

MPBMA Crystal Lake Restoration 2024-2025

> Phase I – Source Water Protection and Restoration



## Project Summary

#### **PHASE I: THE RESTORATION**

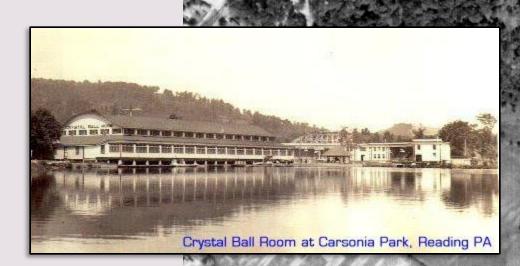
1. Protect water quality in the subsurface aquifer that supplies thousands to local residents with drinking water. Well-head/Source water protection.

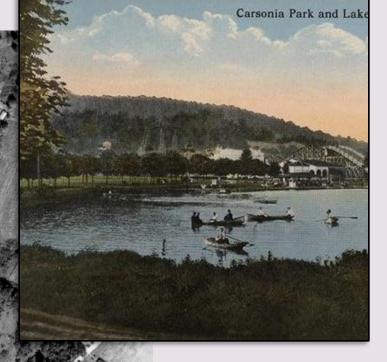
2. Improve downstream water quality and quantity in Antietam Creek and the Schuylkill River Watershed.

3. Improve fish and aquatic habitat in Crystal Lake for ecological and recreational uses.

4. Creating an "Outdoor Classroom" for community school districts incorporating PDE standards of STEELS (Science -Technology - Engineering - Environmental - Literacy & Sustainability)

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## CARSONIA PARK TODAY (2024)





