

Lake Stewardship Recognition:

Last summer Barbara Tam Curtis (Neighborhood # 1) was recognized as a lake steward.

She has been coming to Long Lake with her family since 1928, as she shared in an article in our Long Lake History. ([Read the article on our History page](#)) Barbara reflects on what influenced her lake stewardship.

It was in 1962 that Rachel Carson, a biologist, published her book ***Silent Spring***. She warned of the dangers and widespread misuse of pesticides and their effects on nature. When asked why she wrote the book, she responded by saying no one else had written about it. It was of historic significance, leading to the formation of the Environmental Protection Agency just eight years later.

Mr. Michael Sims, a writer and environmentalist, wrote an article in the *New York Times*, “Spring Awakening – Rachel Carson, the power of wonder, and me,” on June 10, 2022, the 60th anniversary of Carson’s last work, *Silent Spring*. He explained that as a teenager, hungry for a sense of natural connection with the planet, he discovered Rachel Carson’s writing at the public library. In her book *The Edge of the Sea*, he read, “So the present is linked with past and future and each living thing with all that surrounds it.” Carson also expressed that “biology means the study of life.” Barbara shares that what we do can affect areas many miles downstream, and what we do along our shoreline can affect the quality of life for many.



The vegetated shoreline with trees and bushes protect against erosion.



The forested bank plus vegetated buffer at the top of the hillside and along the property lines help protect and preserve the water quality of Long Lake from runoff and erosion.

The birds, bees and other wildlife enjoy the natural pollinator habitat too!

