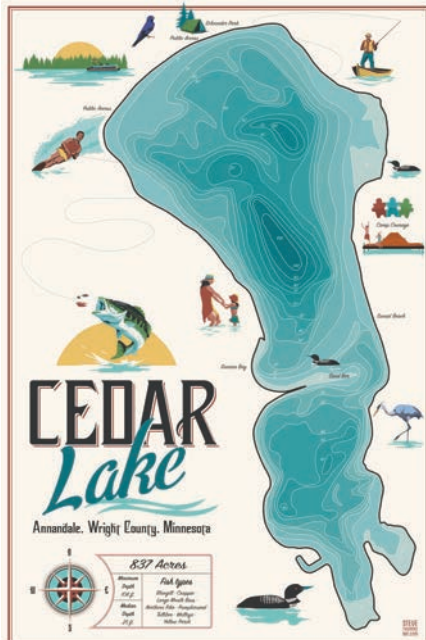


# Cedar Lake Conservation Club

Maple Lake – Annandale, MN

Spring 2026



## Meet Cedar Lake Conservation Club's Water Quality Committee Chair - Glenn Baird



### Dave Glass Recognition

This past winter David Glass resigned his position as chair of the CLCC Water Quality Committee.

The CLCC Board sincerely thanks Dave for all his time, talent, and efforts he gave to our club as a board member, vice-president, president and water quality committee chairman.

Dave's efforts and dedication to our lake community are appreciated.

Glenn has served on the CLCC Board as a Director and has been an active member serving on the Water Quality and Fish & Wildlife Committees, the Loon Platform Crew and served as the

Financial Grant Representative for AIS control.

He has been a frequent leader of the boat parade, annual picnic volunteer, wings and water festival



Picture of Glenn checking on the loon nests.

volunteer, on the construction teams of Kids Don't Float Kiosk, the Chimney Swift tower at Schroeder, and most recently the creator of the Memorial Lighthouse project.

Glenn has shared his love for Cedar Lake and his desire to be a part of continuing our legacy as a great lake association and community.

Glenn and his wife, Liz, have lived on Cedar Lake since 2008. They have a daughter, son-in-law, and 2 grandchildren.



Glenn leading the 2025 boat parade with grandkids at his side.

### "When do we pay our dues"?

For as long as I can remember, people would ask me "when do we pay our dues"? So last year it was decided to suggest June 30<sup>th</sup> as the due date. Our 2026 annual dues remain at \$50 per year. If you have not paid them yet, please consider paying them now using the options listed on the last page of this newsletter. If you're wondering "have I paid already" just check the message near your mailing label. You might also consider an additional contribution to one of your favorite Visionary Funds. Gifts of any amount are appreciated and make a meaningful difference to protecting and enhancing the lake we all enjoy.

## 2026 CLCC Water Quality Committee Update

By Glenn Baird- Water Quality Committee Chair & Rebecca Carlson from the CRWD

Shortly after Dave resigned, CLCC president Sue Wolf asked if I would step up and become chair of the all-volunteer and all-important water quality committee started by Kathy Jonsrud and continued by Dave Glass.

I have been involved with the CLCC since 2010 in numerous roles as past board member and am currently serving on the Water Quality Committee, Fish & Wildlife Committee, Loon Platform Crew and Financial Grant Representative for AIS control. I have been a frequent leader of the boat parade, annual picnic volunteer, wings and water festival volunteer, on the construction teams of Kids Don't Float Kiosk, the Chimney Swift tower at

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## 2026 CLCC Water Quality Committee Update (Continued)

Schroeder and most recently the originator of the Memorial Lighthouse project. I love this lake and want to be a part of continuing its reputation of having a strong lake association. So of course, I said yes.

### Setting the stage moving forward into 2026 will begin with a step back to late summer 2025

**THE** single most important event that occurred last summer 2025 affecting our water quality on Cedar was when the lake turned completely green with algal water. The green slime also made its way into Clearwater. It happened almost overnight but it was days in the making. We also learned that phosphorus levels in Cedar were about double their usual levels all year, starting in the spring. We had to find out why.

### The Causes

Our water quality committee members attended multiple meetings with the Clearwater River Watershed District and coordinated closely with their staff. After some digging into district meeting notes, calls and asking questions and looking for answers, here is what we discovered:

Note: At the fall CLCC board mtg last November, Rebecca Carlson from the CRWD gave a presentation reporting on this event.

