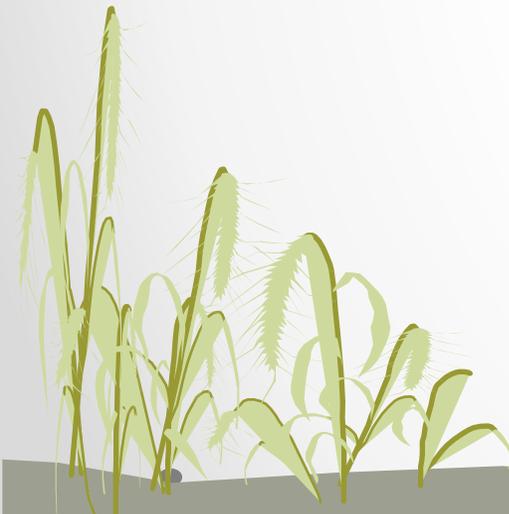


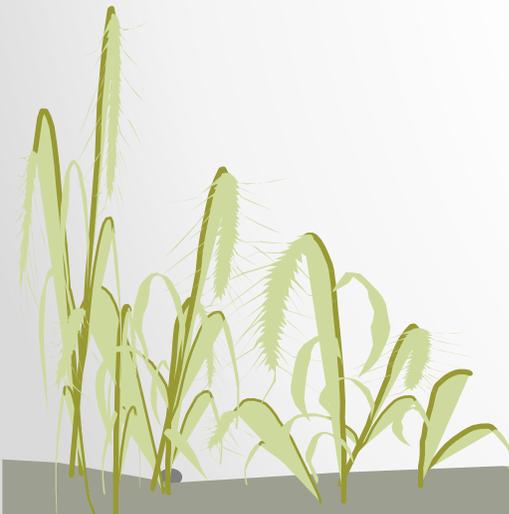
Okee Bay Mill Pond Lake Association Annual Meeting

