

DUNKIRK  
DAM

LAKE  
DISTRICT

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

January 2023

# DDLD Newsletter

## Quarterly Meeting Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>

*Location: In-Person – Dunkirk Town Hall*

**TIME:** 6:30pm – 7:30pm

### **AGENDA:**

- Approval of 10.19.22 Minutes

### **Old Business Updates**

- Township of Dunkirk
- Dane County
- Safety Committee
- Adler/Hansen Property (closing of property purchase; future improvement)

### **New Business**

- Treasurer's Report
- DDLD Member Packet (will start to develop this quarter)
- Questions/Concerns from Members
- 2023 Meeting Dates:
  - Jan 18, Apr 19, Jul 19, Oct 18
- GUEST SPEAKER:
  - **"Managing Erosion on Your Riverfront Property"** presented by Arthur Watkinson, Wisconsin DNR

### **Join In!**

- Read the newsletter
- Attend the quarterly meetings to stay informed and share your ideas
- Join a Committee
  - Safety Committee
  - Stewardship Committee
- Join DDLD Facebook **Dunkirk Dam Lake District Group**

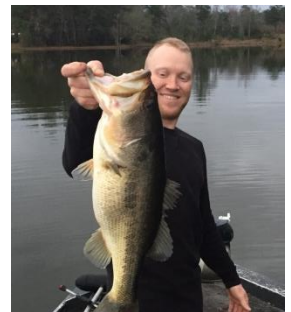
## **Presentation: "Managing Erosion on Your Riverfront Property"**

**Guest Speaker:** Arthur Watkinson, Regional Lakes Coordinator, Wisconsin DNR

**When:** Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-7:30pm, Dunkirk Town Hall

*Shoreline armoring practices are highly variable to each individual situation. We will discuss:*

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|--------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| ○ Shoreline Erosion Causes     | ○ Native Plant Buffers | ○ Rock Infiltration                    |
| ○ Shoreline Erosion Prevention | ○ Rain Diversions      | ○ Protecting Rooted Aquatic Vegetation |
| ○ Shoreline Erosion Control    | ○ Rain Gardens         | ○ Resources                            |



## **A Note from the Chair: Laura Davis – "The Year of the Park"**



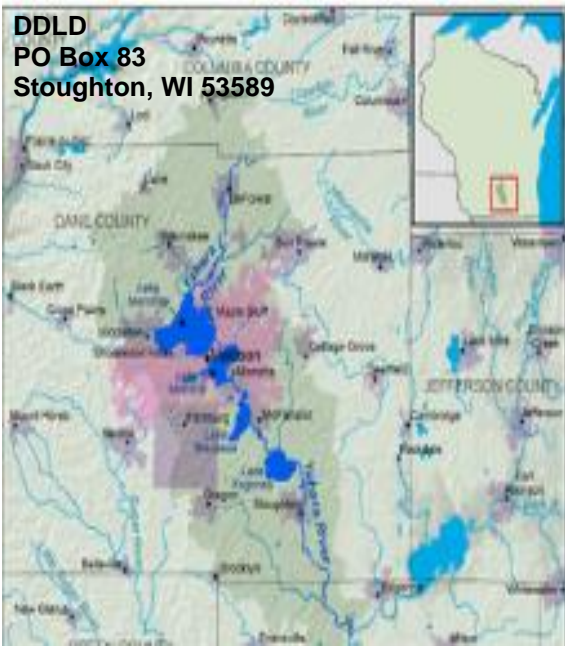
I'm thrilled to share wonderful news about the success of our two-year effort to acquire the Adler property that will extend the public land, including Lyons Memorial Park, and the DDLD property around and below the dam, to include the 1.3 acre riverfront property that extends south to the Hwy N bridge. Solidified by a Memorandum of Agreement, this has been a collaborative effort among the Town of

Dunkirk, the DDLD, and Groundswell Conservancy. Groundswell is a nonprofit organization that successfully applied for and received grants from the Dane County DNR and the Wisconsin DNR to fund the land purchase. The final closings for the purchase of the land by Groundswell and the transfer of ownership to the Town of Dunkirk are expected by the end of January. Our DDLD property will be sandwiched between two Township properties, so we have a major stake in our collaborative effort to improve, preserve and protect the land. DDLD's part in the agreement will be to take the lead in stewardship of the beautiful property. I will be chairing the Stewardship Committee and plan to convene our first meeting in mid-February sometime. The Committee will

have members from both the DDLD and the broader Dunkirk Township. Our agenda will be focused on seeking DNR guidance and grant support for park improvements, including the installation of accessible kayak/canoe slips and fishing piers above and below the dam, with an accessible portage between them. Our first improvements have already been made by the DDLD: two huge and sturdy picnic tables. Next stop, trash receptacles! We're not looking for a large group, but if you're interested in joining the Stewardship Committee, please write to us through the DDLD website.



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The Yahara River is a **tributary of the Rock River in southern Wisconsin**. It is about 62 miles long (including the distance across intervening lakes), and drains an area of 536 square miles. Via the Rock River, it is part of the watershed of the Mississippi River.

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**dunkirkdam.com**

*reports, documentation, commissioners, photo gallery*

***Dunkirk Dam Lake District* Group**

**Facebook Page:**

*Join the ongoing casual conversation with your DDLN neighbors*

**DDLD Website**

[www.dunkirkdam.com](http://www.dunkirkdam.com)

**General Info:**

*What is the DDLN?*

*What is a "Lake District?"*

**Meetings:** *What, When, Where, Agenda*

**Documents:** *Bylaws, Reports*

**Photo Gallery:** *our two-mile stretch of the Yahara River*