#### 1. High water level on Swartout/ Outlet Baffle Removal.

Late summer 2025, residents on upstream Swartout Lake experienced significant flooding. The District checked the lake outlet elevation and determined the baffles were set higher than the DNR-permitted elevation and were required to remove a 6" stoplog 6" retaining baffle. With nutrient concentrations in Swartout Lake high, and it being situated upstream of Cedar Lake, this water flows to Cedar Lake. It is also a phosphorus load to Cedar Lake.

The ongoing high water in Swartout was also preventing maintenance on an iron enhanced sand filter upstream of Swartout. This filter treats inflow to Swartout Lake, improving Swartout Lake water quality which in turn improves Cedar Lake. The lake level in Swartout had to come down for the District to do critical maintenance to get that project online again. Beavers had been damming up the outlet causing the entire project to remain off-line. This maintenance was done in January following the outlet adjustment.

While this nutrient heavy water would make it into Cedar Lake eventually, it got there faster than it typically would. It took a few days, but this relatively large volume of high phosphorus water found its way into Cedar and then into Clearwater. Our filtration ponds were overrun from this release. The filtration ponds were not designed to handle this massive flow. The capacities of these ponds will be studied for updating options and addressed this fall. Like what we see if we get a very large rain event in late summer if we have high water.

#### 2. Nuisance Cormorant population on Swartout Island.

Cormorants nesting on the island experienced a huge increase in population growth in recent years, growing from historic levels of around 200 birds up to an estimated 3,300 birds in recent years.

The District began working with the USFWS and DNR to gain permission to manage nuisance populations in 2022.

At their 2025 population, the nutrients in Cormorant fecal matter constitute a significant and excessive nutrient loading to Swartout Lake, and eventually Cedar Lake. It can also be very destructive to the land and foliage they nest on. Doing the math, that's a lot of s\*\*t flowing off the island and into the lake.

#### 3. Other Maintenance Needs on Projects

Segner Pond, constructed in 2006, functioned well for about 20 years. Soon after its installation, Cedar Lake Water quality improved. While it still offers some nutrient removal, it is time to replace the filter on the project. District staff recommend doing so this fall/ winter.

#### 4. Excess Carp Populations in Swartout

The District initiated a carp study on the Cedar Chain of Lakes in 2022, including Swartout, and it is ongoing. Carp seining is planned for spring of 2026 provided the carp are congregating sufficiently to make it effective. Excess carp populations in shallow lakes like Swartout can cause poor water quality.

### What To Do?

#### We had to seek out some answers.

The Water Quality Committee went to the CRWD in search of possible causes and solutions. The CRWD is completing a feasibility study to outline causes and solutions in full coordination with the CLCC.

#### The causes include:

- Nuisance populations of Cormorants on Swartout
- Nuisance populations of Carp in Swartout
- Nuisance Beavers in Swartout contributing to already high-water levels in Swartout which prevented critical maintenance of the Iron Enhanced Sand Filter that treats inflow to Swartout
- Segner Pond maintenance needs

#### Solutions include:

- Managing nuisance populations of Cormorants, Carp and Beavers (this work is on-going).
- Maintenance of the Swartout Iron Enhanced Sand Filter completed in January
- Maintenance of Segner Pond Filter (Planned for this coming fall/ winter)

Cormorants are federally protected birds. The CRWD has sought assistance from the DNR and USFWS since 2022 to reduce nuisance populations but did not receive permission/support. Our water quality team thought it best we take a position of being a good neighbor and assist in any way we can to help the folks on Swartout remedy the bird problem.

Digging deeper, we discovered procedural steps required by the US Fish & Wildlife Service that must be taken before applying for a depredation permit to eliminate the birds. The birds are Federally protected and cannot be easily eliminated.

We dove into the USFWS & DNR application process to obtain a depredation permit. Contrary to what local folklore has told us, here is a cut & paste directly off the FAQ's requirements on depredation permit for both the USFWS and MN DNR:

**What activities can I do without a depredation permit?**

You do not need a federal depredation permit to simply harass or scare nuisance Cormorant populations through certain measures.