September 27, 2025

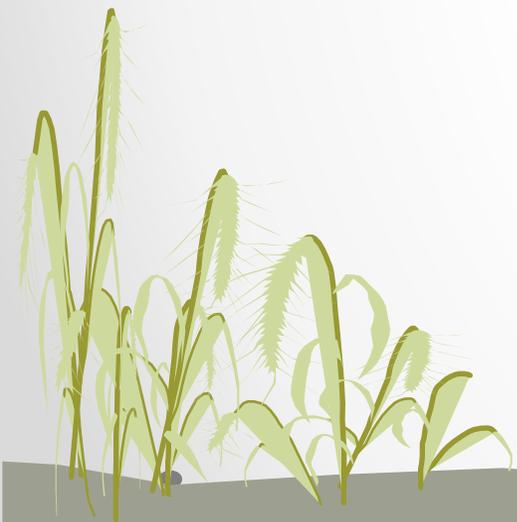


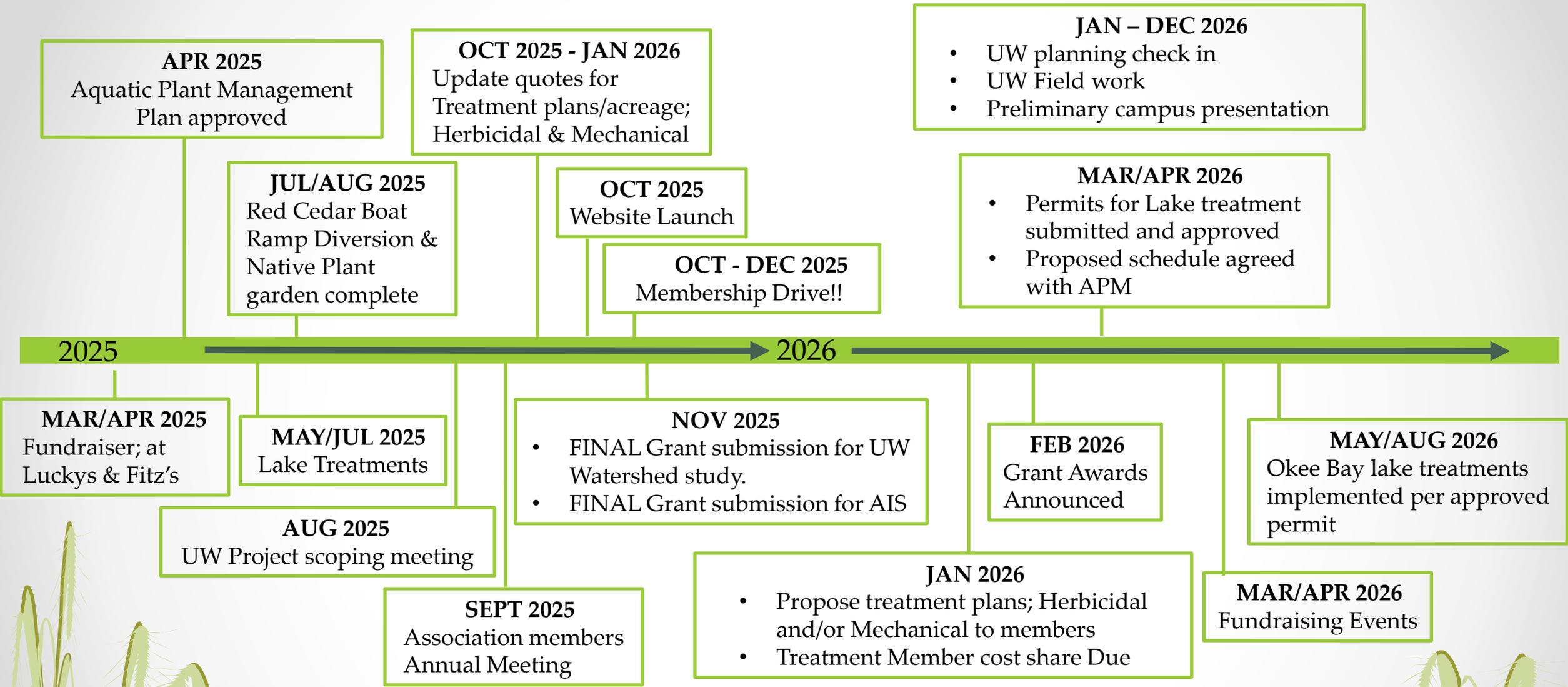
Agenda

- Call to Order
- Board of Directors Report
 - Association Activities Update
 - Healthy Lakes grants
 - Aquatic Plant Management Plan
 - UW partnership Lake Management Plan Study – Masters students practicum
- Treasurers Report
- Committees
 - Annual Treatment committee
 - Fundraising Committee
 - Citizen Lake Monitoring
- Objectives 2026
- BOD open positions
- Member/Citizen input and discussion
- Adjourn



Association Activities Update

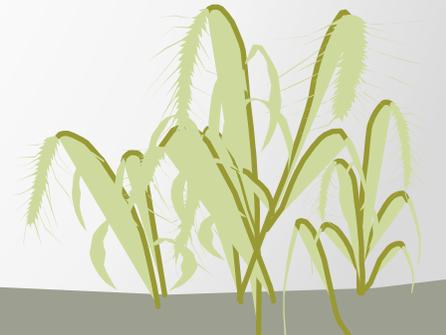
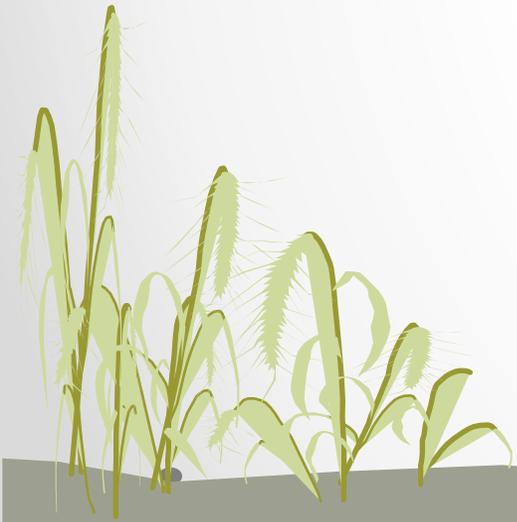




