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GROUP FILES LAWSUIT TO SAVE LAKE

Save Lake of the Lillies, a citizens' group of local residents, filed suit today against the Borough of Point Pleasant Beach. The group seeks to compel the Borough to dredge Lake of the Lillies and restore it to its natural state.

Lake of the Lillies, a freshwater lake located just 150 yards from the ocean, has in recent years become silted up and polluted from stormwater runoff, pesticides and nutrients. The lake is now only about one foot deep and badly in need of dredging before it fills in completely. Plans for dredging have been on the table for years, but now the Borough is changing course, spending \$100,000 instead on a controversial beautification plan to remove the reeds and put in concrete sidewalks.

Beth Gaelick, lakeside homeowner for thirteen years, and founding member of Save Lake of the Lillies said "I love Lake of the Lillies and it's breaking my heart to watch it die. There have been so many awful disasters recently: massive fish kills, old turtles found dead, mature trees cut down, children getting rashes, a hazardous gasoline leak. When the wildlife and environment suffer, we all lose. My family and I will do anything we can to get this lake dredged and bring it back to life."

Stuart Lieberman, attorney for Save Lake of the Lillies, added "This lake is a beautiful natural resource which the Borough has allowed to be virtually destroyed. Now is the time for action to save this beautiful lake before it is lost for the ages."

Lieberman & Blecher is one of New Jersey's largest citizen group law firms and has represented community groups and practices environmental law, toxic tort litigation, land use and real estate throughout New Jersey and surrounding states. Mr. Lieberman can be contacted at 732-355-1311 (office) and 609-529-6557 (cell).