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# CFAPOA

CHIPPEWA FLOWAGE AREA  
PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Established 1983

Summer 2024

## The Big Chip News

### Macrophytes

by Mike Gardner CFAPOA Chair

#### What are macrophytes?

Macrophytes are aquatic plants growing in or near water. They may be either emergent (i.e., with upright portions above the water surface), submerged or floating. Examples of macrophytes include cattails, hydrilla, water hyacinth and duckweed.

#### Why is it important to evaluate macrophytes?

Macrophytes provide cover for fish and substrate for aquatic invertebrates. They also produce oxygen and provide food for some fish and other wildlife. Macrophytes respond to a wide variety of environmental conditions, are easily sampled, do not require laboratory analysis and are used for calculating simple abundance metrics.

#### What can macrophytes tell us about the condition of water?

The depth, density, diversity and types of macrophytes present

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*See Page 3 for details.*

### Board Member Nomination Deadline

At the July 11, 2024 meeting of the CFAPOA Board, it was decided that Board Nominations for the 2025 Board would remain open until July 26, 2024 at 5 pm. Applicants are mandated to complete a Board Application and submit the application to any current boardmember to be eligible to be placed on the ballot for the August 4, 2024 Annual Meeting by the deadline via email. Applications not presented by the deadline will not be accepted and there will be no open nominations at the time of the Annual Meeting.

The final slate of Board Applications will be published to the membership after July 26 and before the Annual Meeting. As well, paper copies of the Board Applications will be available for review at the Annual Meeting. Voting for next year's Board Openings will be done by prepared Ballots on August 4, 2024. Board member contact information can be found on the last page of this newsletter.

### CFAPOA Needs Your Help

With your membership, you can volunteer and help us with our mission to:



# Membership Update

by Patty Swaffield

## New Members

David & Patti Conley  
John & Gail Grumbos  
John Menard

## Steward

Angie Bowe  
Curt & Pat Chaon  
Kris & David Jordheim Koehnen  
William & Dorothy Pokorny

## Contributor

Rich & Lora Boley

## In Loving Memory

Teryl Herder "Terry"

Born May 14, 1940

Passed April 20, 2024

Terry's wishes were that honorariums be provided to CFAPOA, which exceeded \$1,000.

## Membership Levels

- \$25: Individual/Property
- \$26 to \$124: Contributor – newsletter recognition.
- \$125 to \$999: Steward – newsletter recognition and a gift.
- \$1000 and up: Lifetime Conservationist – newsletter recognition, a gift, and lifetime membership.



Due to privacy concerns, the Board has decided not to mail out Membership Directories this year. There will be copies of the Directory available, in late Spring, at the Townhall for pick-up only. This practice has not been adopted permanently and your feedback is greatly appreciated to determine our approach in 2025.

# Lifetime

## Conservationist

Thank you for your Lifetime Conservationist donation. Your support and investment in our organization helps to promote our mission to keep the Chippewa Flowage clean and safe, to protect the environment. Thank you for your generous gift.

David Carland  
Tom & Tia Clark  
Chris & Jessica Conard  
Dean & Kristin Elmer  
Joe & Lora Garceau  
Chris & Patti Jeffords  
Karl & Stephanie Kann  
Brad Krizan  
Douglas Kurtzweil  
John & Shelley Lamoreaux  
Mike & Kris Maly  
Kyle & Sara Nemetz  
Brian, Juliane & Tyler Novak  
Brian & Sibley Pauling  
Gene & Pat Schubert  
Barbara Sealy  
Tucker Silberhorn  
Michael & Shirley Singer  
Mike & Jennifer Treptow  
Linda Treland  
Richard & Lisa Uihlein Jr.

**CFAPOA**  
CHIPPewa Flowage Area  
PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION



— Join us for the —

# CFAPOA *Annual* PICNIC

Annual meeting at 11 a.m. followed by a  
FREE picnic lunch.  
Bring a dessert if you can.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2024**  
**DEER RUN RESORT**

RSVP to [CFAPOA@gmail.com](mailto:CFAPOA@gmail.com)

