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Lake Scugog is, unfortunately, the latter. The bottom of the water is quite close to the top and unless something is done, top and bottom will meet.

There is no doubt that if the water were to be sorted out from the mud we would have a lower water mark on the jetties and shores, but we would have deeper water at said jetties and shores. Doesn't that sound silly! Some place under all this muck and weeds there is hard-pan, and if the mud can be taken out from between the water and the hard-pan this lake will be improved a hundred percent. For sake of argument, say there is eight feet of mud between pan and water. What is mud? Water and soil, of course. Still being hypothetical, say our mud is half water. So, take out the soil and you still have four feet of water. Not so silly now, eh?

How does one go about separating water from soil? Could let the mud settle and then drain the water off, but that is highly impractical when such a vast amount of water is to be dealt with. A sand-sucker and properly built retaining wall does the trick; not as efficiently as distillation of course, but it does the trick.

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Fascinating. Written 71 years ago and though a little off on the science the solution is still applicable in theory today. Suggested answer is basically what the Township, Kawartha Conservation and Scugog Lake Stewards want to do this year with the Lake Scugog Enhancement Project in Port Perry Bay! The more things are different, the more they are the same!