

LAKE MAXINKUCKEE ENVIRONMENTAL FUND

"The preservation of an ecologically healthy Lake Maxinkuckee and its watershed"



CUMULATIVE

cu-mu-la-tive (adj.)

"formed by or resulting from accumulation or the addition of successive parts or elements"

Even the largest water-sheds and water-bodies are a function of many small particles, organisms, and molecules, of people and our small actions. Compounded over time, year after year.

Your consistent and compounded support allows us to continue our efforts at nudging each of these actions toward the way of health. On behalf of the LMEF Board and Council,

Thank you for your gifts, attention, time and dedication!

Adam Thada

LMEF President

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**"Do unto those downstream
as you would have those
upstream do to you."**

– Wendell Berry

2024 Annual Sustaining Fund

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2024 IN REVIEW

Another Great Year

Data Buoy

Receipt of \$15,000 from the Vonnegut Fund at the Marshall County Community Foundation to purchase a data buoy... launching spring 2025.

Wetland Tour

November

Twenty folks dusted off their boots for a soggy and sunny tour of the three wetlands that protect the main tributaries of Lake Maxinkuckee.

Citizen Concerns

Assisted with citizen concerns around the lake, including inquiries on sump pumps, fish die-offs, wetland violations, dredging, and more.

Presidential Transition

With gratitude, said goodbye to retiring President Debbie Palmer, and hello to Adam Thada.

Youth Outreach

- CYC Garden Club
- LakeFest Craft Table

Stream Team

Continued with volunteer stream monitoring, tracking nutrients flowing into the lake.

Indiana Clean Lakes Program

Continued with volunteer lake sampling.

Aquifer Talk

Invited Ginger Davis, research geologist with the Indiana Geological Survey, to Culver Academies to talk about the science of aquifers.

Lake Max Messages - Blog

Numerous articles about Lake Maxinkuckee, the watershed and the community.

Monthly Digital Newsletter

Sign up to receive monthly updates.

Summer Intern

Emily Heim - Purdue University

Project and Event Partners



“For every complex problem there is an answer that is clear, simple, and wrong.”

– H. L. Mencken



Lieutenant *cont.*

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 (Volunteers)**

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Kline Levee Additions

Upon examining the elevation measurements this summer and consulting with the project engineers, LMEF determined that we would in fact need a second addition of soil to the center of the Kline Levee.

This was anticipated as a possibility from the beginning, but we were hoping to get by without it.

Winter provided the deep freeze needed to mobilize equipment to maintain this critical piece of infrastructure. The Kline Levee holds back water on 80 acres of wetland, filtering out excess nutrients before they reach the lake.



Open year-round, the Lake Maxinkuckee Wetlands Conservation Area area is owned, operated, and maintained by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR), providing hunting, fishing, and recreational opportunities to the people of Indiana.

LMEF provides local resources, knowledge, and funding to assist with lake improvement projects when possible. This \$72,000 project was made possible by our broad and consistent donor base that is invested in the long term health of Lake Maxinkuckee and its watershed.

Thank you!

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Kline Levee water control structure during a flood event, July 2024

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Thank you for your time and dedication!

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