could not be done without some harmful effect to fish life. Mechanical methods are the only safe means of removing rooted aquatic plants, laborious as the task may be. Wood saws or rakes may be used for the purpose but it should be pointed out that the weeds should be completely removed after they are cut for two reasons: (1) if left in the water to decompose and use up oxygen, the main purpose of their destruction would be defeated and (2) since many aquatic plants reproduce asexually, more cutting is not sufficient to stop their growth or to prevent them from spreading into other suitable areas. The process would have to be repeated as often as necessary”

There are no Findley Lake tributary sites monitored through the NYSDEC Rotating Intensive Basins (RIBS) program. The major tributary to the lake is the West Branch of French Creek, which has not been sampled through any statewide monitoring programs.

Fisheries monitoring was also conducted in at least 1988 and 1989 in support of the state stocking program. Water clarity readings were within the range found through CSLAP, but the

conductivity readings in CSLAP were higher than those measured through the fisheries monitoring program.

Lake Association and Management History

Findley Lake is served by the Findley Lake Watershed Foundation. The lake association is involved in a variety of lake management activities, including:

- Water level control
- shoreline stabilization of the Nature Center's small island
- ownership and operation of the weed harvester
- depositing navigation buoys in the lake
- overseeing the lake fishery

The Findley Lake Watershed Foundation maintains a website at <http://www.flwf.org/>.

Summary of 2009 CSLAP Sampling Results

Evaluation of Eutrophication Indicators

Secchi disk transparency readings were higher than normal in 2009, consistent with total phosphorus and chlorophyll *a* readings that were lower than normal. However, none of these indicators has exhibited any clear long-term trends. The lake can be characterized as *eutrophic*, or highly productive, based on total phosphorus, water clarity, and chlorophyll *a* readings (all typical of *eutrophic* lakes). The TSI evaluation suggests that both water clarity and chlorophyll *a* readings are higher than expected given the total phosphorus readings in the lake. This suggests that the lake may be susceptible to algal blooms with small increases in nutrient readings, although this does not appear to strongly influence the “typical” water transparency readings in the lake. Overall trophic conditions are summarized on the Lake Scorecard.

Evaluation of Potable Water Indicators

Algae levels may be sufficiently high to render the lake susceptible to taste and odor compounds or elevated DBP (disinfection by product) compounds that could affect the potability of the water, but the lake is not used for drinking water. Hypolimnetic phosphorus readings in Findley Lake are higher than those measured at the lake surface, and hypolimnetic ammonia readings are highly elevated. This suggests that deepwater intakes may be compromised for any “unofficial” potable water use. Deepwater iron, manganese and arsenic results from 2009 have not been received at the time of the writing of this report.

Evaluation of Limnological Indicators

Most of the limnological indicators measured in CSLAP in 2009 were different than normal. Total nitrogen readings were lower than normal, while NO_x, color and calcium readings were higher than normal. The higher color readings were also measured in many other CSLAP lakes, and may have been in response to wetter weather. Color readings have increased over the last several years. Ammonia readings have increased slightly in recent years, but there may not be enough data to evaluate long-term trends. None of the other water quality indicators has

exhibited any clear long-term trends, and it is likely that the small changes in each of the limnological indicators have been within the normal range of variability in the lake. Overall limnological conditions are summarized in the Lake Scorecard.

Evaluation of Biological Condition

The 1992 phytoplankton survey showed slightly lower algal biomass than expected given the chlorophyll *a* readings in the lake, and the algal community was dominated by golden brown algae, diatoms, and blue green algae. It is not known if this community composition is typical of the lake, given the relatively low algal biomass relative to the typical chlorophyll *a* readings in the lake.

Macrophyte surveys conducted through CSLAP identified at least 16 aquatic plant species, and at least two exotic plant species (*Myriophyllum spicatum*, Eurasian watermilfoil, and *Potamogeton crispus*, curly-leafed pondweed) have been found in the lake. The modified FQI data indicate that the quality of the aquatic plant community is “fair.”

The composition of the fish community includes a mix of coolwater (at least four species) and warmwater (at least five species) fish species. The lake fishery can likely be described as coolwater.

Zooplankton and macroinvertebrate surveys have not been conducted through CSLAP at Findley Lake.

Evaluation of Lake Perception

Water quality and aquatic plant assessments were more favorable than normal in 2009 (reduced coverage of aquatic plants), the former consistent with higher water clarity and lower algae levels. However, none of these indicators of lake perception has exhibited any clear long-term changes. Overall lake perception is summarized on the Lake Scorecard.

Evaluation of Local Climate Change

Air and water temperature readings in the summer index period were close to normal in 2009, and have not exhibited any clear long-term trends. It is not known if this is an indication of the lack of local climate change or if these changes cannot be well evaluated through CSLAP.

Lake Scorecard

Category	Indicator	Classification	2009 Change?	Long Term Change?
Eutrophication Indicators	Water Clarity	Eutrophic	Higher than normal	No
	Chlorophyll <i>a</i>	Eutrophic	Lower than normal	No
	Total Phosphorus	Eutrophic	Lower than normal	No
Potable Water Indicators	Hypolimnetic Ammonia	Highly Elevated		
	Hypolimnetic Arsenic			
	Hypolimnetic Iron			
	Hypolimnetic Manganese			
Limnological Indicators	Hypolimnetic Phosphorus	Higher Than Surface TP		
	Nitrate + Nitrite	Low NOx		
	Ammonia	Low Ammonia		
	Total Nitrogen	Intermediate Total Nitrogen		
	pH	Alkaline		
	Specific Conductance	Intermediate		
	True Color	Intermediate Color		
	Calcium	Highly Susceptible to Zebra Mussels		
Lake Perception	WQ Assessment	Definite Algal Greenness	More favorable	No
	Aquatic Plant Coverage	Subsurface Plant Growth	Less plant coverage	No
	Recreational Assessment	Slightly Impaired	No	No
Biological Condition	Phytoplankton	Algal community comprised of golden brown algae, diatoms, cyanobacteria	Not known	Not known
	Macrophytes	"Fair" quality of the aquatic plant community	Not known	Not known
	Zooplankton	Not evaluated through CSLAP	Not known	Not known
	Macroinvertebrates	Not evaluated through CSLAP	Not known	Not known
	Fish	Coolwater fishery	Not known	Not known
	Invasive Species	Eurasian watermilfoil, curly leafed pondweed	Not known	Not known
Local Climate Change	Air Temperature		No	No
	Water Temperature		No	No

