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In fact, Plan B+ will lead to net economic benefit for the region, as demonstrated by the studies the IJC has sponsored over the past 5 years. Furthermore, these predicted economic benefits do not account for the increased income from sport-fishing and hunting, which could dramatically increase in response to healthier lake and river ecosystems.

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Sincerely,

Ruth E. Berg
TNC - Central Western NY Chapter member

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