2025/2026 Milestones



Healthy Lakes Grants



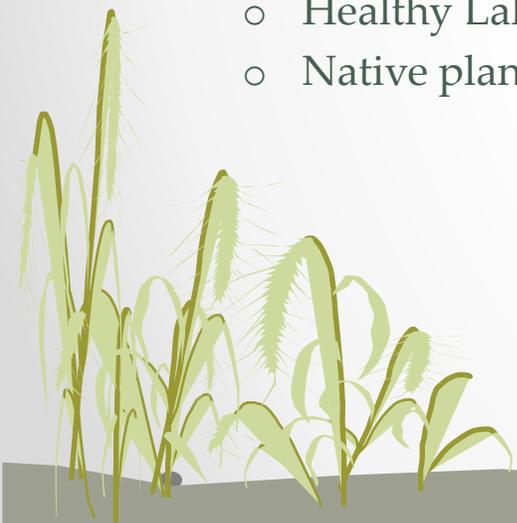
Healthy Lakes Activities 2025

- Healthy Lakes Grants

- Several projects with landowners are complete.
- Additional landowners did not meet square footage requirement however have installing native plantings.
- Members should consider lakeshore native planting to control runoff. Grant funding is available per the grant requirements.

- Red Cedar Boat Ramp runoff Management

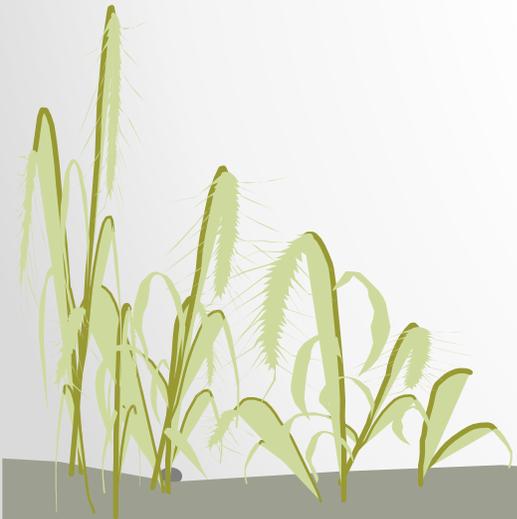
- Town Budget approved to complete drainage ditch repair and addition of a Diversion for 2025 - Complete
- Healthy Lakes Grant projects approved for cost share in 2025; Diversion & Native plantings.
- Native planting garden is complete



Shoreland planting implementations



Shoreland planting implementations



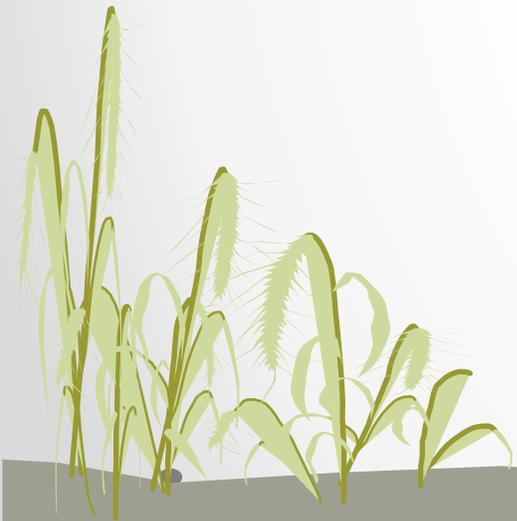
Red Cedar Boat Ramp/Drainage Repair & Native Plant Grant