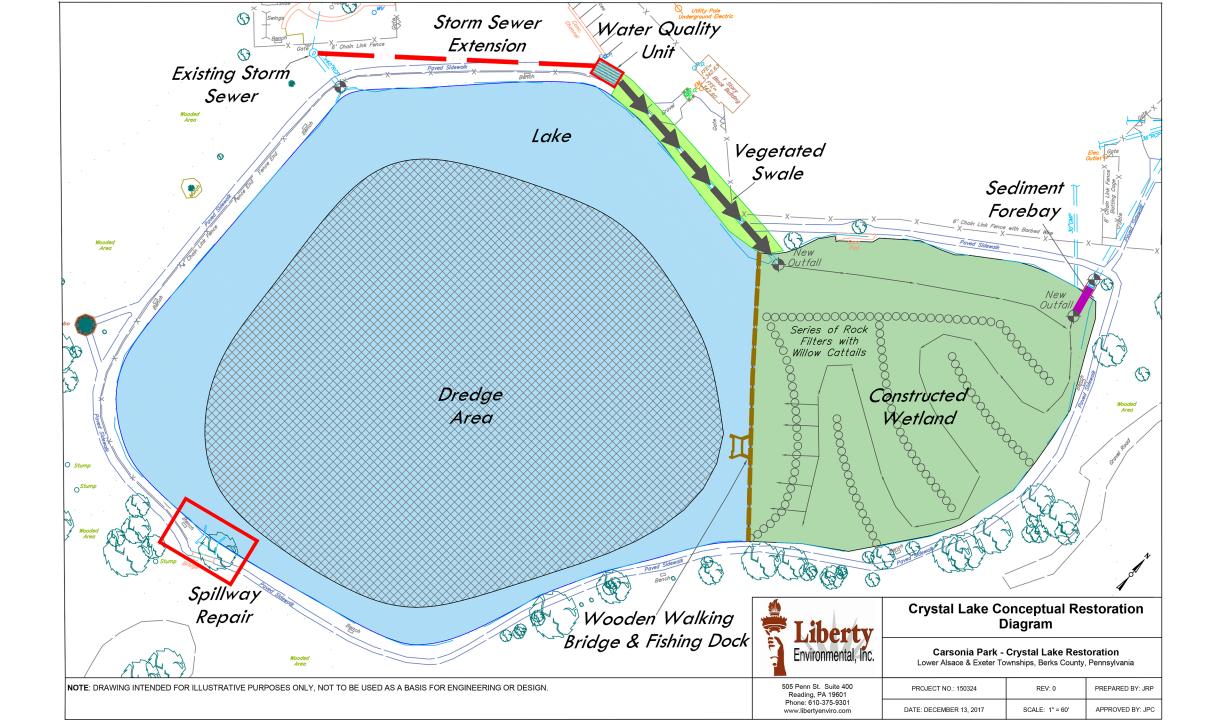
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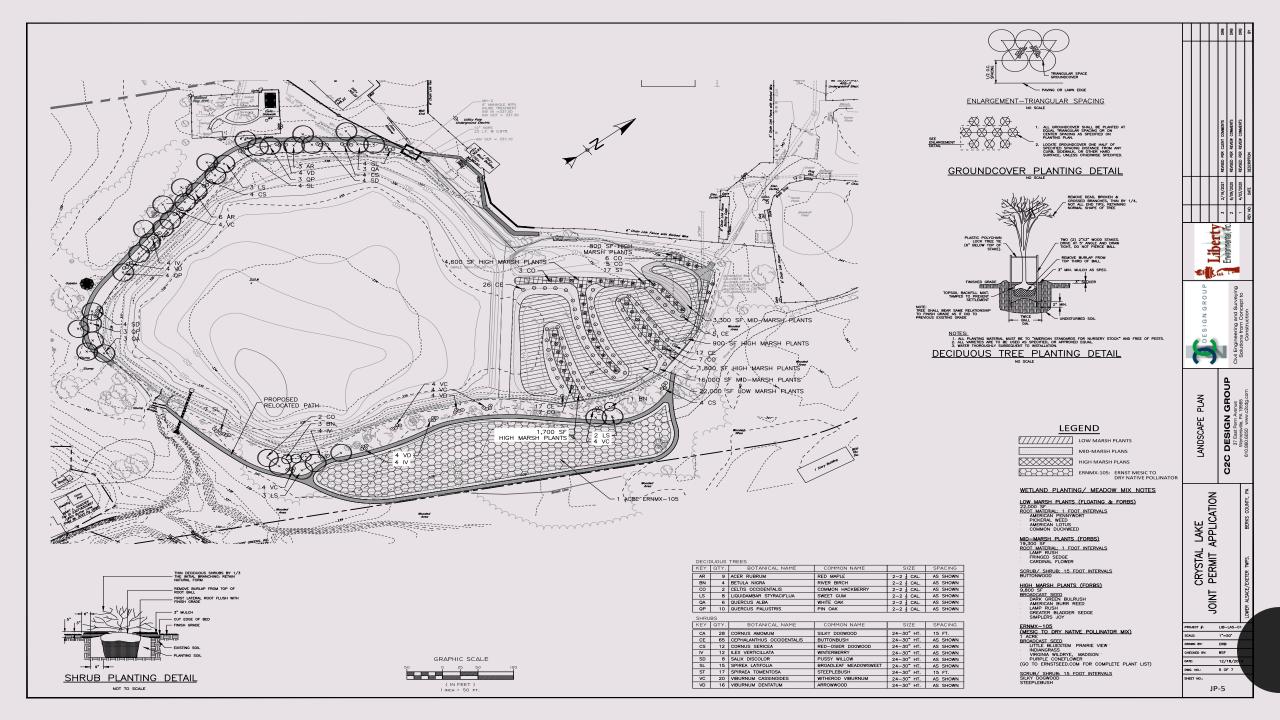
Data collection efforts on Crystal Lake and from the outlet of Crystal Lake conducted on July 18, 2024 indicate that concentrations of cyanobacteria range from 3,300 to 4,420 Natural Units/mL. These results exceed the 1,500 Natural Units/mL Avoid Contact threshold for primary contact (swimming). Based on these counts, additional toxin testing was conducted. The results indicate that the concentrations of Microcystins (14.7 ug/L) also exceed the Avoid Contact threshold for primary contact (swimming).

