



2026 September LLAA Newsletter

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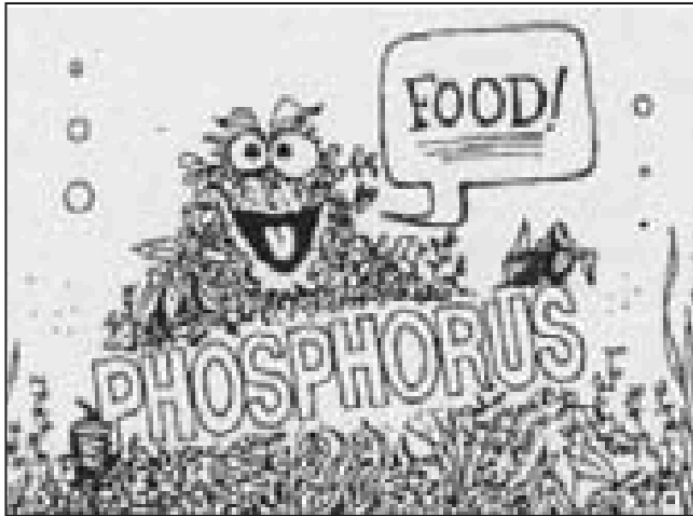
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Curb Shoreline Erosion

By Deanna Frazier

Rainwater runoff or waves lapping at the bank of your property can erode the shoreline, silt up the water, wash away sand blankets and impair fish spawning areas. Taking steps to reduce the erosion of soil into the lake will also lower the amount of pollutants reaching the lake. The key question for most Long Lakers is, "What can I do to curb shoreline erosion on my property?"

Action taken sooner rather than later can prevent and curb shoreline erosion, according to information provided by the Hubbard County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). Creating a "buffer zone" of native plants is their key recommendation to protect your shoreline from erosion and to keep pollutants out of the lake water. (Cartoon on the left from Hubbard County Shoreland Guide)



One pound of phosphorus can feed the growth of over 500 pounds of algae.

A shoreland buffer is an unmowed strip of native vegetation that extends both lakeward and landward from the water's edge. A buffer zone of native plants that extends 25-50 feet landward from the shore is preferable but even adding a buffer as narrow as 10-15 feet can restore many functions critical to the health of the lake that may have been eliminated previously

by sod, hard structures, or mowing. When it comes to shoreland buffers, wider is better for more benefits.

Restore Your Shoreline

Local nurseries and garden centers are starting to carry more native plant stock and can recommend the best plants for your site. Plants used should be native to this region of Minnesota-don't buy plants from a mail order catalog grown in another part of the country and expect them to grow. The DNR website has a list of native plant suppliers and landscapers.

Consult with University of Minnesota Shoreland Specialists, DNR Shoreland Restoration Specialists, or the Hubbard County SWCD for resources and fact sheets on designing your project, selecting plants, preparing the site, and planting.

Moreover, there are cost-share grants available through the Hubbard County SWCD. The cost-share program was created to provide funds to share the cost of systems or practices for erosion control, sedimentation control, or water quality improvements that are designed to protect and improve soil and water resources. Through the State Cost-Share Program, landowners can request financial and technical assistance for the implementation of conservation practices. To apply, visit <https://www.hubbardswcd.org/programs/#cost-share>. For more information regarding shoreline conservation, visit <https://www.hubbardswcd.org>.

Sidebar Story

Some Efforts Miss the Mark

By Deanna Frazier



Not all “remedies” are recommended by the Hubbard County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN-DNR) for curbing shoreline erosion. For example, the SWCD does not recommend the installation of Rip-Rap, a layer of large stones placed along the lake shoreline to protect the underlying soil from erosion caused by waves, currents, and runoff.

Rip-rap, stone, retaining walls, or turf grass might seem like good solutions for stabilizing erosion, but they are not usually the best choice. Rip-rap reflects wave energy back towards the lake causing previously sandy areas to erode to gravel or cobblestones. Water can undercut retaining walls and turf grasses.

Rip-rap and non-native grasses don’t reduce chemical runoff polluting the water and causing unsightly algal blooms. These choices can negatively impact the lake by creating an unnatural barrier between upland areas and the shoreland environment that destroys vegetative transition areas and eliminates critical habitat for many species. For more information regarding how to curb shoreline erosion, visit:

<https://www.hubbardswcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Shoreland-Guide.pdf>

Be a Good Neighbor:

by Camilla Glatty



When you search the phrase “good neighbors” on the internet, you’ll find non-profits, a musical group, sitcoms, and even a film about a serial killer on the loose in Montréal. Luckily for most of us, our neighbors fall into a more gentle category: people you see as you return home, people you wave at, people you chat with as you let your dogs play in the yard, or who bring in packages

for you when you are away. Some neighbors even organize annual gatherings.

Neighbors at the lake have a unique relationship. Seasonal folks usually head to the lake for family time, some peace and quiet, or for an escape from the frenetic pace back home. Depending on your personal use of your lake home/cabin, you may only cross paths a few times over the summer with your neighbors. For residents who live on the lake, the role of neighbors is obviously quite different. For those who do their own maintenance, it can feel like a work camp. For our younger neighbors, it’s a chance to burn off some steam and have fun.