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Aquatic Plant Management Plan

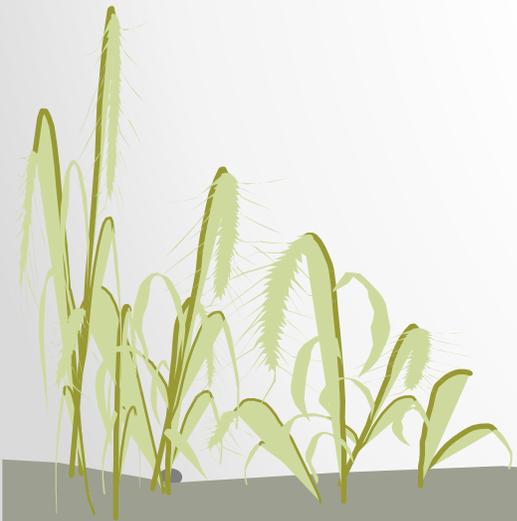


Aquatic Plant Management Plan

- The OBLA collaborated with Chris Arnold (Columbia County) and Arthur Watkinson (DNR) to create an Aquatic Plant management plan.
- The Okee Bay Lake Association Aquatic Plant Management Plan was approved in April 2025.
- **This APMP will pave the way for five (5) year lake harvesting permits.**
- The APMP is reviewable and requires renewal every five (5) years.
- The current PI (point intercept) survey which is a required element of the plan, was conducted in 2023 > good for five years.
- The approved APMP will provide a four year lake treatment permit.



UW Partnership Lake Management Study



UW Partnership Lake Management Study

UW has approved a Masters practicum for the incoming 2025 class focused in the Spring Creek watershed. The study will provide many potential sources of data ultimately to be of benefit for future lake plans and OBLA goals/projects.

- Historical data on Spring Creek Watershed.
- Impacts of shoreline development.
- Impacts of agriculture.
- Storm water runoff from City of Lodi.
- Buffer strips within city of Lodi.
- Sources of phosphorus into watershed.
- Invasive species in bay and how to best manage them.
- Best methods to minimize runoff on riparian properties.
- Identify properties where changes could be made.
- How to deal with social interactions with various entities..



- List of potential funding sources.
- Early season herbicide use to control curly pond weed versus mechanical.
- Benefits of aerating the bay.
- Benefits of aerating the bay and include coagulant chemical addition to tie up phosphorus.
- Investigate the use of “super bugs” to reduce existing sediment.
- Survey to gather input from impacted parties in watershed.

Project Direction: Professors; Ken Genskow & Eric Booth

UW Partnership – Lake Management Study

2025

- Spring; Project request submitted and approved
- August: Scoping meeting completed
- Fall; student orientation to project, pre-planning and check in with OBLA

2026

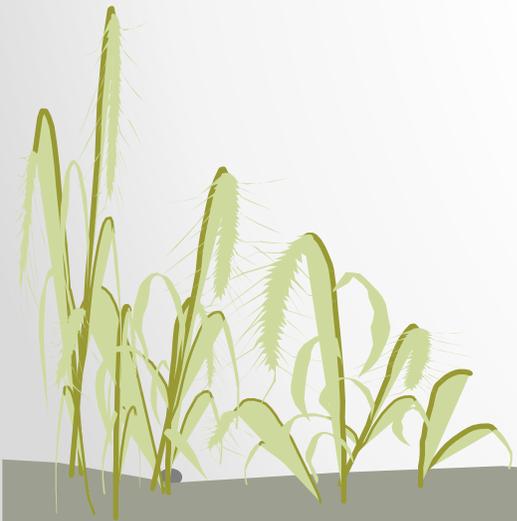
- Spring; Planning
- Spring/Summer/Fall; Field work
- December; preliminary presentations

