

Long Lake Property Owners Association

TO PROTECT. TO ENHANCE. TO ENJOY.
WE ARE THE STEWARDS OF LONG LAKE



PROTECT

WATER QUALITY / MONITORING

Annual report is a summary of the data that has been collected through the hardworking volunteers of the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program for Long Lake.

ENHANCE

CONTROLLING INVASIVE SPECIES

You can help prevent the introduction of new invasive species into Long Lake and other local waterways by making sure you clean, drain, and dry all equipment.

ENJOY

LAKE FISHING & FUNDING

Anglers can expect to catch northern pike, largemouth and smallmouth bass, channel catfish, rock bass, bluegill, black crappie, yellow perch, and walleye.

Welcome to another year on Long Lake!

Summer is finally appearing – just in time for another great year on Long Lake. It’s been an eventful and successful year on a number of fronts.

Long Lake Bar – A legend passes on

Without a doubt, the March fire that destroyed the iconic Long Lake Bar and Grill left a scar on the lake that won’t be easily healed. We’re thankful there were no injuries but will miss the constant fixture of the lake over so many decades.

“Enjoy Yourself, It’s Later Than You Think” was my reminder to enjoy every moment and the moments at the LLB were many. The instant gathering place, the dance hall, pizza and burger, beer and a game of pool stop, just by pulling up in the boat. Where strangers became friends, and employees became family.

Lake Management and Weed Control

Restorative Lake Sciences continues to provide lake assessments, management, and treatments for 2026. Look for a first weed survey and treatment in early June, and a second assessment and treatment in late July or so to hit trouble spots of milfoil and nuisance natives. While Eurasian Milfoil has been controlled for several years, we’ve seen a large increase in invasive Curly Leaf Pondweed and Starry Stonewort continues to grow.

Special Assessment for Weed Control – (SAD) – restored for 2026

The \$110.00 “Long Lake” charge on your tax bill is a special assessment for weed control. It funds lake management by Restorative Lake Sciences, including treatments, permits, and related costs. The township handles the funds and pays all program expenses. We appreciate the Township recognizing the value of protecting Long Lake and continuing our the successful partnership with the Long Lake Property Owners Association (LLPOA).

2025 Fish Stocking Program

The 2025 Fish stocking program was a success, with a November planting that included largemouth bass, walleye, hybrid bluegill and black crappie. Thanks to Fish Committee Chair Jay Peters for managing this process and investment in our lake diversity and sustainability. Your donation to the Fish Fund goes directly to these stocking programs.

We’re looking for a Loon Ranger!

We’re looking for someone to look after our loons – when they arrive, when they nest, and other information. You would share this information with the Michigan Loon Preservation Association (www.michiganloons.org) and monitor loon populations in the state. Check out the information later in this newsletter.

Thank you to fellow Board Members Chris Lyon, Diane Carroll, Valerie Howard, new member committee, water quality committee, fish committee, parade committee, cleanup, zone directors, members, the Ice Jam organizers and everyone that steps up during the year to make great things happen on Long Lake.

Michael Lesich
President

Diane Carroll
Vice-President

Chris Lyon
Treasurer

Valerie Howard
Secretary

Fishing Season is Heating Up on Long Lake
A report from the Fish Committee

Jay Peters, Chair

There’s no better time to grab your rod, hit the water, and make some memories with family and friends. This year is shaping up to be another fantastic one on Long Lake!

Your Fish Fund Donations at Work in 2025 – November stocking report

The funds generously contributed to the LLPOA Fish Fund totaled roughly \$6,000 last year and made possible a diversified fish planting. The total cost was \$5,262 and the stocking took place in late October.

We planted the following quantities and species:

1,215 Largemouth Bass (3 to 4 inches)	300 Walleye (5 and 8 inches)
500 Black Crappie (4 to 8 inches)	250 Hybrid Bluegill (4 and 6 inches)

The Michigan DNR also stocks Long Lake from time to time as part of their statewide program. They planted **34,000** Walleye in 2022 and another **29,000** in 2024. These fish are very small (usually under 2 inches), so it’s hard to see the results right away. Still, their work helps keep a healthy walleye population in the lake.

Thank You for Supporting the Fish Fund!

When you renew your LLPOA membership, please consider adding a donation. *Every* dollar helps keep Long Lake’s fish population strong and the lake healthy and beautiful.

Whether you give **\$10, \$20, \$50, \$100**, or more — it all makes a difference.

A big thank you to the Long Lake Golf Outing sponsors and participants!!! Your generous support covers nearly half of the Fish Fund budget every year and continue to keep our lake a great place to fish.