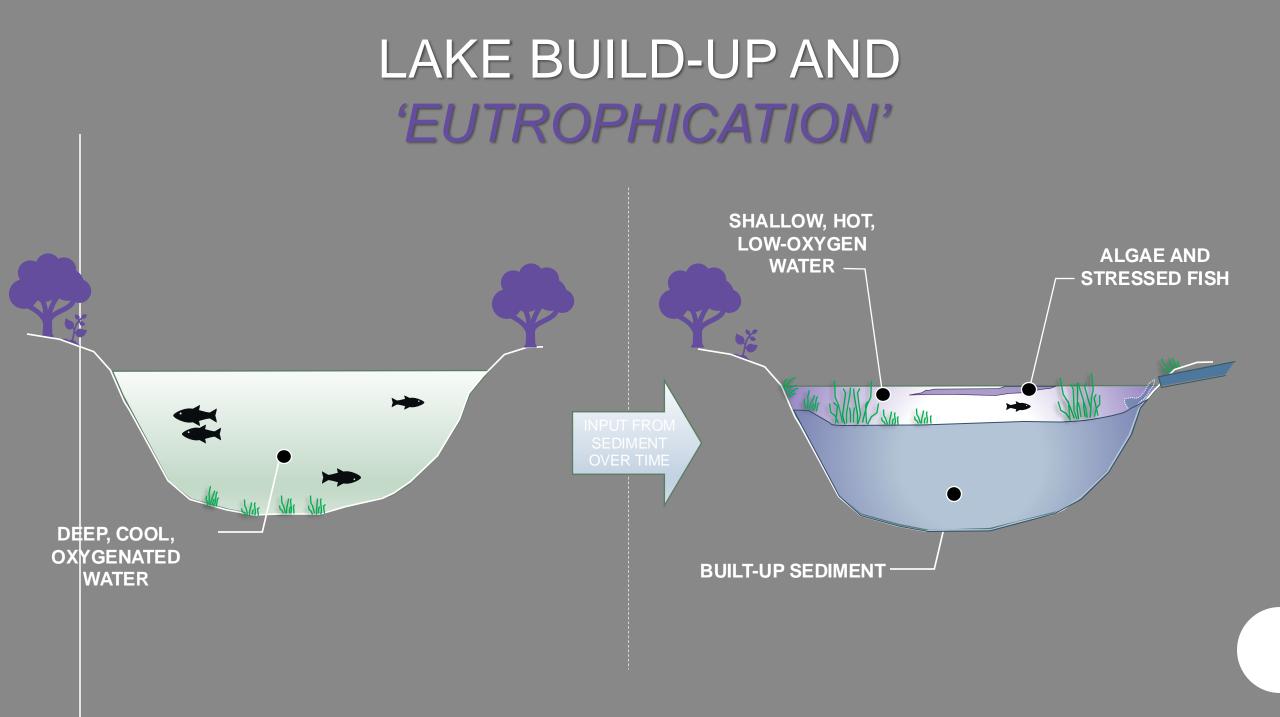
It doesn't appear that swimming is permitted at Crystal Lake. Subsequently, the recommendation from the HABs Task Force would be to post a Watch for this waterbody.

