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Working towards the preservation of an ecologically sound Lake Maxinkuckee and its surrounding watershed



2023 Fundraising Campaign is Off to a Great Start!

[Click to read 2022 Highlights](#)

LMEF has been protecting Lake Maxinkuckee since 1981 and keeping the lake healthy is our top priority.

But we can't do it without your support.

2022 Highlights

Kline Wetland Study
Year long study monitoring water flowing into and out of the Kline wetland, measuring how well it is performing.

Aquatic Vegetation Survey
Baseline map to track changes in aquatic vegetation enabling a proactive approach to controlling invasives

Storm Drain Murals
Combining art with environmental awareness.

Stream Team Continues
Volunteer stream monitoring continues to gather data tracking nutrients flowing into the lake.

Rain Barrel Program Continues
Year Two saw 24 more barrels distributed in the community.

Indiana Clean Lakes Program
Continued participation in lake monitoring

Grants Awarded

Ralph C. Vornegut Jr.
Lakes & Rivers Enhancement
Indiana Humanities – WaterWays

Community Engagement

- Smithsonian WaterWays Exhibit
- Mighty Macros Youth Program
- Conservation Cruise
- LakeFest
- Learn by the Lake Youth Program
- Culver Academies AP Environmental Science Class
- LMA Boat Impact Presentation
- Summer Intern



Keeping Our
Lake Healthy

What will the lake look like TOMORROW without your support TODAY?

The dictionary defines proactive as: creating or controlling a situation by causing something to happen rather than responding to it after it has happened.

The LMEF Board has taken a proactive approach when it comes to keeping Our Lake Healthy. We are actively involved in research projects, water monitoring and community outreach.

All this is possible only with your continued and generous support.

Thank you!

Debbie Palmer
LMEF President

With your donations we have funded important research and improvement projects but there is always more to do!

Spread the word about LMEF and what we do. Encourage your friends and family to join us. The more supporters we have, the greater the impact we can make!

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Recent Blog Articles



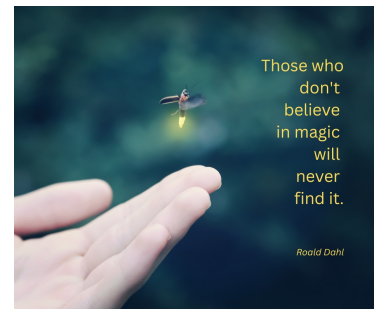
Palmer presents on LMEF approach to aquatic vegetation management.

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LMEF Summer Intern, Jane Sovinski, launches weekly podcast.

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Declining Lightning Bugs and how to help.

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Find Us at LakeFest!



Bring the kids to the LMEF table at LakeFest to make a free craft!

We will have supplies to make a fish or turtle out of old cds.
Quick ~ Easy ~ Fun

2023 LakeFest
July 14, 15 & 16

It's Algae Season!

What does blue-green algae look like?

Blue-green algae can appear in a variety of forms and colors. It can be green, blue-green, brown, black, white, purple, red and black. It can look like film, crust or puff balls at the surface. It may also look like grass clippings or dots in the water. Some

look like spilled paint, pea soup, foam, wool, streaks or green cottage cheese curd.



Blue-green algae can sometimes be present even when there is no scum or pea soup appearance. If the water shows a strong greenish discoloration and is turbid (not clear and has materials suspended in the water) a good test is to wade in without stirring up sediment and see if you can see your feet when standing knee-deep. If you cannot see your feet, at a minimum avoid ingestion of water or submersion of your head. It is also a good idea to keep pets out.

Exposure to blue-green algae during swimming, wading, and water-skiing can lead to rashes, skin, eye irritation, and effects such as nausea, stomach aches, and tingling in fingers and toes.

After you swim, wade or ski, be sure to shower with warm soapy water and wash your hands thoroughly as soon as possible.

You can visit www.algae.IN.gov for more information.

Successful Lakeside Loop Eco Ride

Wow was this fun! We had a great turnout and great weather.

Be sure to follow us on social media to learn about upcoming events.

DON'T MISS OUT!



July is Lake Appreciation Month!

Celebrating its 25th year, Lakes Appreciation Month is observed annually in July.



In 1998 The North American Lake Management Society (NALMS) launched Lakes Appreciation Week to focus attention on lakes and reservoirs, their unique value as well as the management issues they face.

Then in 2003 Lakes Appreciation Week grew into a month long celebration thanks to the help of EPA's Year of Clean Water celebration that honored the 30th anniversary of the Clean Water Act.

Indiana has joined the list of states to proclaim July as Lake Appreciation Month.

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