Join the Fish Committee – We Need You

Want to play a role in keeping Long Lake’s fish population healthy and balanced? There’s a spot for you on the Fish Committee — *no expert knowledge required*, just a passion for the lake. Whether you’re an experienced angler or simply care about maintaining Long Lake’s beauty, your input is welcome!

Contact: **Jay Peters – LLPOA Fish Committee Chair @ 1-616-822-0358 or email jay@developmentstrategies.com.**

Fishing License fees for 2026

Don’t forget to purchase your license. The all-species license that covers all fish in Long Lake is \$26 and only \$11 for seniors 65 and older.

For inspiration, here are a few of the State of Michigan records for species found in Long Lake.

Type	Weight	Length
Largemouth Bass	11.94 lbs	21”
Bluegill	2.75 lbs	10”
Channel Catfish	40 lbs	30”
Northern Pike	39 lbs	36”

Type	Weight	Length
Walleye	17.19 lbs	29”
Black Crappie	4.12 lbs	14”
Yellow Perch	3.75 lbs	14”

Go Get ‘Em

**RENEWAL
REMINDER**

**A reminder from your LLPOA Treasurer that it's
Time to Renew Your 2026-2027 LLPOA Membership
Today for only \$20!
Do it online at www.longlakemi.org**

Your \$20.00 Membership Fee goes a long way in supporting the Long Lake Property Owners Association (LLPOA) and the many initiatives that keep our lake community thriving. With your continued support, we are able to sponsor and organize events such as the Annual Boat Parade, the Long Lake Ice Jam, and provide New Member Welcome Packets. Your membership also covers essential services like:

- Participation in the Michigan Lakes and Streams Association
- Water quality monitoring through the MSU CLMP Cooperative Lake Management Program
- Liability insurance for the Association
- Goose Busters program
- Website maintenance
- Publication of this newsletter

In addition, your contributions help us advocate Plainfield Township to preserve Long Lake as a valuable community resource. We also administer the **Fish Fund**, which relies on your generous donations.

How to Renew

Renewing your membership is easy! Choose one of these convenient options:

- **Mail:** Fill out the form at bit.ly/LLPOAMailInMembership and mail it along with your \$20.00 check to the address on the form. Please update your contact information!
- **Online:** www.longlakemi.org and pay via PayPal (please note a \$2.00 service fee applies).
- **In Person:** Attend an upcoming LLPOA meeting and renew on-site.

Don't forget your Donation to the Fish Fund! Your contribution goes directly to stocking the lake each year.

Your ongoing support makes all the difference. Renew your membership today and continue to be a part of everything that makes Long Lake a wonderful place to live and enjoy!

Welcome Committee

Join the Welcome Committee, meet new neighbors and help them get to know everything Long Lake has to offer! The welcome committee wants to reach out to new property owners on the lake and let them know about all of the great things happening in our area. Jennifer & Scott Henson lead this ongoing effort to put together a welcome packet with attractions, stores, local businesses and other resources that come in handy.

If you'd like to help out or know of a new property owner that we can reach out to please email Jennifer and Scott at jpatterson0759@gmail.com



**Long Lake Property Owners Association
2026-2027 Membership Form**

Mail completed form with
check or money order to:
Long Lake Property Owners Association
PO Box 276 Long Lake, MI 48743

Renew Online: https://www.longlakemi.org/members/manual_renew.asp

<i>Primary Member</i>			
Name			
Email Address			
Cell Phone		Home Phone/Other	
<i>Spouse/Additional Party</i>			
Name			
Email Address			
Cell Phone		Home Phone/Other	
<i>Property and Mailing Addresses</i>			
Long Lake Address			
Mailing Address			
Parcel Property #			

Dues (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027):	\$20.00
Fish Fund Donation:	
Total Enclosed:	

Interest	Now		Interest	Now
Board of Directors			Golf Outing Committee	
Lake Management Team (Water Quality, Weed Control)			Activities - Social Committee	
Welcome Committee			Youth Fishing Committee	
Fish Committee			Other Ideas	
Parade Committee				

**PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR LATEST PHONE, EMAIL, AND CONTACT INFORMATION
SO WE CAN ENSURE OUR RECORDS ARE UP TO DATE**

Long Lake Property Owners Association

Treasurers Report

4/30/2026

Account (Checking # 7936)		Balance Forward	\$	521.75
Date	Description	<u>Deposit</u>	<u>Disbursement</u>	
4/20/2026	Dues contributions	\$ 60.00		
Totals/Ending Balance		\$ 60.00	\$ -	\$ 581.75

Savings (#4413)		Balance Forward	\$	10,766.87
Date	Description	<u>Deposit</u>	<u>Disbursement</u>	
3/31/2026	Interest	\$ 0.26		
Totals/Ending Balance		\$ 0.26	\$ -	\$ 10,767.13
Total General Funds				\$ 11,348.88