2027

- Spring; Community presentations
- Summer; Final Report complete



Treasurers Report



Treasurers Report

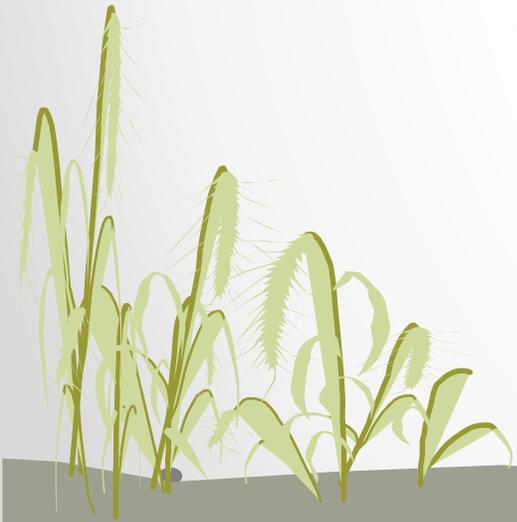
Members to date	83
Balance 9/2024	\$38,468.69
Revenue	\$44,313.00
Expenses	\$38,552.63
Balance 8/2025	\$44,247.06
Lake Treatment July/Aug 2025	\$4,600.88
Estimated Balance 9/2025	\$39,646.80

Member Dues 2026:

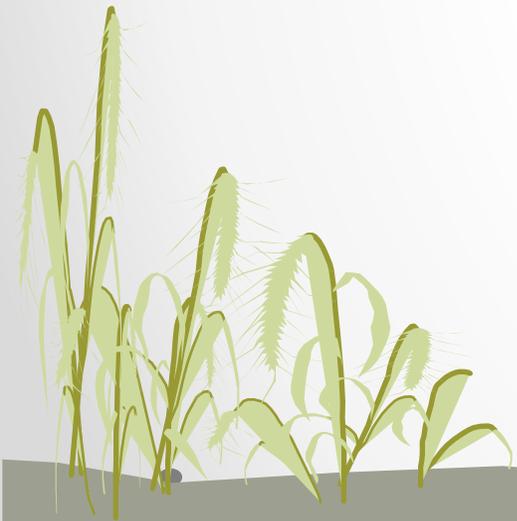
➤ \$25/member

- Individual Donations: \$5,590.00
- Business Donations: \$1,200.00
- Lake Wisconsin Alliance Donation: \$5,000.00
- LACE grant: \$2,000.00
- Fundraisers: \$11,623.00

Committees Report



Annual Treatment Committee



Lake Treatment 2025

General

- We continued to work with Aquatic Plant Management LLC (APM)
- Three rounds of treatment were proposed in May, June, and July
- Estimated cost for the 3 rounds was \$38,547.64
- Even though the cost of harvesting was higher in 2025 compared to 2024, because of fundraising and donations, we were able to keep the cost sharing at the 2024 level - \$300 per member.
- 56 members contributed to the lake treatment (\$16,800)



Lake Treatment 2025

Permits:

- Based on the approval of the APMP in April, we were able to secure a 4 year mechanical harvesting permit (Herbicide permit must be submitted each year)
- Lily pad herbicide treatment as part of herbicide permit was approved as a test run



Lake Treatment 2025

Treatment/Results:

Round 1 (May)