Evaluation of Lake Condition Impacts to Lake Uses

Findley Lake is presently among the lakes listed on the 2007 Allegany River drainage basin PWL, with public bathing and recreation listed as impaired due to excessive nutrients, algae and weeds, and reduced water clarity. Aquatic life was listed as stressed due to hypolimnetic dissolved oxygen depletion. The PWL listing for Findley Lake is listed in Appendix C.

Potable Water (Drinking Water)

The CSLAP dataset at Findley Lake, including water chemistry data, physical measurements, and volunteer samplers' perception data, is inadequate to evaluate the use of the lake for potable water, and the lake is not used for this purpose. Algae levels may be high enough in the surface waters, and ammonia may be high enough in bottom waters to impact any "unofficial" use of the lake for potable water.

Contact Recreation (Swimming)

The CSLAP dataset at Findley Lake, including water chemistry data, physical measurements, and volunteer samplers' perception data, suggests that swimming and contact recreation may be impaired by excessive algae and poor water clarity, although additional information about bacterial levels is needed to evaluate the safety of the water for swimming.

Non-Contact Recreation (Boating and Fishing)

The CSLAP dataset on Findley Lake, including water chemistry data, physical measurements, and volunteer samplers' perception data, suggest that non-contact recreation is stressed by excessive weeds and the presence of Eurasian watermilfoil and curly leafed pondweed.

Aquatic Life

The CSLAP dataset on Findley Lake, including water chemistry data, physical measurements, and volunteer samplers' perception data, suggest that aquatic life may be threatened by hypolimnetic oxygen depletion, although additional data are needed to evaluate the food and habitat conditions for aquatic organisms in the lake.

Aesthetics

The CSLAP dataset on Findley Lake, including water chemistry data, physical measurements, and volunteer samplers' perception data, suggest that aesthetics may be stressed by excessive algae and weeds.

Fish Consumption

There are no fish consumption advisories posted for Findley Lake.

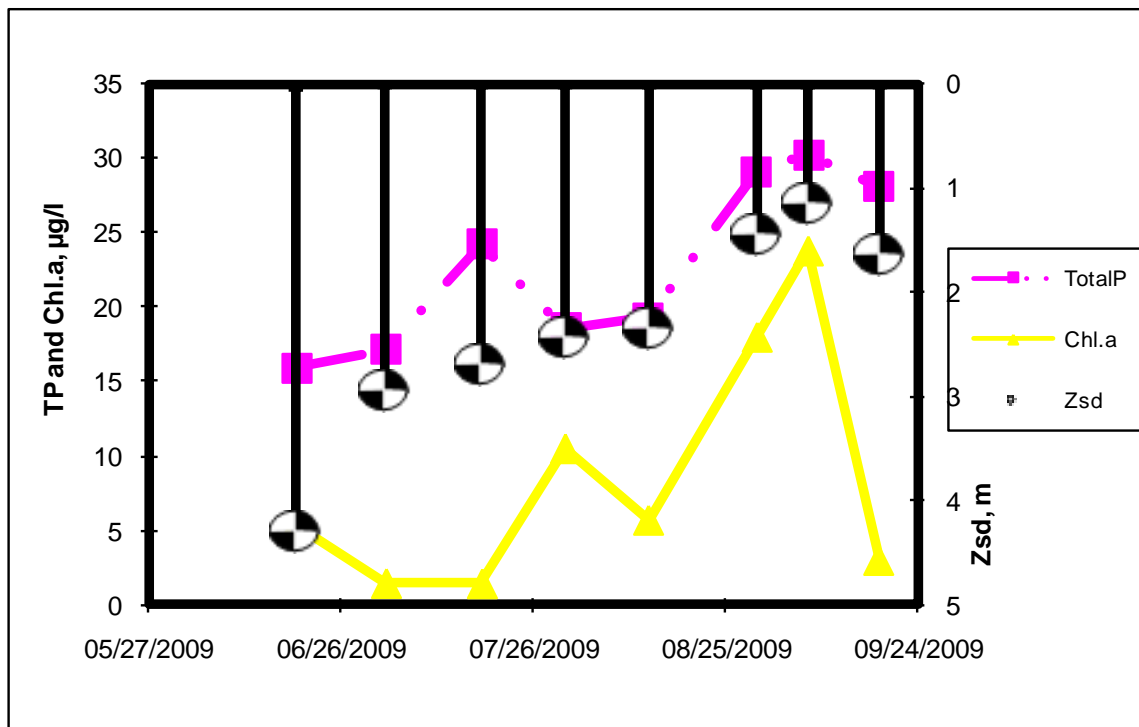
Additional Comments and Recommendations

Findley Lake may be a good candidate for future biomonitoring to evaluate the impact of the aquatic plant management actions and water quality problems in the lake.