**50/50 RAFFLE**



# 2023 CFAPOA Financials

## For Year-Ending 12/31/2023

6/20/2024  
8:24 PM  
Cash Basis

### CHIPPEWA FLOWAGE AREA PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

#### Statement of Activities - Summary

December 31, 2023

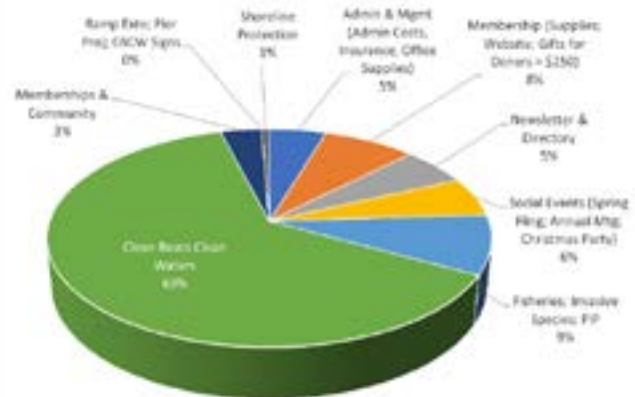
	2023 Actual	2023 Budget	2024 Budget
<b>Receipts</b>			
Membership Dues	14,465.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
General Fund Donations & Interest	5,241.48	1,755.00	4,040.00
Project Fund Donations & Interest	1,337.04	1,510.00	3,250.00
Trust Fund Donations & Interest	296.88	505.00	2,250.00
Land Trust Fund Deposit & Interest	1.26	5.00	1,000.00
Social Events	1,722.00	1,600.00	2,100.00
CBCW Grants & Donations (based on grant year)	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>39,063.66</b>	<b>36,375.00</b>	<b>43,640.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Admin & Mgmt (Admin Costs, Insurance, Office Supplies)	1,772.74	2,860.00	4,301.80
Membership (Supplies; Website; Gifts for Donors > \$250)	2,895.43	3,000.00	2,270.00
Newsletter & Directory	2,084.07	2,850.00	2,000.00
Social Events (Spring Fling; Annual Mtg; Christmas Party)	2,148.07	2,910.00	3,360.00
Fisheries; Invasive Species; PIP	3,250.00	3,250.00	3,500.00
Clean Boats Clean Waters	23,298.96	22,500.00	23,960.60
Memberships & Community	1,284.00	2,450.00	950.00
Ramp Extr; Pier Proj; CBCW Signs	0.00	500.00	500.00
Shoreline Protection	240.00	0.00	350.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>36,973.27</b>	<b>40,320.00</b>	<b>41,192.40</b>
<b>Net Activity</b>	<b>2,090.39</b>	<b>(3,945.00)</b>	<b>2,447.60</b>

Note: CBCW Receipts includes \$12,000 received in 2024.

2023 CFAPOA Receipts



2023 CFAPOA Expenses





## CHIPPEWA FLOWAGE AREA PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

### Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2023

	Dec 31, 23
<b>ASSETS</b>	
10100 - Checking Account	
10120 - Temp Rest - Project Fund	1,153.36
10130 - Restricted - Trust Fund	295.00
10140 - Temp Rest - CBCW Project	-12,176.97
10142 - Temp Rest - Ramp Ext Proj	1,441.87
10143 - Temp Rest - Pike Imp Proj	0.00
10100 - Checking Account - Gen Fund	24,238.87
Total 10100 - Checking Account	14,952.13
10300 - Paypal Account	326.72
10700 - Money Market - Project Fund	42,269.66
10720 - Money Market - Trust Fund	38,463.06
10730 - Money Market - General Fund	20,026.27
10740 - Money Market - Land Trust	25,951.95
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>142,011.79</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Total Liabilities	0.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>142,011.79</b>

Note: CBCW Project DOES NOT include \$12,000 received in 2024.



# Macrophytes

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in a system are indicators of waterbody health. Where submerged aquatic macrophytes are abundant, they can have a heavy influence on habitat structure, fishability, recreational use and nutrient dynamics. The absence of macrophytes may indicate water quality problems such as excessive turbidity, herbicides or manipulation which interfere with plant growth and development. However, an overabundance of macrophytes can result from high nutrient levels and may affect ecosystem health, recreational activities and the aesthetic appeal of the system.

## What are we doing about it?

The CFAPOA Board under the leadership of Director Mark Zich are working with Lac Courte Oreilles Conservation Department to update the current Aquatic Plant Management Plan. Work is underway to determine the scope of work and contact quality service providers. We are developing a strategy to navigate the Wisconsin Surface Water Grant Program of which CFAPOA will likely be the fiscal agent. Watch for updates as we continue to work towards this important 2025 action item.

# NATIVE PLANTERS DIG IN

by Tony Schubert

On May 25th twenty-five flats of native plants were delivered to the Chippewa Flowage. 17 native planters picked up 800 plants that weekend and started adding natural habitat and beauty to their properties. The merchandise we received from Dragonfly Gardens, in Amery WI was in great condition. The timely rains the following week were very helpful for the young plants.

We had two Super Planters who each planted 96 plants on their land. Erin Roche on Blueberry Lake and Laurie Schubert on Musky Bay are show below. Thank you, ladies, for helping beautify our shorelines. If you missed this year's sale, no worries, we are planning another Native Plant Sale next year.



