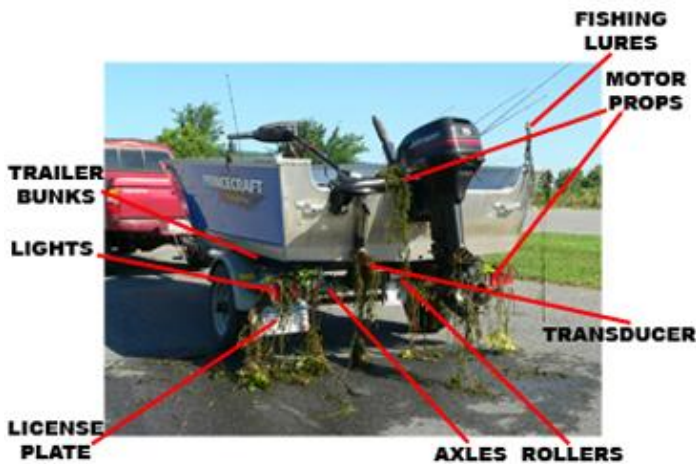


Caroga and Canada Lakes' Boat Inspection and Wash Station

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The Fulton County SWCD and lake associations are working together to try and protect our lakes from Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS). Our goal is to educate the public and keep AIS out of the lakes that have not been invaded yet and to help reduce the transfer in and out of the ones that have. Currently, Canada Lake is free of all AIS while Caroga Lake has Eurasian Watermilfoil. This past year a boat inspection/wash station was constructed on State Route 10 between Caroga and Canada Lakes. Lake stewards man the station to help walkthrough a typical equipment inspection and if needed disinfect (hot water pressure wash) equipment that doesn't meet inspection standards. A typical inspection is quick and will ensure our lakes stay clean of aquatic invaders.



Be sure to carefully examine these common invasive species attachment points, and don't forget the small equipment like bait buckets, anchor rope or anything else that comes in contact with the water.

If your boat has been used in a waterbody containing zebra mussels, run your hand along the hull. If it feels like sandpaper, it likely has mussels attached.



This project would have never been possible without great partnerships and planning. The funds for this project were secured through the Fulton County SWCD from the Department of State. The lake associations completed the planning and headed the implementation along with the Town of Caroga. This project is a huge step in keeping our lakes clean from aquatic invasive species.



The boat inspection and wash station consists of a U-shaped driveway for traffic ease. A structure was built to house the hot water pressure washer and all other equipment. During the boating season a lake steward will be on site to educate visitors and complete the voluntary inspection.