**Do I need a federal permit to destroy a bird nest?**

A permit is not needed to destroy inactive bird nests, provided the nest is destroyed and not kept. An inactive bird nest is one without eggs or chicks present. The Nest Destruction Migratory Bird Permit Memorandum (MBPM-2-02; January 15, 2025) provides additional guidance on nest destruction.

**Can I harass birds without a Special Double-crested Cormorant permit?**

Yes. You can actively harass or scare any migratory bird without a federal permit (except bald eagles, golden eagles, and federally listed threatened or endangered species). Active hazing methods scare, deter, or repel birds, including lasers, propane exploders, pyrotechnics, distress calls and sound-producing devices, scarecrows, mylar tape, and eyespot balloons.

Birds may also be passively dissuaded from using an area, such as the use of netting or net exclusion devices. A federal permit is not required to passively deter birds. The Service recommends monitoring the devices regularly, maintaining, and repairing them to ensure they remain effective and to prevent entrapment.

The Service encourages permittees to coordinate with the USDA-Wildlife Services for expertise ineffective use of nonlethal management of conflicts associated with cormorants.

**Do I need a federal permit to destroy a cormorant nest?**

A permit is required to destroy an active bird nest (one with eggs or chicks present). A permit is not required to destroy inactive bird nests, provided the nest is destroyed and not kept. An inactive bird nest is one without eggs or chicks present. The Destruction and Relocation of Migratory Bird Nests Memorandum (June 14, 2018) provides additional guidance on nest destruction(<http://www.fws.gov/policy/m0407.pdf>).

## Current Status

This nuisance population reduction initiative, planning and permitting process, is being managed by the CRWD along with cooperation from Swartout residents and the CLCC.



We now have an active Hazing program on Swartout Island in place that began in Mid-January. Once ice thickness was safely reached, a team of contractors armed with backhoes, graders, and dump trailers were dispatched to remove all unoccupied nests, nesting materials, conducted some relandscaping and then installed a grid of rebar stakes with mylar ribbons and wires to deter nesting this spring. Volunteers on Swartout Lake are using a laser specifically designed to deter cormorants, provided through the 215 project, is a to haze cormorants on the island. These residents will also remove inactive cormorant nests on the island weekly.

Continual hazing techniques will also be ready. If hazing is not effective in reducing the nuisance cormorant population on the island, the District will seek a depredation permit. A depredation permit requires documenting all tested techniques and recording successes and failures. This process can take a few years to evolve. Laser lights, horns, animal urine, pyrotechnics, ribbons, and netting over net areas are all a few possibilities. If documented techniques are proven ineffective, depredation might be allowed.

Recent updates on mylar ribbons and wires hazing have shown limited success. Two birds were tangled in the wires and died. Some birds have rebuilt nests, site teams have removed over 125 newly constructed occupied nests. Observations of hundreds of birds confused and gathering near the island trying to decide the next step. More hazing techniques are in the works to keep up the battle.

Financial costs of ongoing hazing techniques also must be considered.

## Swartout Lake Resident Partners

The volunteer efforts in Cormorant population reduction provide significant cost savings over having to hire someone to laser haze daily and remove inactive nests weekly. Your neighbors on Swartout are actively engaged in improving Swartout Lake which will help Cedar Lake. They have a strong reason to do so: Swartout residents experienced severe algae blooms the past few summers that caused such a noxious odor. They couldn't be outside and had to retreat inside to get away from the smell. They have strong motivation to support this project and are in the process of forming their own lake association.

### CLCC Board Approval Given

At the recent Board mtg of April 18, 2026, a motion was passed in support, within the scope of USFWL guidelines, of hazing and harassing to deter migrating and nesting of Cormorants & Pelicans in Cedar. The sandbar area is most vulnerable and typically a gathering spot. Fortunately, not a lot of ground space is available to support large quantity nesting. Cormorants also gather in trees and can cause destruction of trees.

### What Cedar residents can do to assist

Get involved. Volunteer to help. We need you out there to be on the lookout for an increase in migration and nesting. Feel free to haze, harass and deter settling in any area of the Cedar. Remember, you cannot legally eliminate the birds or destroy occupied nests or remove eggs. You can't aggressively chase them. However, within the USFWL guidelines, you can encourage them to move on, disrupt gatherings, scare, annoy, etc., by many legal methods listed above in the FAQ's.

Take pictures, record dates & times, take head counts, look for nests and let us know of your efforts.

