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Riverfront properties on the Yahara River south of the City of Stoughton,  
within the Township of Dunkirk, extending to and including the Dunkirk Dam

April 2023

# DDLD Newsletter

## Quarterly Meeting Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

Location: In-Person – Dunkirk Town Hall

### DDLD Wants from YOU:

- ACCURATE CONTACT INFO:  
Send updates/corrections
- NEW NEIGHBORS:  
Let us know
- PHOTOS:  
Send your river photos
- TOPICS/ISSUES/QUESTIONS:  
Have ideas?  
Tell us about them

TO:

beckyjakin@gmail.com

**TIME:** 6:30pm – 7:30pm

### AGENDA:

- Approval of 1.18.23 Minutes
- Treasurer's Report
- Old Business **Updates**
  - Township of Dunkirk
  - Dane County
  - Safety Committee
- **New Business**
  - Lyon's Park Expansion (aka Hansen/Adler property)
    - Completion of Purchase
    - Future Planning
    - Stewardship Committee\*
  - Questions from Members
  - Educational Presentation:  
"Protecting Your Waterfront Investment – 10 shoreline stewardship practices"

### LOCATION:

**In-Person:** Dunkirk Town Hall

**Who Should Attend?** Riverfront property owners on the Yahara River south of the City of Stoughton, within the Township of Dunkirk, extending to and including the Dunkirk Dam.

\*"Stewardship Committee" members are volunteers from the DDLD as well as other Dunkirk residents.

Tasks include:

- Dane County Open Lands Plan
- Develop plan for improvements to "The Park"
- Utilize info in the Aquatic Mgmt Plan
- Investigate safe put-in/take-out
- Investigate ADA accessibility
- Collaborate w/ Safety Committee



## A Note from the Chair: *Laura Davis*

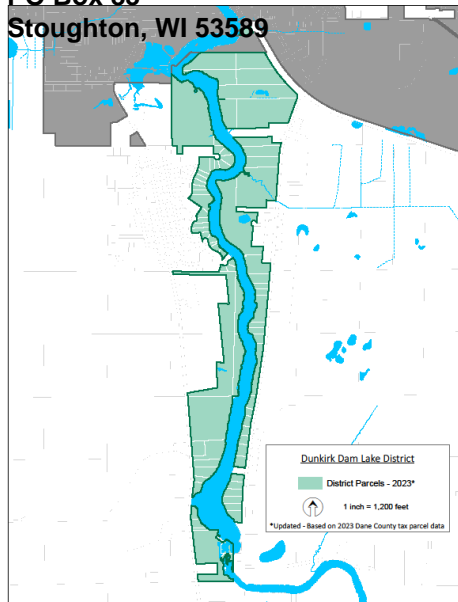


Happy Spring, Lake District neighbors! I hope you saw the article in the March 16 edition of the HUB, "*Dunkirk Teams Up to Protect More Riverfront.*" It's a really nice article acknowledging the collaborative effort between the Dunkirk Dam Lake District, the Town of Dunkirk, and Groundswell Conservancy to obtain the funds to buy the 1.6 acre property below the Dam. The transaction was completed recently and now the property belongs to the Town and is an extension of Lyon's Park. The DDLD will be leading the stewardship efforts to plan and oversee the development of safe access to the river for fishing and boating above and below the dam. Keep your eye on the progress and please let us know if you'd like to participate.

Spring is when we head outside to our gardens, yards, and shorelines. Now is the time to stop for a moment to consider how our lawn and garden practices affect our beautiful river. Our properties are all watersheds, which is land area that drains into a lake, river, or stream. As property owners, we can all play a positive role in maintaining and improving the water quality of our river. **Did you know that studies in the Midwest have found that watershed properties with clearer water command significantly higher property prices?** I hope you'll come to our Quarterly meeting on April 19 (6:30-7:30 pm, Town of Dunkirk Town Hall). We'll be presenting "*Protecting Your Waterfront Investment: 10 Shoreland Stewardship Practices.*" See you there!



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### DDLD

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**dunkirkdam.com**  
Reports/documents, resources  
committees, photo gallery

Dunkirk Dam Lake District Group  
Facebook Page:  
Join the ongoing casual  
conversation with your  
DDLD neighbors

## Presentation at April 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting:

### *“Protecting Your Waterfront Investment – 10 shoreline stewardship practices”*

Laura Davis, DDLD long-time resident and DDLD Chair will lead this interactive conversation. At our last meeting in January, Arthur Watkinson from the DNR shared many resources regarding “Managing Erosion on Your Riverfront Property.” This month’s presentation will provide follow-up and additional information to this important topic. **Come and share your experiences with managing your own shoreline.**



## Living on the River . . . a neighbor’s perspective

### Your neighbors, Lauren & Eric Semrow

The Ospreys are back! We have so much fun watching them. The first year we were here, the nest was on one of the big power poles but every time there was a wind storm, one of the branches from the nest would fall and sparks would fly causing a power short and the electricity would go out in Stoughton. So, Dunkirk installed a new pole away from the power and now we have a great view of the nest.

We both grew up in Wisconsin and were thrilled to find our place three years ago. Our backyard trail cam picks up SO much wildlife! This year we’ve seen coyotes and deer on a regular basis. Previous years we saw a lot of turkeys. We’re a young family with a two and a four year old. They already have a love of birds and recently shouted, “The ospreys are back!”

## Meet Your Conservation Warden



Hi, I’m Matt Koshollek, your local Conservation Warden. I’m the guy in uniform you’ve seen driving around in a white truck with a DNR logo on the door. I have worked for the DNR since 2012 providing law enforcement. This part of

the Yahara is like home to me since I grew up in Pleasant Springs. While on the job, I patrol on water and land to enforce any law the DNR regulates -- fishing, hunting, environmental, boating, ATV law -- assisting local law enforcement. To report violations call the DNR tip line at 1-800-Tip-WDNR or call me at 608-576-0290. Please text, email, or call with issues in the area. I’m here to help!