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Hi

I wanted to reach out and let you know that we have taken over the process from UAlbany. Below is where we stand at this point:

- Tests have confirmed that there is no sewage present. Coliform tests also came back negative.
- Instead, testing seems to indicate that the odor in the pond is from decaying organic matter in the silt that has built up as a result of low oxygen levels.
- Air samples from the pond indicate the presence of non-hazardous levels of hydrogen sulfide, which is the case whenever organic matter builds up in a pond over time and decays.
- The City of Albany in conjunction with SUNY Poly will conduct additional testing of the pond on 2/5 (weather permitting).
- An aerator for the pond has been ordered and should arrive this week. Aeration will improve water quality and overall conditions within the pond, including increased oxygen levels which will eliminate the odor.
- Additional maintenance will be conducted on the pond in the Spring, once the ice thaws, including draining and dredging.

We're moving quickly to remedy the situation and appreciate your cooperation. If you have any further questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

Thanks.

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