Please be supportive of the work of CRWD, property owners on Swartout, and the CLCC Water Quality Committee by volunteering your time or donating to the water quality fund to keep this initiative rolling.

Our water quality committee continues to work hard and has spent thousands of dollars and man hours on AIS control including upstream filtering ponds, carp barriers, tracking water quality testing data, and lake management techniques to name a few. Most of these initiatives are funded by Water Quality donations and Cedar Lake taxpayers through the PO #6 project line on your annual tax statement.

We welcome your input and assistance.

# Thank You Dave.

Provided Submitted by: Sue Wolf, CLCC President

Email me at glennabaird@gmail.com as needed.

This winter David Glass resigned his position as chair of the CLCC Water Quality Committee a bit earlier than expected due in part to some health concerns along with his increased involvement in the MN Society of Mayflower Descendants. The CLCC Board sincerely thanks Dave for all his time and efforts he gave to our club as a board member, vice-president, president and water quality committee chairman. His efforts and dedication are genuinely appreciated and he will be missed.



## Coffee with the Birds at Schroeder Park

Rise and shine - it's time to sip and spot! Join us for **Coffee with the Birds on July 11, 2026, at 9-10 am at Schroeder Park.** Enjoy a relaxed morning learning about the birds that call Cedar Lake home.

**Open to the Cedar Lake community and campers from Schroeder Park.**

**We hope you'll join us for some fresh air, good company, and some feathered fun - we'd love to see you there!**



Bren Stepp giving a presentation at the event last summer.

## NEW at Cedarfest: Wine Wall "Grab & Go"

Pick a wrapped bottle - no labels, no clues - and take home a surprise! Some bottles may even be worth more than you paid. It's quick, easy, and a fun way to add a little mystery to the evening.

Half the fun is not knowing what you'll get - and the other half is discovering it!



# Cedarfest at The Boathouse at 'Tween Lakes

Saturday, August 29, 2026, 4:00-7:00 PM



Join us for Cedarfest, our annual end-of-summer celebration

- an evening filled with great food, fun activities, and time together on the lake!

We're excited to gather this year at The Boathouse at 'Tween Lakes, a beautiful setting to relax, connect, and celebrate our lake community.

## Picnic Dinner (served 4:00-6:00 PM)

We're thrilled to have **Just North of Memphis BBQ** serving up a delicious meal featuring:

- Ribs, pulled pork or chicken sandwiches
- Mac and Cheese
- Chips and pickle
- Lemonade and water

**Dinner is included for CLCC members whose 2026 membership dues have been paid.** Guests are welcome for **\$15 per person** (cash or check only, please).

## New This Year: Cash Bar

We'll have a cash bar available serving beer and wine as part of the evening's festivities. If you plan to visit the bar, please bring cash.

## Activities & Fun

There's something for everyone to enjoy throughout the evening:

- Raffle (must be present to win)
- NEW! Wine Wall
- Longest Putt Challenge
- Outdoor games including beanbags and giant Jenga
- Sweet Escapes Ice Cream (always a favorite!)

Whether you come for the food, the games, or simply to catch up with neighbors and friends, we hope you'll join us for a fun and relaxed evening on the lake.

No reservations needed - just come and enjoy the evening!



## Wine Wall Donations

Cedarfest is coming in August, and we're excited to debut an additional fundraiser this year - the **Wine Wall!** We're looking for donations of new, unopened bottles of wine, any kind with a minimum value of \$15. Cheers to a great first year for the Wine Wall.

## Raffle Donations

The basket raffle is gearing up to be a highlight as always! We welcome a variety of donations. Some examples might be gift cards, art, food, liquor, kid's toys, beach supplies, yard ornaments or cash donations. You certainly can put a basket together with a special theme or just give us the items and we will turn it into a basket that everyone will want to win! Just a reminder, all items must be new.

We will be accepting donations beginning June 1st and they can be dropped off at the Nelson's cabin. We are usually there every weekend, and can make alternative arrangements if needed.

Please notify Chris when you are ready to drop off items. If you would prefer dropping off items by boat, we are located 5 places north of Wurm's Landing, with the stone boathouse and trampoline in the yard. Success comes when everyone helps! Please consider donating!