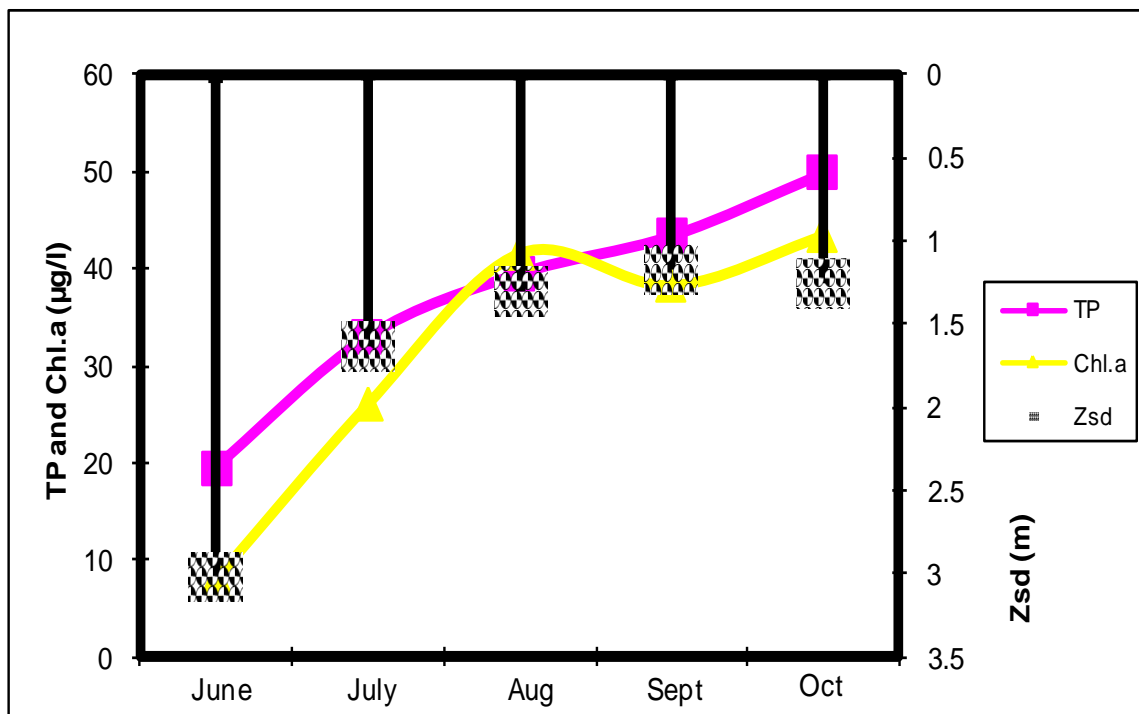
Aquatic Plant IDs-2009

None submitted for identification.

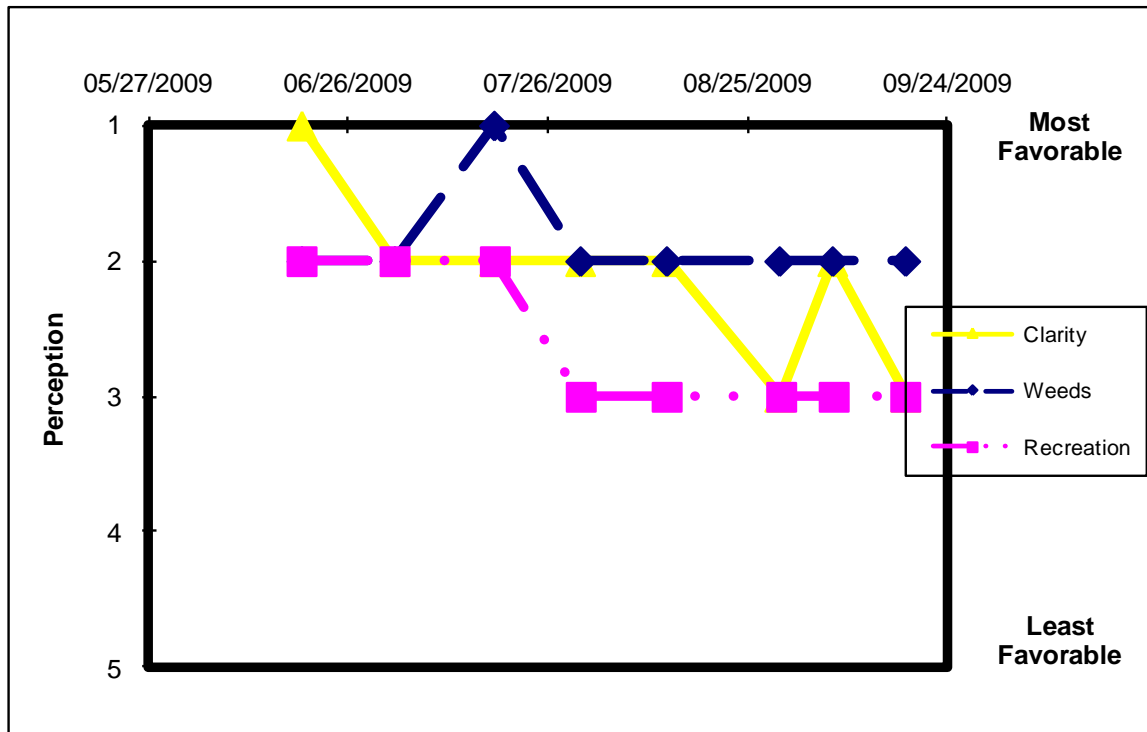