Fish Fund (Savings# 5027)		Balance Forward	\$	3,220.48
Date	Description	<u>Deposit</u>	<u>Disbursement</u>	
3/31/2026	Interest	\$ 0.07		
Totals/Ending Balance		\$ 0.07	\$ -	\$ 3,220.55
Total LLPOA Funds				\$ 14,569.43

Long Lake Property Owners Association Budget vs Actual FY 7/1/2025-6/30/2026

	Adjusted Budget	YTD Total	Date of this report Budget Remaining	4/30/2026 % of Budget Remaining
Fish Fund				
Revenues				
Contributions	4,000.00	2,433.00	(1,567.00)	-39%
Interest		0.36	0.36	
Total Revenues	4,000.00	2,433.36	(1,566.64)	-39%
Expenses				
Easy Pro Pond Products	7,500.00	5,262.50	2,237.50	30%
Total Expenses	7,500.00	5,262.50	2,237.50	30%
Net Funds Source/(Use)	(3,500.00)	(2,829.14)		
Bank Balances Beginning		6,049.69		
Bank Balances Ending		3,220.55		

Long Lake Property Owners Association Budget vs Actual FY 7/1/2025-6/30/2026

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Adjusted Budget</u>	<u>YTD Total</u>	<u>Budget Remaining</u>	<u>% of Budget Remaining</u>
Revenues				
Dues	6,000.00	1,175.00	(4,825.00)	-80%
Interest		0.81	0.81	
Total Revenues	6,000.00	1,175.81	(4,824.19)	-80%
Expenses				
Annual Newsletter	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	100%
Annual Cleanup	100.00	137.50	(37.50)	-38%
Boat Parade	350.00	300.00	50.00	14%
Goose Control	1,200.00	-	1,200.00	100%
Insurance - Auto Owners	750.00	681.00	69.00	9%
Long Lake Ice Jam	200.00	200.00	-	0%
Membership Packets	100.00	-	100.00	100%
MLSA Conference	700.00	-	700.00	100%
MLSA Membership (curr yr pd last yr)	-	-	-	
Michigan Waterfront Alliance	150.00	150.00	-	0%
Miscellaneous	75.00	-	75.00	100%
Mowing Lawn - Proscap	600.00	432.50	167.50	28%
Office Expenses	100.00	-	100.00	100%
Officer Stipends	500.00	-	500.00	100%
Post Office Box	60.00	-	60.00	100%
Postage	50.00	-	50.00	100%
Summer Picnic	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	100%
State Filing Fees	20.00	20.00	-	0%
Water Testing/CLMP	100.00	90.00	10.00	10%
Web fees - ISADDEX	1,100.00	938.40	161.60	15%
Web fees - Domain Name Services (5yr renewal)	-	-	-	
Total Expenses	9,155.00	2,949.40	6,205.60	68%
Net Funds Source/(Use)	(3,155.00)	(1,773.59)		
Bank Balances Beginning		13,122.47		
Bank Balances Ending		11,348.88		



2025 Lake Monitoring Update 2026 Treatment Strategy

Many thanks to our Lake Monitoring Chair George Stojic for continuing to conduct sampling of both water clarity and phosphorous and submitting them to the Michigan Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program – for Long Lake’s 52nd year in the program.

The 2025 Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program (CLMP) report for Long Lake, Iosco County (Site ID: 350076), summarizes water quality data collected by our lake CLMP volunteers. Key findings include:

- **Secchi Disk Transparency:** In 2025, water clarity averaged 14.4 feet (8 readings, range 11.5-17.0 feet), with a Carlson Trophic Status Index (TSI) of 39. Historical data (1974–2018) shows an average of 10.7 feet, indicating a long-term improvement in clarity.
- **Spring Phosphorus:** The 2025 sample was 13 ppb (parts per billion), higher than the historical average but below CLMP-wide average.
- **Summer Phosphorus:** Measured at 12.0 ppb with a TSI of 40, indicating a moderate nutrient load.

With an average TSI of 39 in 2025, Long Lake falls between oligotrophic (clear, low-nutrient) and mesotrophic (moderate nutrients) classifications. Long-term trends show slightly decreasing water clarity, chlorophyll-a, and spring phosphorus, suggesting a move toward lower nutrient levels, but summer phosphorus is stable or increasing. Continued monitoring is advised to confirm these trends. Data is accessible at [Micorps.net](https://micorps.net).

Current and past CLMP reports can be found at https://longlakemi.org/recreation/water_quality.asp



2026 Aquatic Management and Treatment Strategies

Future efforts focus on targeted herbicide treatments, water quality monitoring, and controlling invasive and nuisance native plants, while encouraging native plants and a healthy balance.

