

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



Look What We Did in 2023

We are so grateful for the financial support we receive that allows us to do what we do. It is truly an honor to lead LMEF!

- Building Mural
- Lakeside Loop Bike Tour
- Youth Activity Journal
- Lake Max Trax Podcast
- Culver Youth Club Garden
- LakeFest Kids Craft Table
- Stream Team Tributary Monitoring
- Indiana Clean Lakes Lake Monitoring
- Free Rain Barrels and Adapter Kits
- Lake Max Messages Blog
- Monthly E-Newsletter
- Community Presentations
- Summer Intern



Semi-Annual Print Newsletter Coming Soon!



The semi-annual print newsletter is currently in production. You should soon be receiving your copy in the mail.

All the people who make our work possible are listed and thanked. We couldn't do what we do without our donors.

Thank you for making Lake Maxinkuckee and the work of LMEF a priority in your gift giving!

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Are Giant Joro Spiders Coming to Indiana?

Joro spiders can grow up to 3 inches long and weave large webs with golden or yellow-looking silk. They have distinctive bright yellow and black stripes on their legs and abdomens. They are not considered dangerous to humans nor do they seem to pose an environmental threat.

Biologists and entomologists now expect the spider to expand its territory as far north as Canada and as far west as Washington state.

Read more.....

Giant Joro Spider

Don't Panic

What You Need to Know

Winter Won't Stop Them



I am **NOT** a fan!



In Case You Missed It



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PFAS: The Forever Chemicals

The chemical bonds that hold them together “don’t break down” under normal circumstances, says Jamie DeWitt, Ph.D., an adjunct associate professor of biological sciences at North Carolina State University.

Because of that, some people call these substances “forever chemicals.”



A New Collaboration

2024 Focus

Heavy precipitation events pose a particular challenge for water quality in areas with agricultural production, as rainfall, irrigation, and snow melt transport excess nutrients from the soil's surface to nearby lakes and streams. The area around Lake Maxinkuckee is no exception.

LMEF is excited to partner with Marian University Ancilla College to discover ways to improve communication and collaboration with area producers.

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Check Out Aldo Leopold

Considered by many to be the father of wildlife ecology and the United States' wilderness system, Aldo Leopold was a conservationist, forester, philosopher, educator, writer, and outdoor enthusiast.

Among his best known ideas is the "land ethic," which calls for an ethical, caring relationship between people and nature.



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“Examine each question in terms of what is ethically and aesthetically right, as well as what is economically expedient.”



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