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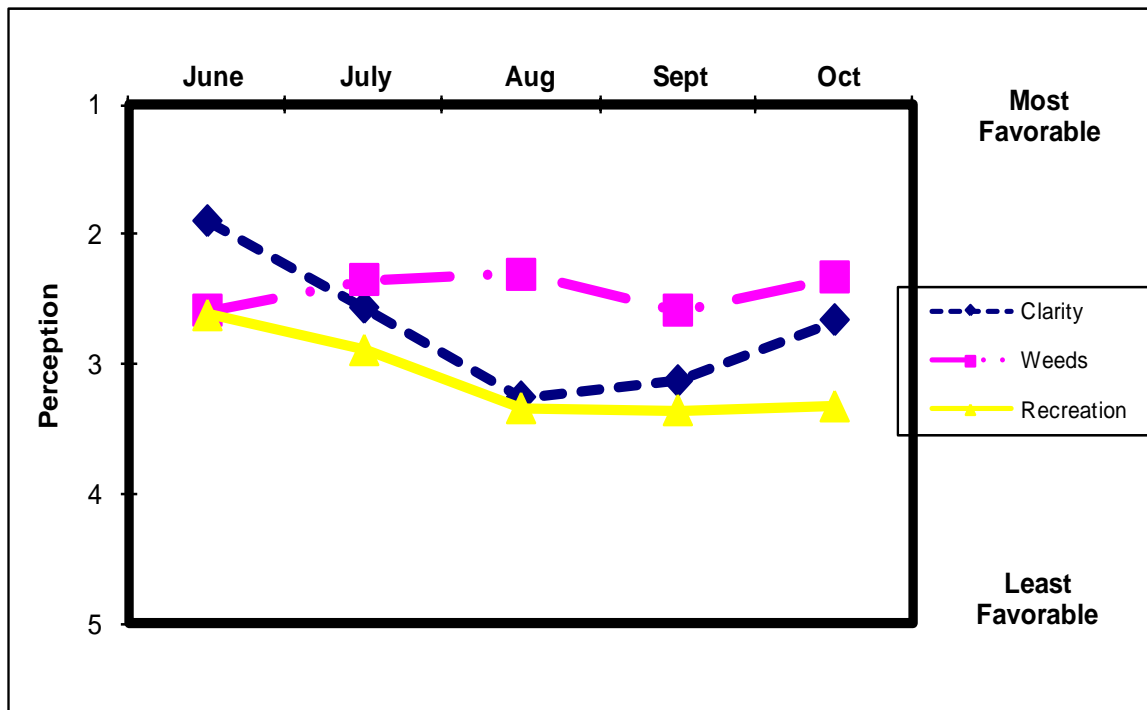
Time Series: Trophic Indicators, Typical Year (1986-2009)