Regardless of where you find yourselves, taking the time to build meaningful connections at the lake is important and worthwhile, even if you only see each other a few times in the summer. Neighbors can provide security, alert you when a tree is down or share videos of a hungry bear. I often reach out to the year-long residents in my neighborhood for advice on local contractors or various resources. Knowing there is someone you can call when you need help makes good neighbors essential. We've probably all lived it: you're out of gas on the lake, your boat floats away after a heavy rain, you need to borrow a tool, you are out of rhubarb or, you've left something important behind after closing up in the fall.

Above all else, we are a community of people who love Long Lake. We all want to preserve it for our families--many of us are getting to know third and fourth generations of people. Having strong relationships with neighbors, respecting each other's differences and needs while finding common ground will only make our lake community stronger. Listen with an open mind, be respectful, give advice when asked, return that tool you borrowed, and don't forget to wave. PS: Make sure your pets (dogs, etc.) are good neighbors too.

Double Your Impact: How Corporate Matching Gifts Can Boost Your LLAAF Donation

When you make a gift to the Long Lake Area Association Foundation (LLAAF), there's a good chance you can double it — or even triple it — without spending another dime. The secret is a benefit millions of Americans already have through their current or former employer and simply don't use: **the corporate matching gift program.**

How It Works

Matching gift programs let employees (and often retirees — more on that below) request that their company match a personal donation to a qualified 501(c)(3) organization like LLAAF, typically dollar-for-dollar. The process is usually simple: after making your donation, you log into your company's giving or HR portal, submit a matching gift request naming LLAAF as the

recipient, and the corporate foundation sends a matching gift directly to us. Some employers match at 2:1 or even higher, meaning every \$100 you give becomes \$200, \$300, or more for lake stewardship, education, and community programs.



**Double Your Gift.
It's Free.**

2 in 3 Fortune 500 companies match
employee & RETIREE donations to LLAAF

CHECK YOUR EMPLOYER MATCH

doublethedonation.com/matching-gift-search

It's More Common Than You'd Think

Corporate matching isn't a niche perk reserved for a handful of Fortune 500 giants — it's mainstream. Roughly two-thirds of Fortune 500 companies offer some form of matching gift program, and more than half of Russell 1000 companies now publicly report offering one, a figure that has grown nearly 12% over the past three years. Altogether, an estimated 26 million+ working Americans are employed by companies with a matching program available to them. Minimum donation thresholds are typically modest — often just \$25 — so even a smaller gift to the LLAAF can qualify.

Don't Forget: Retirees Often Qualify Too

Here's a detail many people miss: you don't have to still be working there. Many major employers — including Johnson & Johnson, Coca-Cola, IBM, Chevron, and Eli Lilly, among others — extend their matching gift programs to retired employees, sometimes at the same ratio as active staff. If you're retired from a company that had a giving program, it's well worth a quick check; that benefit doesn't necessarily end when you leave.

The Money Left on the Table

Nationally, only about \$2–3 billion of available matching funds are claimed each year, while an estimated \$4–7 billion in matching money goes unclaimed annually — largely because donors don't know the benefit exists or skip the few minutes it takes to request it. Studies show that simply mentioning the possibility of a match boosts giving response rates by over 70%.

Check Your Eligibility in 30 Seconds

Not sure if your current or former employer participates? Use a free lookup tool like Double the Donation's matching gift search: <https://doublethedonation.com/matching-gift-search/>. Just type in your employer's name to see if a program exists, the match ratio, and how to submit a request. You can also simply ask your current (or former) company's HR or benefits department.

What This Means for LLAAF

Before your next gift to the LLAAF, take a moment to check whether your employer — current or past — will match it. It costs you nothing extra, and it could mean significantly more support for water quality monitoring, shoreline education, and preserving what makes Long Lake special!

Check today — your gift may go twice as far for Long Lake.

Sharing Family Recipes:

What lake memory is complete without a favorite meal? Many of our summer traditions are lovingly saved in old recipe boxes, marked pages, or yellowed newspaper clippings from decades past—just like the Fraizer family's iconic "Jungle Stew" from the 1960s. Share Your Lake Recipes! Help us pass along the tradition by submitting your family favorites for future LLA Newsletters to office@longlakeliving.org.

Jungle Stew

2 lbs hamburger
1 T Olive oil
4 14.5oz cans diced tomatoes
1lb elbow macaroni
2 14.5oz cans dark red kidney beans (undrained)
1 14.5oz can corn (undrained)
1 can tomato soup
Salt & pepper to taste



In a Dutch oven, brown beef in olive oil. Add diced tomatoes and macaroni to ground beef. Heat until bubbly. Cover and let pasta cook in the tomatoes and juice until tender, stirring occasionally. Stir in tomato soup, kidney beans, and corn. Add desired seasoning and simmer until thickened a bit. Serves 12.

Volunteers Needed

Try something new next summer, volunteer for one of the many jobs monitoring the lake's well-being. Or find a job that can be done from your home this winter.

Find Your Fit: Join a Committee

Many LLAA volunteers choose to get involved by joining a committee. Committees work together on projects throughout the year and are a great way to meet neighbors while supporting the lake and our community.

Use the guide below to see which committee might be a good fit for your interests, then visit the Committees page to learn more.

If you enjoy...	Consider this committee
Writing, website, social media	Communications
Planning events, bringing people together	Community
Water quality, AIS, science, outdoors	Environmental Stewardship
Fishing, habitat, DNR coordination	Fisheries
Membership, elections, organization	Membership & Elections



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is Fast Approaching***

Be sure to check for
aquatic invasive species
(AIS).

Inspect all posts, support
bars, wheels & footings.

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Gina Kemper
(local DNR AIS specialist)
(218) 537-6100

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