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# UPCOMING

*events*



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## July 4<sup>th</sup> Boat Parade

Celebrate America's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday



9am-10am

## Coffee with the Birds \*NEW

Schroeder Park Pavillion

Learn about the birds on Cedar Lake



2pm-6pm

## Music on the Water

Band - Round 3

Sponsored by Dingmann Marine and Oak Realty



Starts at 9am

## Cedar Lake Golf Tournament \*NEW

Whispering Pines Golf Course

Fund Raiser for the Cedar Lake Conservation Club



4pm-7pm

## Cedarfest \*NEW

Boat House on Tween Lakes

Cedarfest-our newly named picnic continues to bring our community together for food , fun, and friendship.

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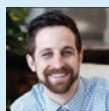
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# Welcome New Residents

There was quite a few property sales on Cedar Lake in 2025, although however not quite as many as 2024. In 2025, (seven) properties sold on Cedar Lake. The average sale price was \$764,000 according to member and realtor Rick Seagraves. In 2024, Rick reported 10 sales with an average sales price of \$1,013,700.

The CLCC is a very active lake association, encouraging fellowship while promoting and protecting the wildlife and quality of Cedar Lake

## Get Involved: We'd Love Your Help

Cedar Lake Conservation Club runs on the time and energy of our members—and we're always glad to have more people jump in.

If you've been thinking about getting involved, this is a great opportunity. There are plenty of ways to help out, whether it's pitching in at an event or joining a committee. It's a good way to meet neighbors and be part of what keeps our lake such a special place.

We're also looking for members who might be interested in serving on the Cedar Lake Conservation Club Board. Board members help guide decisions and support everything from water quality and communications to events and fish and wildlife-keeping things moving forward.

Whether you have a little time or want to take on something bigger, it all makes a difference.

Interested? Reach out to Sue Wolf -email [suewolf5600@gmail.com](mailto:suewolf5600@gmail.com) or connect with any current board member—we'd be happy to chat.

# Treasurer's Report

by Liz Baird- CLCC Treasurer

The Board of Directors approves all fund expenditures.

Funds as of May 1, 2026		Examples of how funds are used:
General CLCC	\$63,880.98	Member communication, events, insurance
Water Quality	\$120,435.08	Contributions to large water quality projects
Walleye Stocking	\$5,874.56	Every other year walleye stocking
Memorial	\$1,517.12	Special projects as determined by CLCC Board of Directors
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$191,707.74</b>	

# Cedar Lake Boat Parade: A 4th of July Tradition

Start making your plans for one of Cedar Lake's favorite traditions - the CLCC July 4th Boat Parade!

With more than 20 boats joining in, the lake was alive with color, creativity, and community spirit. A big shout-out to all of our members who decorated their docks and shorelines, waving and cheering as the boats passed by - you helped make the day even more festive!



## Gather your friends and family,

decorate your boat or shoreline, and join us for an afternoon of fun, creativity, and lake community spirit.

This year marks America's 250th birthday, making this parade even more special. Let's make it one to remember - bring the energy, the creativity, and maybe even a few extra horn blasts as we celebrate together on the water!

### Prizes will be awarded for:

- Most Patriotic
- Most Creative
- Honorable Mention
- Most Enthusiastic
- Best Shoreline

There are always great prizes and lots of fun to be had - whether you're participating or watching from shore.

### Parade Details:

- July 4th, 2:00 PM - gather on the north side of the sandbar a little before start time
- Follow the lead boat once the parade begins
- Judging will take place during the parade

The event is weather permitting. Any updates or changes will be shared on the CLCC Facebook page, so be sure to check there if the weather is questionable.

Whether you go all out decorating your boat, add some festive touches to your shoreline, or simply come to cheer everyone on, it's a great way to celebrate the 4th with family, neighbors, and friends.

We hope to see you out on the water!

# Music on the Water: Summer Sounds on Cedar Lake



Get ready to float, relax, and enjoy an afternoon of live music on the lake.

Join us for Music on the Water on **July 18, 2026, from 2:00 - 6:00 pm** at the Cedar Lake sandbar.

This year's live band, Round Three - a familiar sound with a fresh name - will keep the lake filled with music all afternoon.

Boat out, tie up, and settle in for an afternoon of lake life, good vibes, and music on the water.

No reservations needed - just float in and enjoy!