Time Series: Lake Perception Indicators, 2009



Time Series: Lake Perception Indicators, Typical Year (1986-2009)



Appendix B- CSLAP Water Quality Sampling Results for Findley Lake

LNum	PName	Date	Zbot	Zsd	Zsamp	Tot.P	NO3	NH4	TDN	TN/TP	TColor	pH	Cond25	Ca	Chl.a
24	Findley L	6/15/1986	11.5	3.00	1.5	0.026	0.12				5	6.92	190		2.22
24	Findley L	6/21/1986	11.5	3.13	1.5	0.013	0.11				5	7.50	180		2.29
24	Findley L	6/29/1986	11.5	2.25	1.5	0.011	0.09				10	7.62	185		2.00
24	Findley L	7/3/1986	11.5	2.75	1.5	0.022	0.11				15	7.82	194		0.80
24	Findley L	7/11/1986	11.5	2.00	1.5	0.021	0.03				2	7.84	185		5.03
24	Findley L	7/18/1986	11.5	1.50	1.5	0.030	0.06				5	8.38	194		
24	Findley L	7/24/1986	11.5	2.63											
24	Findley L	8/1/1986	11.5	1.63	1.5	0.028	0.03				14	8.05	197		
24	Findley L	8/5/1986	11.5	1.13	1.5	0.018	0.03				11	7.75	191		53.30
24	Findley L	8/12/1986			1.5	0.023	0.03				13	8.15	199		15.30
24	Findley L	8/16/1986	11.5	0.75	1.5	0.035	0.03				12	8.98	195		36.30
24	Findley L	8/21/1986	11.5	0.63	1.5	0.037	0.03				15	8.12	198		40.00
24	Findley L	8/30/1986	11.5	1.00	1.5	0.034	0.03				3	7.60	205		29.60
24	Findley L	9/5/1986	11.5	0.75	1.5	0.033	0.03				3	8.17	206		25.90
24	Findley L	9/14/1986	11.5	0.63	1.5	0.036	0.03				13	7.55	215		22.20
24	Findley L	9/21/1986	11.5	0.75	1.5	0.039	0.03				8	7.29	214		34.00
24	Findley L	6/8/1987	11.5	2.75	1.5	0.023	0.03				15	8.10	201		
24	Findley L	6/14/1987	11.5	3.00	1.5	0.018					12	8.22	198		
24	Findley L	6/21/1987	11.5	2.00	1.5	0.023	0.01				15	7.83	203		17.00
24	Findley L	6/28/1987	11.8	1.25	1.5	0.021	0.01				15	7.76	202		37.70
24	Findley L	7/5/1987	11.8	0.75	1.5	0.032	0.01				11	7.70	206		
24	Findley L	7/12/1987	11.5	0.63	1.5	0.033					11	7.86	206		116.00
24	Findley L	7/19/1987	11.5	0.75	1.5	0.040	0.01				15	7.49	206		109.00
24	Findley L	7/26/1987	11.5	1.00	1.5	0.052					13	7.63	209		45.10
24	Findley L	7/30/1987	11.5	0.75	1.5	0.056					12	7.38	210		73.30
24	Findley L	8/9/1987	11.5	0.75	1.5	0.042	0.01				7	7.33	208		116.00
24	Findley L	8/16/1987	11.5	0.50	1.5	0.060					6	7.14	216		274.00
24	Findley L	8/23/1987	11.5	0.75	1.5	0.054	0.01				10	7.42	208		
24	Findley L	8/30/1987	11.5	0.75	1.5	0.052					12	7.46	204		73.00
24	Findley L	9/6/1987	11.5	0.75	1.5	0.059	0.17				8	7.36	221		99.00
24	Findley L	10/1/1987	11.5	0.75	1.5	0.049	0.03				11	7.30	215		73.20
24	Findley L	6/21/1988	12.0	2.25	1.5	0.022	0.01				8	7.72	213		17.50
24	Findley L	6/28/1988	11.5	1.75	1.5	0.022	0.01				7	7.77	219		10.10
24	Findley L	7/5/1988	11.5	1.50	1.5	0.020	0.01				9	8.10	220		10.40
24	Findley L	7/12/1988	11.0	1.00	1.5	0.023	0.01				11	8.19	234		
24	Findley L	7/19/1988	11.5	1.00	1.5	0.025	0.01				7	8.31	223		20.70
24	Findley L	7/26/1988	12.0	1.50	1.5	0.029	0.01				10	7.71	221		1.78
24	Findley L	7/31/1988	11.5	1.25	1.5	0.031	0.01				10	8.10	223		17.80
24	Findley L	8/8/1988	11.5	1.00	1.5	0.037	0.01				11	7.97	219		31.10
24	Findley L	8/12/1988	11.5	0.75	1.5	0.042	0.01				10	7.96	221		52.50
24	Findley L	8/21/1988	11.8	0.75	1.5	0.042	0.01				6	8.32	227		49.60
24	Findley L	8/30/1988	11.5	2.25	1.5	0.032	0.02				11	7.97	227		10.10
24	Findley L	9/6/1988	11.3	1.75	1.5	0.037	0.03				14	7.86	227		18.50
24	Findley L	9/12/1988	11.5	1.50	1.5	0.035	0.03				12	7.95	229		24.40
24	Findley L	9/19/1988	11.8	1.00	1.5	0.040	0.01				8	8.09	230		38.50
24	Findley L	9/25/1988	11.8	1.00	1.5	0.039	0.01				6	8.27	227		30.30
24	Findley L	6/26/1989	11.0	3.25	1.5	0.017	0.14				7	7.94	198		2.16
24	Findley L	7/2/1989	11.0	2.25	1.5	0.015					12	7.98	199		18.50
24	Findley L	7/9/1989	11.0	2.25	1.5	0.022					15	7.76	204		6.45
24	Findley L	7/16/1989	11.5	2.50	1.5	0.020					11	7.85	210		6.18
24	Findley L	7/27/1989	11.5	2.50	1.5	0.025					10	8.13	200		9.77
24	Findley L	7/31/1989	11.0	2.00	1.5	0.026					8	7.82	210		6.36
24	Findley L	8/7/1989	10.5	2.50	1.5	0.029	0.06				8	8.18	214		7.19
24	Findley L	8/14/1989	11.3	2.00	1.5	0.020					7	7.98	211		6.45
24	Findley L	8/20/1989	11.5	2.00	1.5	0.024					2	8.24	212		6.65
24	Findley L	8/29/1989	11.5	2.25	1.5	0.028					2	8.24	208		11.30
24	Findley L	9/11/1989	11.0	1.75	1.5	0.025	0.01				5	8.16	211		17.80
24	Findley L	9/25/1989	11.5	1.00	1.5	0.029					6	8.18	203		19.60
24	Findley L	10/11/1989	11.0	1.25	1.5	0.038					5	8.16	210		18.50
24	Findley L	7/10/1990	11.5	1.25	1.5	0.046	0.01					7.95			
24	Findley L	7/17/1990	11.3	1.25	1.5	0.037	0.01				13	7.72	209		36.60
24	Findley L	7/31/1990	11.5	0.75	1.5	0.048	0.01				10	7.40	199		57.40
24	Findley L	8/14/1990	11.5	0.81	1.5	0.044					10	7.24	199		45.10
24	Findley L	8/28/1990	11.5	0.75	1.5	0.053	0.01				10	7.50	206		58.60