*Erin Roche asks,*  
“Why would you want to mow all that grass, when you can have beautiful native plants.?”



*Laurie Schubert with her 3 collections.*





# Invasive Species Update

by Dennis Clagett

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources website currently lists 3 invasive species for the Chippewa Flowage:

The Chinese Mystery Snail, Eurasian Watermilfoil (EW), and Purple Loosestrife (PL). To my knowledge the Chinese Mystery Snail has not become an issue.

EW may be less problematic this year due to last winter's unusual weather; low water levels at freeze-up plus low to no snowfall exposed large amounts of shoreline to root freezing temperatures that will stunt or kill invasive plants not acclimated to those conditions. However, be aware that recent aquatic plant surveys revealed an abundance of native northern milfoil that will survive these freezing conditions. To the casual observer it is difficult to distinguish the difference in appearance.

The third invasive species, Purple Loosestrife, is being controlled by our Adopt-A- Shoreline volunteers. This program started unofficially in 2004 as the Purple Loosestrife Patrol. In 2008 via a USDA grant through the LCO to survey and document the location and infestation density of Purple Loosestrife, the shoreline was divided into 39 sections, 18 on the west side and 21 on the east. After the survey was completed, the CFAPOA put those sections up for adoption by association members.

Currently, 20 years later, there are 31 teams working to control Purple Loosestrife in the Chippewa Flowage. These teams also report trends in aquatic invasive species (AIS) and native plant prevalence.

We always need new members to step in and become part of this program. If you would like to join the Adopt-A-Shoreline team, please contact me at 715 462 4814 or [rclagett@centurytel.net](mailto:rclagett@centurytel.net)



Name	East	West
Dan & Julie Hayden		1, 2
Mike & Lynn Muench	M, P	
Jim & Jan Evenstad		12
Gary & Lind Crank		3, 5
Christine and Jayson Grams		13
LCO Conservation Dept.	H, I, Z	
Brian & Julianne Novak	S	
Alan & Lynda Fish		8, 17
Up for Adoption		18
Greg & Amy Sanders		10, 11
Up for Adoption	U	
Chris & Patti Jeffords		4
Jerry & Nancy Johnson		6, 9
Dave Szymanowski		7, 14
Roger & Kathy Kisch	W	
Rob and Rebecca Nesse	J	
Dave Carland & Family	O	
Chris & Jess Conard	A2	
Rick & Linda Olson	R	
Tony & Laurie Schubert	T, U	
Dave Carland Family and Friends	X	
Brent and Jeanne Drapeau	E1, E2	
Mark and Joni Zich		15, 16
Bruce and Gina Dingman	D	
Mike & Phyllis Gardner	Q	
Dennis Clagett	Y	
Pete and Sarah Ross	Y	
Linda Treland	A1	

Visit our website for a detailed map of East and West locations. <https://cfapoa.org/invasive-species>

# Sawyer County Opens County Highways to ATV Use

by Cathy LaReau, Sawyer County Snowmobile & ATV Alliance

After months of informational county meetings, in May of 2024, the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors voted to open our county roads to ATV use.

Less than a month later, the county highway department finished installing the 'all roads open' signs and we launched into an exciting new state of better connectivity between our four popular trail systems and the businesses ready to serve our ATV riders.

All our county trunk highways (roads named with letters) are now ATV routes- except county highways within the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians reservation (LCO).

This action finally gave new access and improved access for our Chippewa Flowage area businesses and visitors, especially along the north side of the flowage.

County Highway B will prove to be the greatest connector out of all- this long road stretches from Hayward to Winter and allows access to all four of our forested trail systems as well as a plethora of businesses eager for ATV traffic along the north side of the Chippewa Flowage. It is also the busiest road in our county, so we urge riders to be very cautious.

Unfortunately, we have not yet been successful in getting LCO to open more county road routes within the reservation boundaries – currently there are a few county highway segments within LCO already designated for ATV use, so businesses along the south side of the flowage do have access,



although to get to some, it means a longer trek. These businesses are well worth the extra time it takes to reach them so we encourage riders to visit – and enjoy the ride on the way there! The routes legal to ride within LCO are on our existing map and updated on Trail Treker.

The posted automobile speed limit applies to ATVs on our county roads unless posted otherwise, and we'd like riders to keep up with highway traffic for safety reasons- if riders are not comfortable, or their machines are not capable of traveling highway speed, they should choose an alternative route.

Riders should know that township roads are not covered by this recent action- each town in our county determines its own ATV usage on their town roads. Most of our towns are currently open to ATV use though, with only 4 left to hopefully follow suit in the future.

Please riders, stay off the State highways unless you want a hefty ticket – State highways (numbered)

are not legal to ride unless a specifically-approved segment is clearly marked with ATV route signs.