Cedar Music on the Water  
Photo by Dick Ebert

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# Grand Opening - True Friends Camp Courage

True Friends-Camp Courage opened their new Cambria Recreation Center on May 4, 2026. The new recreation center is a state of the art, accessible recreation facility designed to support individuals of all abilities including campers, retreat guests, and families.

True Friends raised more than \$17 million dollars to bring this project to life, made possible through the support from the State of Minnesota, Cambria and Sundet Foundations, and the many businesses and private donors who contributed.

The Cambria Recreation Center is more than a new facility- it is an investment in Camp Courage's ability to carry out its mission which is provide life changing experiences that enhance independence and self-esteem for children and adults with disabilities.

## Camp Courage and Cedar Lake Conservation Club Connections

Established in 1955 on 238 acres of Cedar Lake

True Friends acquired Camp Courage in 2012-2013

Camp Courage hosted Cedar Lake Conservation Club's -Wings and Water Festival in 2011

Camp Courage hosted the CLCC annual picnic for over 10 years.

Cedar Lake Conservation Club donated and maintains the Purple Martin Houses located on the lake.

Cedar Lake Conservation Club Director, Mary Ellen Wells, served as chairman of the Camp Courage Board for 10+ years. During her tenure, she played a critical role in developing the plans and securing the financial support to build the Cambria Recreation Center.

Cedar Lake Conservation Club member, Kathy Miron, served on the Camp Courage Board during COVID.

Many CLCC members have supported Camp Courage, and the community is grateful to all of you. I would like to recognize CLCC members Karl and Mary Leslie, Bill Arendt and Mary Ellen Wells, and Bill and Ruth Westoff for being Legacy donors to the Cambria Recreation Center.

Our lake community is stronger because of Camp Courage-their presence brings purpose, perspective, and deeper sense of belonging for us all.

# Fish & Wildlife Update

*Provided by Bren Stepp*

Loons are taking up residence at the four nesting platforms on Cedar Lake. You will hear the loons calling out as they defend nesting areas and prepare to raise chicks. Hearing the loons is a treasured memory each summer.

Purple Martin houses were cleaned and set up for nesting on April 6, 2026 at Camp Courage and Schroeder Park. Minor repairs were made as needed. The first returning Purple Martin was spotted April 12, 2026. Many of these birds rely on the martin houses to nest.



We are attempting to attract Chimney Swifts to the tower at Schroeder Park. We are playing the Swift call (not that Swift) to attract migrating birds and help them find the tower in the hope they will begin nesting there. Chimney Swifts spend almost their entire day in flight, catching insects in midair and only landing to roost at night. Visit the tower at Schroeder Park to learn more about this unusual bird.



Dave Stepp setting up the Purple Martin Houses



Chimney Swift tower at camp Schroeder

# 2026 Zebra Mussel Study

In 2026, Cedar Lake will participate in a U of M sponsored zebra mussel study for a third summer. Fifteen lakes across Minnesota are participating.

## What Does Cedar Lake Participation Mean?

Six zebra mussel traps are hung from docks in different locations around our lake from May until September. Once the traps are collected in the fall, the U of M counts the number of mussels on each trap. Data regarding the water, vegetation and soil conditions of each location is also gathered. The university analyzes our data, along with that of other lakes, to develop trends and other relevant information.

There is little information as to how and why zebra mussel populations occur, but data gathering is a first step to identify specific trends.

# Cedar Lake Conservation Club's Shoreline Restoration Program-NEW for 2026

*Submitted by: Sue Wolf, CLCC President*

Our shoreline is one of the most powerful tools we have to protect the lake we all value. Restoration efforts help filter runoff, strengthen the ecosystem and provide critical habitat for loons, turtles, songbirds, and pollinators

Last summer, we experienced challenging conditions on the lake with algae blooms and low water clarity. The Board spent time and energy understanding the root cause and partnering with the Clearwater Watershed District to identify improvement opportunities. The same question came up time and time again- "What can I do to help?"

You can look at your shoreline. There are improvements you can make that will contribute to improving our water quality on the lake. Shoreline restoration is not a new concept. Some CLCC members have natural shorelines. The benefits are well documented and include removing nutrients in runoff which would degrade water quality, provide diverse fish and wildlife habitat, and hold soils and limit soil erosion from surface runoff.

