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To our Long Lake Area Association (LLAA) members, property owners, and friends, please consider making a donation to the **Long Lake Area Association Foundation** in support our essential Environmental Stewardship activities and programs!

**Our 2025 fundraising goal is \$45,000. Your donation is essential for us to be able to address threats to the water quality of Long Lake and to avoid accessing our reserve accounts.** As the environmental and AIS threats increase, the cost to address those threats are also increasing. The Foundation's expenses for the current year to date were over \$35,000.

Protecting Long Lake from aquatic invasive species (AIS) infestation, monitoring and managing water quality, and the ongoing costs of mitigating AIS currently within the lake and the management of our fishery is **expensive** and these costs are only **partially covered** by State and Township resources. **To be blunt: invasive species are expensive—and costs are climbing yearly.**

*Annually, the LLAA Foundation funds support the following critical efforts:*

**Watercraft inspection/education at the South and North accesses:**

State funds for staffing AIS Inspection at lake accesses are minimal and spread thinly across many Hubbard County lakes. Our LLAA Foundation has provided **\$26,208**, *the majority of funding for AIS inspection.* We receive additional funding from the State and two townships (Hubbard and Henrietta) to help support our commitment to AIS Inspection at Long Lake accesses.

**Starry Stonewort (SSW) and Zebra Mussel monitoring and mitigation:**

SSW is a new and rapidly evolving AIS infestation on Long Lake discovered in 2023. The Foundation has already pledged **\$10,000** to this effort which includes surveys and diving to identify conditions of existing SSW infestation and work to mitigate it as well as to monitor for new outbreaks.

Regarding zebra mussels, during the last fiscal year, we spent over **\$700** on monitoring efforts. Unfortunately, expenses related to zebra mussels are not going away, and the costs will most certainly increase over time.

**Maintenance costs for the CD3 machine at the South Access:**

While the CD3 Machine was provided with a grant to the Township of Hubbard, ongoing operational costs are the responsibility of the Foundation and are estimated to cost **\$1,400 to \$2,000 annually.**

**Fish Stocking:**

The Foundation has spent **\$6,000** this fiscal year for the stocking of perch and walleye. Walleye is stocked every two years, and there is some logic in increasing our perch stocking levels, perhaps each year. We are working with the DNR to determine the best way to support the fisheries.

**Water quality monitoring:**

We contract with RMB Environmental Labs to measure the physical properties of the water including metrics for chloride, nitrates, total suspended solids and volatile solids as well as chlorophyll-a and total phosphorus to ascertain the health of the lake. Those services cost the Foundation nearly **\$1,000** annually. Additionally, every few years we contract for a professional aquatic vegetation survey to understand changes in the native vegetation and to do early detection of AIS every five years or more frequently if needed. This professional survey last conducted in 2023 discovered the Starry Stonewort (SSW) at the south access. The cost of that survey was **\$4825.**

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## Keep Long Lake Beautiful and Healthy for Generations

Life on the lake is truly precious. Keeping the lake healthy and protected **takes money and volunteer investment** and will pay dividends for our children and grandchildren.

### Serve on the Board:

The lake is divided into 6 Neighborhoods with a Director elected to represent each neighborhood plus an At-Large Director voted on by all LLAA members. Board terms are 2 years and are surprisingly less painful than you might imagine.

### Join a committee:

Communications, Community, Environmental Stewardship (AIS monitoring, Fisheries, Shoreline Management, Water Quality Monitoring, etc.) and other supportive roles are just some of the ways you could get involved in demonstrating your love and appreciation of Long Lake. It takes the dedicated help of many to make the LLAA and LLAA Foundation work. Learn more by visiting our new website at [www.longlakeliving.org](http://www.longlakeliving.org) or contact the board via email at: [volunteer@longlakeliving.org](mailto:volunteer@longlakeliving.org)

### Encourage, demonstrate, and abide by AIS best practices:

Clean, Drain, and Dry your boats, toys, and equipment before putting them in the lake; use the free Watercraft Decontamination station to clean tiny invasive creatures off your boat; learn what AIS species look like and monitor your shoreline. Please call (218-616-1631) the decontamination station to schedule your decontamination before moving your boat to another lake. Thanks!

### Be a good lake steward:

Please abide by the newly provided Wake Map that is posted in our access kiosks and on our website ([www.longlakeliving.org](http://www.longlakeliving.org)) when enjoying the water! Being a good steward of the lake also means being a good steward of your land! What happens on the shoreline affects the water clarity of our lake and loon habitat. Our lake is fortunate to have several Shoreline Advisors available if you have questions about what to plant along your shore. You can contact them by emailing us at [office@longlakeliving.org](mailto:office@longlakeliving.org)

The LLAA Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, non-profit organization. **Your contribution is a qualified tax-deductible donation.** Donations can be made three ways:

- LLAA website ([www.longlakeliving.org](http://www.longlakeliving.org)): click on the "DONATE" at the bottom of the page.
- Click on the QR code provided below
- Return the enclosed donation slip and your check via the USPS. Make the check out to the **LLAA Foundation**. Please mail it to LLAA Foundation, PO Box 808, Park Rapids, MN 56470

Thank you for your generosity,



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