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24	Findley L	9/11/1990	11.0	0.75	1.5	0.051	0.01				12	8.11	205		62.70
24	Findley L	9/25/1990	11.0	1.50	1.5	0.048	0.02				17	7.78	222		26.90
24	Findley L	10/10/1990	11.0	2.50	1.5	0.062						8.23	205		9.40
24	Findley L	7/22/1991	11.3	1.00	1.5	0.049	0.01				10	8.22	215		30.90
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24	Findley L	9/4/1991	11.7	0.33	1.5	0.079	0.01				9	7.59	219		149.00
24	Findley L	9/18/1991	11.0	0.67	1.5	0.065						7.90	221		132.00
24	Findley L	10/1/1991	11.5	0.58	1.5	0.064					7	7.81	220		126.00
24	Findley L	6/29/1992	11.5	2.00	1.5	0.023					6	7.81	237		9.18
24	Findley L	7/18/1992	11.5	1.50	1.5	0.013					6	8.05	232		15.40
24	Findley L	8/11/1992	11.3	1.33	1.5	0.025					8	8.34	223		11.60
24	Findley L	8/31/1992	11.5	1.75	1.5	0.035					9	8.23	228		10.20
24	Findley L	9/28/1992	11.5	1.75	1.5	0.024					8	8.24	218		15.80
24	Findley L	10/10/1992	11.6	1.50	1.5	0.034					11	8.06	225		28.50
24	Findley L	7/6/1993	11.5	1.50	1.5	0.030					7	8.20	210		21.70
24	Findley L	7/20/1993	11.5	1.50	1.5	0.043					2	7.75	210		15.50
24	Findley L	8/9/1993	11.0	1.00	1.5	0.049					7	8.15	211		49.30
24	Findley L	8/30/1993	11.3	0.75	1.5	0.063					7	8.16	202		45.90
24	Findley L	9/21/1993	11.5	1.25	1.5	0.044					6	8.26	214		33.20
24	Findley L	10/4/1993	11.5	1.29	1.5	0.048					5	8.07	216		18.90
24	Findley L	6/14/1994	11.3	3.63	1.5	0.015	0.12				6	8.60	222		3.73
24	Findley L	7/5/1994	11.5	2.00	1.5	0.023					7	7.90	221		10.20
24	Findley L	7/25/1994	11.5	1.50	1.5	0.031					4	8.04	224		21.50
24	Findley L	8/15/1994	11.8	1.25	1.5	0.039	0.03				11	7.96	206		32.70
24	Findley L	9/5/1994	11.5	1.00	1.5	0.048					10	7.70	206		39.40
24	Findley L	9/26/1994	13.0	0.80	1.5	0.059					12	7.83	208		50.30
24	Findley L	6/5/1995	11.0	2.00	1.5	0.020					6				9.86
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24	Findley L	7/10/1995	11.3	0.77	1.5	0.037						7.76	235		51.30
24	Findley L	7/17/1995	11.4	0.75	1.5	0.053	0.01				5	8.07	237		53.80
24	Findley L	7/31/1995	11.0	0.55	1.5	0.059					10	8.07	231		86.70
24	Findley L	8/14/1995	11.5	0.33	1.5	0.082					5	7.48	232		172.00
24	Findley L	6/17/1996	11.3	4.75	1.5	0.013	0.05				5	8.18	225		3.50
24	Findley L	7/12/1996	11.5	1.65	1.5	0.023	0.08				10	7.84	218		20.50
24	Findley L	7/17/1996	11.0	3.25	1.5	0.015	0.07				20	7.85	220		8.20
24	Findley L	7/29/1996	11.0	3.25	1.5	0.018	0.04				10	8.03	218		5.90
24	Findley L	8/12/1996	11.0	2.75	1.5	0.023	0.01				20	7.93	217		7.70
24	Findley L	8/26/1996	11.0	3.75	1.5	0.018	0.01				5	8.43	214		5.20
24	Findley L	9/9/1996	11.0	2.25	1.5	0.024	0.01				10	7.95	212		14.10
24	Findley L	9/23/1996	11.5	2.28	1.5	0.056	0.01				10	7.96	210		19.10
24	Findley L	6/9/1997	11.0	4.25	1.5	0.013	0.10				10	7.52	190		2.60
24	Findley L	6/23/1997	11.0	5.13	1.5	0.015	0.08				10	8.07	186		3.08
24	Findley L	7/7/1997	11.3	1.50	1.5	0.031	0.01				10	7.56	200		18.50
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24	Findley L	8/4/1997	11.0	1.42	1.5	0.029	0.01				10	7.39	207		27.80
24	Findley L	8/18/1997	11.5	1.71	1.5	0.032	0.01				7	7.56	206		20.20
24	Findley L	9/1/1997	11.7	1.40	1.5	0.032	0.01				7	8.48	202		21.90
24	Findley L	9/15/1997	11.3	1.75	1.5	0.025	0.01				9	8.41	200		13.90
24	Findley L	6/8/1998	12.0	2.42	1.5	0.025	0.01				5	8.41	178		9.34
24	Findley L	6/22/1998	11.5	3.13	1.5	0.020	0.01				3	7.51	185		6.32
24	Findley L	7/7/1998	11.5	1.38	1.5	0.038	0.01				2	8.53	186		22.10
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24	Findley L	8/3/1998	11.5	0.83	1.5	0.053	0.01				5	8.13	181		51.60
24	Findley L	8/17/1998	11.8	0.83	1.5	0.070					14	9.05	183		57.10
24	Findley L	8/31/1998	11.5	0.94	1.5	0.067					12	8.96	184		47.20
24	Findley L	9/14/1998	10.8	0.80	1.5	0.067					6	7.80	194		43.20
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24	Findley L	6/21/1999	11.8	1.19	1.5	0.035	0.01				6	8.21	204		21.90
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24	Findley L	7/19/1999	11.7	0.71	1.5	0.081	0.01				12	7.36	198		69.00
24	Findley L	8/2/1999	11.0	0.50	1.5	0.069	0.01				11	8.33	202		53.50
24	Findley L	8/16/1999	11.0	0.55	1.5	0.068	0.01				7	7.33	215		45.90