The CLCC Board reviewed all the activities we have in place to support improving/maintain the water quality and realized there is more we can do - actively support shoreline restoration.

In November 2025, the Board approved \$10,000 be allocated toward encouragement of native plant installation to improve the overall quality of our lake. As we introduce this new program, we want to be upfront that it includes both funded and low or no cost options so everyone can participate in a way that works for them.



Picture provided by David Glass, his shoreline on Cedar

## **Program highlights include:**

The CLCC Shore Restoration Program starts May 1st, 2026. Active members of CLCC are eligible and encouraged to participate. To qualify for reimbursement of up to \$1,000, complete the reimbursement request which will be available on our website this June. <https://cedarlakecc.org/>

You must provide pictures of the finished project and receipts of native plants purchased and/or work done by vendor. Request for reimbursement must be made within 120 days of receipt of paid invoice. Fund balance will be communicated via our website.

We encourage homeowners to utilize the county resources and do their own research to secure a vendor to have their shoreline accessed by professionals and draw up a plan to address the type of soil and the best plants to secure the shoreline. We hope several of you had the opportunity to attend the Wright County/Stearns County Shoreline Drop-in clinic held on May 14th.

Our program will continue to accept reimbursement requests until September 30, 2027, or until funds are exhausted. At that time, the program will conclude, with the opportunity for the CLCC Board to review its impact and consider additional funding.

Strategies that everyone can implement to help improve the water quality.

Listed below are three (3) no cost or low-cost ideas for consideration include:

1. Stop mowing down by the lakeshore-create a 10-foot barrier between the water and the lawn,
2. Discontinue the use of phosphorus-based fertilizers,
3. Do not use weed and feed products (combined pesticide/fertilizers),
4. Replace Fast-release or water-soluble Nitrogen Fertilizers with slow-release alternatives to prevent nutrient run off,

Each restored stretch adds up. We encourage you to be part of the impact and consider shoreline restoration on your property and /or volunteering to help your neighbors and the CLCC Board promote shoreline restoration activities.

## ***Resources:***

Wright County-SWCD: 763-682-1970 - Eric Matson

Minnesota Lakes and Rivers: <https://mnlakesandrivers.org/>

MN Department of Natural Resources:

### **Steps and techniques**

#### **Introduction**

[Guiding Principles](#)

[Planning Your Buffer Zone](#)

[Reading Your Shoreline](#)

[Identifying Your Objectives](#)

[Designing Your Shoreline](#)

[Implementing Your Project](#)

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/lakescaping/index.html>

If you have questions about the CLCC Shoreline Restoration Project or would like a copy of "MLR's Shoreland Guide to Lake Stewardship" booklet, please contact Julie Grimme (612) 805-0081 or email [@jul9grim@gmail.com](mailto:@jul9grim@gmail.com)

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## 2026 Membership Dues Paid?



## Summer Photo Contest

- Post your best photos on the CLCC Facebook page **now through September 1, 2026.**  
facebook.com/groups/cedarlakemn
- \$100 prize for Most Likes/Loves of a photo.

**Note:** CLCC Board of Directors not eligible for contest.



Look for more details on the website.

**FIRST ANNUAL CEDAR LAKE CONSERVATION CLUB TOURNAMENT**  
SUPPORTING LAKE HEALTH & WATER CONSERVATION  
SHOTGUN START AT 9:00 AM  
**WHEN: AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**  
**WHERE: WHISPERING PINES GOLF COURSE, ANNANDALE, MN**  
**REGISTRATION: \$400 PER TEAM**  
**TEAM & HOLE SPONSOR: \$500**  
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE CEDAR LAKE CONSERVATION CLUB

~~Consider Adding a Bit More~~

## CLCC needs your support!

**Dues Payment \$50.00**

**YES!** I can give a bit more as a Visionary \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle desired fund:**

General | Water Quality | Walleye Stocking | Memorial

**TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Please pay dues for 2026 by June 30th.

Annual dues to CLCC are \$50, based on the calendar year, and can be paid by check with the form below or online at [www.cedarlakeecc.org](http://www.cedarlakeecc.org).

CLCC is a 501(C)(3) tax exempt organization. Dues & Donations are deductible.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Email \_\_\_\_\_



Scan the QR code to pay online. To pay by check, include this form and make checks payable to: **Cedar Lake Conservation Club**

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