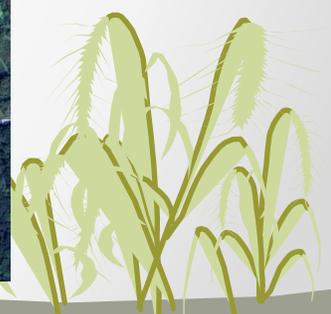
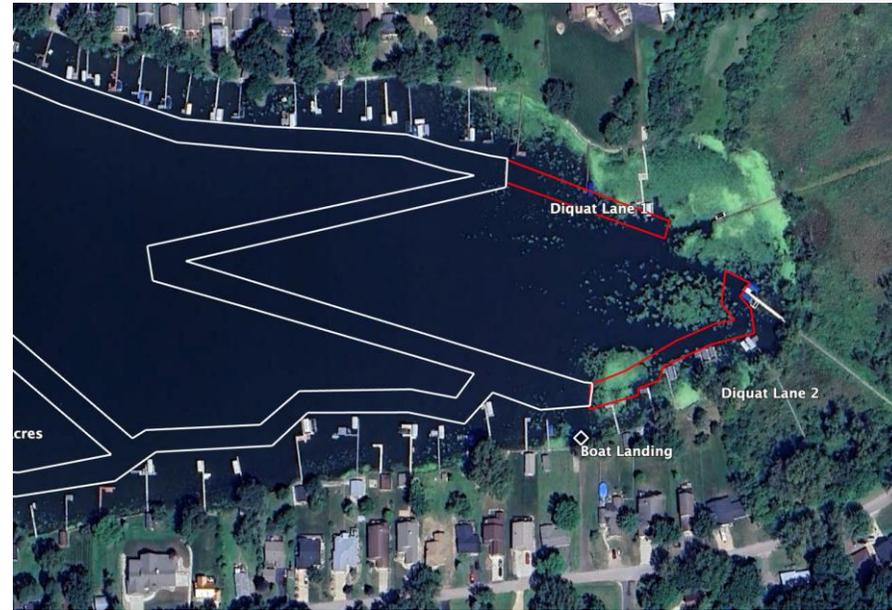
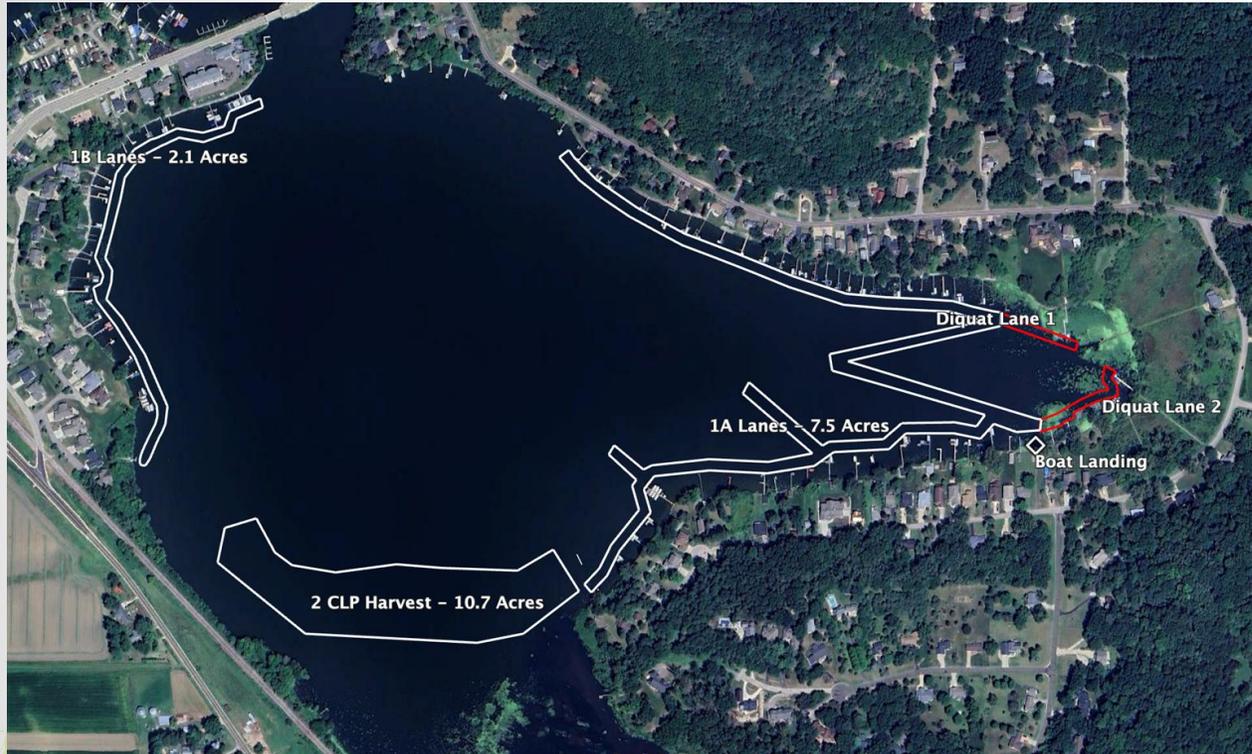
- The DNR reviewed the bay prior to the May round; the CLP growth in the east bay was significant. The maps were updated to do more of the east bay and not Section 2. In addition, some of the lanes were widened from 40 ft to 50 ft.
- 8,400+ cubic feet of plant biomass was removed (around 19.9 acres)
- The lily pad treatment in the east bay did not appear to work