24	Findley L	8/30/1999	11.0	0.85	1.5	0.050	0.01				10	7.85	221		43.80
24	Findley L	9/12/1999	11.0	0.68	1.5	0.054	0.01				6	7.21	227		57.00
24	Findley L	6/19/2000	11.3	2.95	1.5	0.020	0.01				8	8.18	218		4.54
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24	Findley L	8/4/2008	11.7		10.0	0.106									
24	Findley L	8/11/2008	11.0		9.0	0.092									
24	Findley L	9/2/2008	11.1		10.1	0.477									
24	Findley L	9/23/2008	11.6		10.0	0.416									
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24	Findley L	07/03/2009				0.145		0.66							
24	Findley L	07/18/2009			9.5	0.009		0.51							
24	Findley L	07/31/2009			10.0	0.180		0.72							
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24	Findley L	7/3/1986	11.5	2.75	1.5	1	15	20				
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24	Findley L	8/30/1986	11.5	1.00	1.5	1	20	19				
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24	Findley L	9/14/1986	11.5	0.63	1.5	1	14	19				
24	Findley L	9/21/1986	11.5	0.75	1.5	1	17	18				
24	Findley L	6/8/1987	11.5	2.75	1.5	1	22	24				
24	Findley L	6/14/1987	11.5	3.00	1.5	1	25	22				
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24	Findley L	7/12/1987	11.5	0.63	1.5	1	30	27				
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24	Findley L	10/1/1987	11.5	0.75	1.5	1	14	17				
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24	Findley L	6/28/1988	11.5	1.75	1.5	1	20	24				
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24	Findley L	7/31/1988	11.5	1.25	1.5	1	24	26				
24	Findley L	8/8/1988	11.5	1.00	1.5	1	27	28				
24	Findley L	8/12/1988	11.5	0.75	1.5	1	26	27				
24	Findley L	8/21/1988	11.8	0.75	1.5	1	20	25				
24	Findley L	8/30/1988	11.5	2.25	1.5	1	18	23				
24	Findley L	9/6/1988	11.3	1.75	1.5	1	15	20				
24	Findley L	9/12/1988	11.5	1.50	1.5	1	24	20				
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24	Findley L	8/7/1989	10.5	2.50	1.5	1	17	23				
24	Findley L	8/14/1989	11.3	2.00	1.5	1	24	22				
24	Findley L	8/20/1989	11.5	2.00	1.5	1	20	23				
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24	Findley L	9/11/1989	11.0	1.75	1.5	1	21	22				
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24	Findley L	7/17/1990	11.3	1.25	1.5	1	25	23				
24	Findley L	7/31/1990	11.5	0.75	1.5	1	21	24				
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24	Findley L	8/28/1990	11.5	0.75	1.5	1	23	23				
24	Findley L	9/11/1990	11.0	0.75	1.5	1	21	22				
24	Findley L	9/25/1990	11.0	1.50	1.5	1	14	15				
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24	Findley L	9/5/1994	11.5	1.00	1.5	1	19	20	4	2	3	134
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24	Findley L	10/2/2005	11.0	0.95	0.6	1	29	18	3	1	3	13
24	Findley L	6/18/2006	10.0	4.00		1	29	25		3		2
24	Findley L	7/17/2006	10.6	3.60		1	29		2	1	2	8
24	Findley L	6/30/2007	11.5	2.85		1	13	22	2	3	3	2
24	Findley L	7/15/2007	10.9	1.80		1	17	23	3	2	3	15
24	Findley L	7/29/2007	11.3	1.25		1	18	24	3	2	3	123
24	Findley L	8/11/2007	11.2	0.90		1	17	26	3	1	3	1238
24	Findley L	8/25/2007	11.5	0.60		1	22	27	4	1	4	1234
24	Findley L	9/8/2007	11.8	0.78		1	19	26	4	2	3	158
24	Findley L	9/16/2007	11.3	0.88		1	11	20	4	2	3	12358
24	Findley L	9/30/2007	11.5	0.90		1	9	18	3	1	3	1
24	Findley L	6/8/2008	11.3	4.10	1.5	1	23	20	1	1	1	8
24	Findley L	6/16/2008	11.0	4.40	1.0	1	22	21	1	2	2	5
24	Findley L	6/30/2008	11.1	3.00	1.0	1	17	21	2	2	2	58
24	Findley L	7/14/2008	11.0	2.05	1.0	1	25	24	2	2	2	8
24	Findley L	8/4/2008	11.7	1.30	1.0	1	20	25	3	2	2	18
24	Findley L	8/11/2008	11.0	1.10	1.0	1	20	22	3	1	2	157
24	Findley L	9/2/2008	11.1	0.65	1.0	1	26	25	4	3	4	1378
24	Findley L	9/23/2008	11.6	0.75	1.0	1	19	18	3	2	3	18
24	Findley L	06/19/2009	11.6	4.30	1.5	1	25	23	1	2	2	0
24	Findley L	07/03/2009	12.0	2.95		1	21	21	2	2	2	0
24	Findley L	07/18/2009	10.8	2.70	1.0	1	20	22	2	1	2	8
24	Findley L	07/31/2009	11.4	2.45	1.0	1	23	24	2	2	3	56
24	Findley L	08/13/2009	11.7	2.35	1.5	1	26	24	2	2	3	68
24	Findley L	08/30/2009	10.6	1.45	1.5	1	19	21	3	2	3	5
24	Findley L	09/07/2009	11.7	1.15	1.5	1	22	22	2	2	3	1
24	Findley L	09/18/2009	11.0	1.65	1.5	1	21	21	3	2	3	8
24	Findley L	6/22/1998			10.0	2		14				
24	Findley L	7/20/1998				2		15				
24	Findley L	9/14/1998				2		12				