What is the best way to navigate your way around Sawyer County? We suggest riders use the app Trail Treker for the most accurate mapping. Riders- pay attention- the county roads dead-end at the reservation boundaries, which means you must turn around- please plan your rides to avoid these dead ends.

Our paper map is updated and published each December and the 2025 map will show all the new routes.

Keep up with trail/ route developments and mapping by visiting [www.sawyercountyalliance.com](http://www.sawyercountyalliance.com) or our popular Facebook page.

Plan your next ATV adventure on the Chippewa Flowage in Sawyer County – our variety of wooded trails and improved connectivity is ready and waiting for you!



# Clean Boats Clean Waters –Doing Our Part, Loving our Lake!

by Diane Hulke

As I write this update today, July 4th, I am grateful for the freedoms we have in this country.

This beautiful lake we all cherish is open, not only to members of the CFAPOA, but open to the public for their use and enjoyment.

With the privilege of enjoyment of the Flowage comes a responsibility to care for her whether you are a homeowner, renter, or day visitor. We need to promote our lake responsibility by monitoring, but more importantly, by education. Our CBCW team do their best to spread information on how actions or lack of action can damage the delicate balance that is maintained in our waters, but we need you as well.

As you participate in lake activities yourself or with friends and family, we ask you to be responsible and respectful. Private boat launches, jet skis, kayaks, canoes, used docks, all bypass standard CBCW

controls. Although our teams are present at our four primary boat launches, we need you, to be responsible in being an advocate for protocols followed by CBCW.

BOATERS, PADDLERS AND ANGLERS – please note and share with your guests

- INSPECT your boat, trailer, and equipment.
- REMOVE any attached aquatic plants or animals (before launching, after loading and before transporting on a public highway).
- DRAIN all water from boats, motors and all equipment.
- NEVER MOVE live fish away from a waterbody.
- DISPOSE of unwanted bait in the trash.
- BUY minnows from a Wisconsin bait dealer. Use leftover minnows only under circumstances.

We are here for you but need you on our team!



## *Your 2024 Clean Boats Clean Waters Team at early May training*

Natalie Erler, Conservation Specialist & AIS Coordinator Sawyer County Zoning & Conservation

Marilyn Bodway – Chip inspector, Wayne Bodway – Chip Inspector, Robert Mack – Chip Inspector, Terry Hollinger – Chip Inspector, Greg Waterhouse – Chip Inspector, Ron Craig - Chip Inspector, Not pictured = Kimber Acosta – Chip Inspector.

Dennis Clagett, Shelley Lamoreaux, Diane Hulke – CFAPOA volunteer program administrators



# Pike Improvement Project 2024



**GOAL** All pike are eligible but harvest of smaller pike is most beneficial

**BENEFIT** Selective harvest will help to create a more favorable environment for the fishery as a whole.

**PRIZES** Thousands of dollars in prizes and gift certificates will be given away by random drawings and for most pike legally harvested.

**RULES** Up to 5 pike can be entered on one ticket. All pike entered on a ticket must be caught on the same date. Each fish is logged separately for prizes.



No size limit on Chippewa Flowage  
STARTING MAY 4, 2024  
10 PIKE DAILY BAG LIMIT  
(5 pike daily limit for all prior dates)

## ENTRY LOCATIONS

Chippewa Flowage resort  
locations and lake area bait shops



donating \$1000  
Grand Prize



Fresh Water Fishing  
Hall of Fame & Museum  
\$500 prize

CFAPOA

donating 5 prizes for  
most legally harvested  
pike totaling \$1000



and members donating  
over \$1750 in gift  
certificates

For rules, entry locations, pike cleaning videos  
and recipes go to [www.chippewaflowage.com](http://www.chippewaflowage.com)



# Scenes from the Flowage

Photos by Marcia Suchy



**CHIPPEWA FLOWAGE AREA PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION**  
**PO BOX 555**  
**HAYWARD, WI 54843-0555**

## **ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED**

**CFAPOA** is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, formed to generally promote, encourage and foster the interests of all property owners. Its major objectives are: to keep the Chippewa Flowage area clean and safe for all people; to protect the environment; to provide a forum for the collection and exchange of ideas; to support acquisition of land for protection and conservation; and to pursue any other lawful objectives that may benefit this pristine lake, its wetlands, wildlife and tributaries.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**BOARD MEETINGS  
AND EVENTS**

August 1  
August 4, Annual Picnic  
September 5  
October 3  
November 7

Board meetings are currently held at 6:00 p.m. in person at the Town of Hunter Hall and/or teleconference. Visitors are welcome to join. Contact Mike Gardner at [mgardner@northflow.net](mailto:mgardner@northflow.net)



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