Round 2/Round 3 (June/July)

- The June round (#2) was skipped due to lack of plant growth
- Round 3 for both herbicide and harvesting was performed by APM
- The navigational lanes were reduced to 20 ft per DNR
- The weather continued to keep the plant growth down for harvesting and not many nuisance plants were removed.



Map of permitted treatment area



Lake Treatment 2026

Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grant:

- Working with Columbia County and DNR to apply for AIS Control grant
- For mechanical harvesting of CLP (May treatment)

Mechanical Harvesting: 2026 (Three treatments)

- Per our permit, we will continue with the current maps and assess the impact year to year
- Move the time frame from late may to early to mid may
- Continue to plan for two more rounds but look at spacing out 6-8 weeks vs 4 weeks with APM



Lake Treatment 2026

Herbicide Treatment: 2026 (three treatments)

- Plan for 3 rounds of treatment
- Continue to work with APM and DNR on best treatment for lily pads in navigational lanes

Estimated Costs:

- Harvesting: \$32,050
- Herbicide: \$6,500
- Total Estimate: \$38,550

Member share: \$300 per member



Watershed/Producer Activities

- OBLA continues to actively support the local Producer group Lake Wisconsin Farmer Watershed Council and the Wisconsin River Basin groups and initiatives.
- Attended the Lake Wisconsin Watershed Meet & Greet hosted by Lake Wisconsin Alliance

Lochner Dairy Conservation Night



Citizen Lake Monitoring Network

- The Citizen Lake Monitoring Network, the core of the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership, involves over 1000 citizen volunteers statewide
- The goals are to collect high quality data, to educate and empower volunteers, and to share this data and knowledge
- Volunteers measure water clarity, using the Secchi Disk method, as an indicator of water quality.
- Volunteers may also collect chemistry, temperature, and dissolved oxygen data, as well as identify and map plants, watch for the first appearance of Eurasian Water Milfoil near boat landings, or alert officials about zebra mussel invasions on Wisconsin lakes

Areas monitored by OBLA Members; Bill Spain, Kirk Dressen & Mike Himegarner

Water Quality - Lake Wisconsin - Okee Bay

Water Quality - Lake Wisconsin; Between Stoners Bay and Pine Bluff



Fundraising Committee

Fundraising 2025

- Successful Fundraiser in February at Lucky's - \$3793 raised
- Successful fundraiser in May at Fitz's - \$7210 raised
 - Great support from many local businesses
 - Very fun auction
 - Great volunteer participation from OBLA members
- Piggly Wiggy "Round Up" - \$188.77 raised
- OBLA T-shirt sales
- Grant Recipients:
 - LACE \$2000.00 *Awarded* September 2024 to be used in 2025
 - LWA \$5000.00 *Awarded* April 2025



Fundraising 2026

- We expect that we will plan two fundraisers Feb/Mar and April/May like we did in 2025
- We will explore other grant opportunities as they present themselves
- We welcome other members to the fundraising committee to help with our Spring fundraiser and explore other fundraising activities



Fundraising



Lucky's March Madness & Bloody Mary Bar; \$3793.00

Fitz's Auction & Raffle; \$7210.00

LWA Grant \$5000.00



The "Shot Ski"
DEMO!