Legend Information

<i>Indicator</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Detection Limit</i>	<i>Standard (S) / Criteria (C)</i>
General Information			
Lnum	lake number (unique to CSLAP)		
Lname	name of lake (as it appears in the Gazetteer of NYS Lakes)		
Date	sampling date		
Field Parameters			
Zbot	lake depth at sampling point, meters (m)		
Zsd	Secchi disk transparency or clarity	0.1m	1.2m (C)
Zsamp	water sample depth (m)	0.1m	none
Tair	air temperature (C)	-10C	none
TH20	water temperature (C)	-10C	none
Laboratory Parameters			
Tot.P	total phosphorus (mg/l)	0.003 mg/l	0.020 mg/l (C)
NOx	nitrate + nitrite (mg/l)	0.01 mg/l	10 mg/l NO3 (S), 2 mg/l NO2 (S)
NH4	total ammonia (mg/l)	0.01 mg/l	2 mg/l NH4 (S)
TN	total nitrogen (mg/l)	0.01 mg/l	none
TN/TP	nitrogen to phosphorus (molar) ratio, = (TKN + NOx)*2.2/TP		none
TCOLOR	true (filtered) color (ptu, platinum color units)	1 ptu	none
pH	powers of hydrogen (S.U., standard pH units)	0.1 S.U.	6.5, 8.5 S.U. (S)
Cond25	specific conductance, corrected to 25C (umho/cm)	1 umho/cm	none
Ca	calcium (mg/l)	1 mg/l	none
Chl.a	chlorophyll a (ug/l)	0.01 ug/l	none
Fe	iron (mg/l)	0.1 mg/l	0.3 mg/l (S)
Mn	manganese (mg/l)	0.01 mg/l	0.3 mg/l (S)
As	arsenic (mg/l)	1 ug/l	10 ug/l (S)
Lake Assessment			
QA	water quality assessment, 5 point scale; 1 = crystal clear, 2 = not quite crystal clear, 3 = definite algae greenness, 4 = high algae levels, 5 = severely high algae levels		
QB	aquatic plant assessment, 5 point scale; 1 = no plants visible, 2 = plants below surface, 3 = plants at surface, 4 = plants dense at surface, 5 = surface plant coverage		
QC	recreational assessment, 5 point scale; 1 = could not be nicer, 2 = excellent, 3 = slightly impaired, 4 = substantially impaired, 5 = lake not usable		
QD	reasons for recreational assessment, 8 choices; 1 = poor water clarity, 2 = excessive weeds, 3 = too much algae, 4 = lake looks bad, 5 = poor weather, 6 = litter/surface debris, 7 = too many lake users, 8 = other		

Appendix C: PWL Listing for Findley Lake

Findley Lake (0202-0004)

Impaired Seg

Waterbody Location Information

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Water Index No: Pa-84- 2-P153	Drain Basin: Allegheny River
Hydro Unit Code: 05010004/010	Str Class: B
Waterbody Type: Lake	Reg/County: 9/Chautauqua Co. (7)
Waterbody Size: 307.1 Acres	Quad Map: CLYMER (M-02-4)
Seg Description: entire lake	

Water Quality Problem/Issue Information

(CAPS indicate MAJOR Use Impacts/Pollutants/Sources)

Use(s) Impacted	Severity	Problem Documentation
PUBLIC BATHING	Impaired	Known
Aquatic Life	Stressed	Known
RECREATION	Impaired	Known

Type of Pollutant(s)

Known: ALGAL/WEED GROWTH, D.O./OXYGEN DEMAND, NUTRIENTS (phosphorus)
 Suspected: Problem Species
 Possible: - - -

Source(s) of Pollutant(s)

Known: - - -
 Suspected: AGRICULTURE, Habitat Modification
 Possible: Failing On-Site Syst

Resolution/Management Information

Issue Resolvability: 1 (Needs Verification/Study (see STATUS))
Verification Status: 4 (Source Identified, Strategy Needed)
Lead Agency/Office: DOW/Reg9
TMDL/303d Status: 3a->1 ()

Resolution Potential: Medium

Further Details

Public Bathing and other recreational uses in Findley Lake are considered to be impaired by nutrient enrichment and excessive aquatic plant growth. Impacts to the fishery have also been noted. These impairments are attributed to agricultural and other nonpoint runoff sources.

Findley Lake has been sampled as part of the NYSDEC Citizen Statewide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP) beginning in 1986 and continuing through 2005. The most recent Interpretive Summary report of the findings of this sampling was published in 2006. These data indicate that the lake continues to be best characterized as eutrophic, or highly productive. Samples collected as recently as 2002 thru 2004 suggest possible improving conditions toward the mesotrophic, or moderately productive, range. However phosphorus levels in the lake consistently exceed the state guidance values indicating impacted recreational uses. Transparency measurements regularly fall below what is minimally recommended for swimming beaches. Nutrient levels at the lake bottom are usually elevated suggesting the bottom waters are poorly oxygenated and contribute to increases in surface water nutrient levels throughout the summer. This deepwater oxygen deficit was recorded in the lake at least back to the 1930s. (DEC/DOW, BWAM/CSLAP, February 2006)

Public perception of the lake and its uses is also evaluated as part of the CSLAP program. These assessment also indicate recreational suitability of the lake to be somewhat unfavorable. The lake is described most frequently as "slightly" impacted

for most recreational uses. The lake itself is most often described as having "definite algal greenness," an assessment that is consistent with the perceived water quality conditions in the lake and its measured water quality characteristics. Assessments have noted that aquatic plants regularly grow to the lake surface. Aquatic plants are dominated by a mix of native and non-native species (though invasives may be on the decline) and have been cited as impacting recreational uses. (DEC/DOW, BWAM/CSLAP, February 2006)

This lake waterbody is designated class B, suitable for use as a public bathing beach, general recreation and aquatic life support, but not as a water supply. Water quality monitoring by NYSDEC focuses primarily on support of general recreation and aquatic life. Samples to evaluate the bacteriological condition and bathing use of the lake or to evaluate contamination from organic compounds, metals or other inorganic pollutants have not been collected as part of the CSLAP monitoring program. Monitoring to assess public bathing use is generally the responsibility of state and/or local health departments.

Periodic low dissolved oxygen in parts of the lake has some impact the fishery and aquatic life support. However tiger muskie and walleye are stocked by NYSDEC, and the lake provides a good smallmouth bass and largemouth bass fishery. (DEC/DFWMR, Region 9, January 2007)