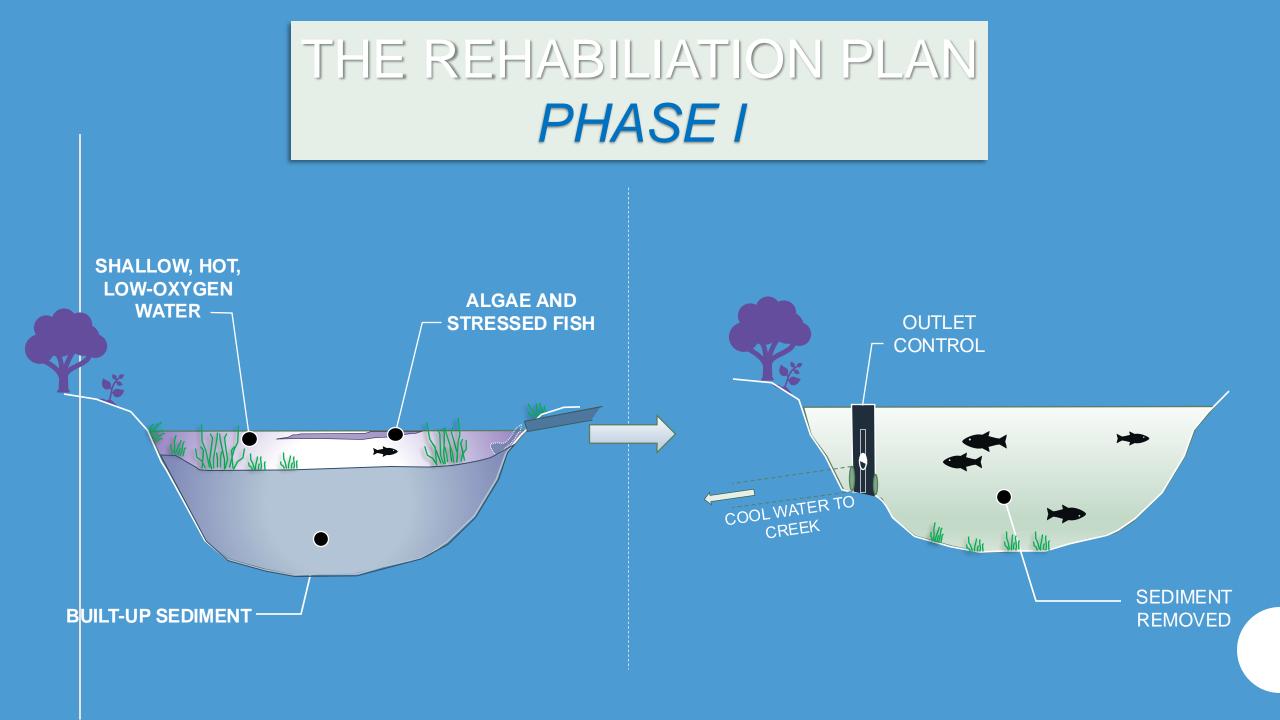
The Task Force has developed a Watch recommendation for the purposes of communicating to the public that conditions could lead to a HAB and that users should be attentive. A Watch recommendation is appropriate when:

- Visual observations indicate conditions are optimal for a HAB;
- <u>Waterbodies without public swimming beaches experience</u> colony counts or toxin concentrations that exceed response level thresholds;
  - Waterbodies with public swimming beaches experience colony

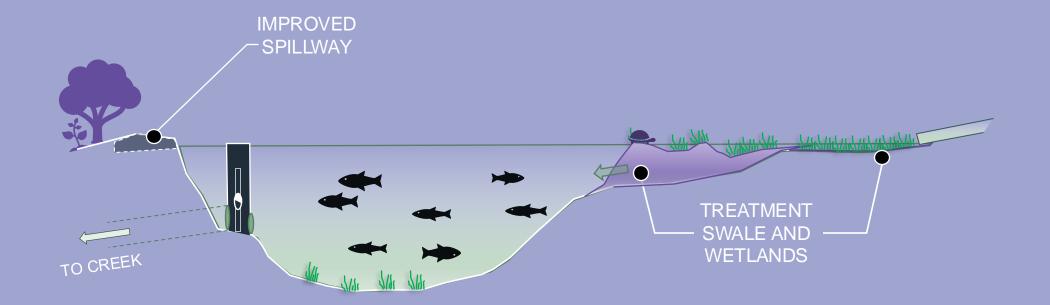








THE REHABILIATION PLAN **PHASE II** 



Fish and Aquatic Animals Relocation

# CRYSTAL LAKE TASK FORCE:

- PA Dept. of Environmental Protection Fish & Boat
- County of Berks Parks & Recreation
- Berks County Conservation District
- Berks Nature
- Liberty Environmental Engineering, Inc.
- Flyway Excavating, Inc.
- Mt. Penn Borough Municipal Authority

## CRYSTAL LAKE CLOSURE

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## SURROUNDING PERIMETER

Includes walking pathway around lake & bridge area access.

# November 15, 2024 - April 15, 2025