LACE (Lodi Area
Community Endowment)
Grant \$2000.00



Fundraising Support Making it Happen! THANK YOU!

Angela Himegarner

Barb Kuehn

Mike Himegarner

Eileen Mathwig

Rita O'Brien

Marty O'Brien

Andrea Murray

Brenda Spain

Kathy Emholtz

Rick Schwab

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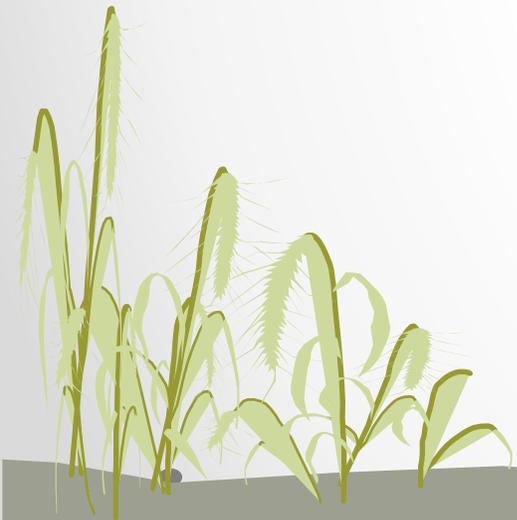
Objectives for 2026

- Continue Lake treatment plan
- Continue education and support of Native plantings for landowners
- Support the UW Spring Creek Watershed Study
 - Apply for Surface Water planning grant to assist with student/study expenses
- Fundraising
- Membership and community outreach & Partnership support
- Launch website
- Continue support activities for Spring Creek Volunteers



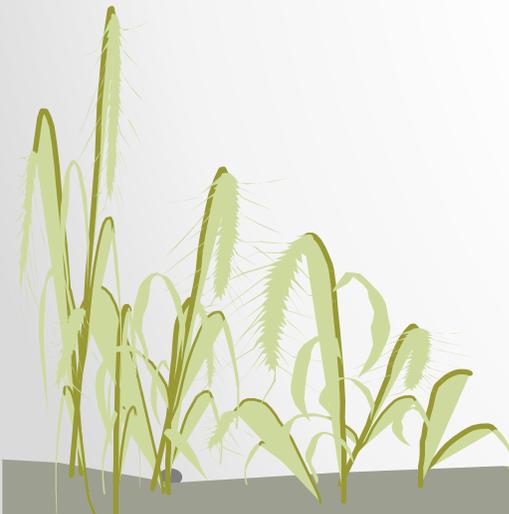
BOD Open Positions

- Vice President – Currently held by Nancy Tatsuguchi
- Treasurer – Currently held by Dwayne Kratt
- Director at Large – Currently held by Bill Spain



MISCELLANEOUS MEMBER INPUT/DISCUSSION

- OBLA Board has scheduled monthly meetings; first Wednesday of the month at the Lodi Town Hall at 7PM. All members may attend.
- Meeting minutes are maintained by BOD.
- Volunteers/committee members needed
 - Fundraising
 - Communication
 - Membership committee
 - Spring Creek Volunteers



Landowner Actions

- Install Native Plantings!
- Landowners – manual removal invasives Invasives; Eurasian water milfoil, curly leaf pondweed and purple loosestrife.
 - NR 109.08; (3) No person may intentionally cut aquatic plants in public/navigable waters **without removing cut vegetation from the body of water.**

Manual removal of aquatic plants in the sensitive areas is covered under our permit application.