- Aquatic vegetation surveys planned for late May/early June 2026, with treatments shortly after.
- Treatments include herbicides for EWM, CLP, Starry Stonewort and nuisance natives
- Emphasis on balancing invasive species control with native biodiversity preservation.
- Internal phosphorus loading remains a concern, especially in deep basins.
- Proposed 2026 budget is approximately \$54,676, covering herbicides, management services, and contingencies, with potential adjustments based on treatment outcomes.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Time and Location</i>
<i>May 23rd</i>	LLPOA Membership Meeting	10 am Eagle Pointe Plaza
<i>July 4th</i>	LLPOA Membership Meeting	10 am Eagle Pointe Plaza
<i>July 4th</i>	Long Lake Boat Parade	Meet near the LLB docks @ 12:30
<i>July – TBD</i>	Long Lake Golf Outing	Wicker Hills Golf Course
<i>August 1st</i>	LLPOA Membership Meeting	10 am Eagle Pointe Plaza
<i>September 5th</i>	LLPOA Membership Meeting	10 am Eagle Pointe Plaza
<i>September 12th</i>	Roadside Cleanup	Around lake and lunch (location TBD)

Volunteers Needed – From boat parade judges to organizers, We need boat parade judges, organizers, all are welcome to assist – we will find you something to do!

Swimmer's Itch – What is it, and what can you do

Swimmer’s Itch itchy skin rash caused by an allergic reaction to microscopic parasites. Common in Michigan, these parasites are found in infected snails that are eaten by birds (ducks). They burrow into human skin while you’re swimming or wading, causing an immune response and itching.

Can the lake be treated for the parasite that causes Swimmer’s Itch?

Unfortunately, no. This microscopic parasite is transferred through the snail to duck food chain and once deposited in the lake, quickly reproduces, and disperses throughout the lake. There is no treatment that can be done to stop the transmission.

What can I do to prevent Swimmer’s Itch?

Unfortunately, not a lot – some people are very susceptible, and it can return.

There are a few prevention tips that are simple and sometimes effective – they are worth a try:

- Towel off vigorously or shower immediately after leaving the water.
- Avoid shallow, warm, weedy areas near shorelines where snails and waterfowl gather.
- Swim in deeper water or later in the day when possible.
- Apply waterproof sunscreen or a barrier cream (like baby oil) before swimming.
- Change out of wet swimsuits quickly and don’t feed birds at beaches.

These steps may reduce your chances of getting it. If you do develop a rash, over-the-counter anti-itch creams and antihistamines can help.

**Love Our Loons,
Give Them Room!**

Loons are threatened in Michigan and protected by state and federal laws. Wildlife harassment is illegal and subject to fines up to \$1,000 and/or 90 Days in Jail*

Be sure to retrieve all fishing line and tackle and use lead-free sinkers and jigs to reduce the risk of lead poisoning.

Please Report Abuse To The Michigan Department of Natural Resources Hot line
1-800-292-7800

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**Michigan Loon Ranger Program
Monitoring our favorite lake residents**

Have you heard of the Loon Ranger Program? We're looking for one or two people to keep an eye on the loons. Things like observing the date they return, if/when they nest, how many eggs are laid, how many hatch, and how many fledge (fly away) at the end of the season.

Then you submit the information to the Michigan Loon Preservation Association, a Michigan non-profit dedicated to the preservation of some of Long Lake's favorite residents.

If you are interested in becoming a Long Lake Loon Ranger contact, Peggy Kay at 734-474-7398 and mention this newsletter, or email me - michael.lesich@gmail.com and I can get you in touch with Peggy regarding the role.

More Information at www.MichiganLoons.com

Annual Road Cleanup - Saturday, September 12, 2026

Throughout the year, we promote the importance of maintaining cleanliness of our roads and around our lake. We urge everyone to play their part by removing any litter along the road that could, to protect others including our local wildlife and aquatic friends. Let's work together to preserve the beauty of our lake area and ensure it remains safe for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you to all our LLPOA members who helped clean up the roads around Long Lake in the past years and for those who attended our Lunch celebration at the Long Lake Bar last September.

LLPOA members can once again help with the end of summer clean up the weekend after Labor Day on Saturday, September 12, 2026. We'll follow up at a place to be determined.

Contact Laura Lesich, Road Cleanup Chair, @ (586) 994-5104 for your preferred cleanup area. We like to assign the roads surrounding the lake in manageable segments and efficiently distribute volunteers so as not to duplicate efforts. A map will be available at the LLPOA meetings for sign-up. To sign up or if you have any questions, feel free to email Laura (lzlesich@gmail.com).

New Website Coming Soon

We're putting the finishing touches on a new and improved website for the LLPOA. Stay tuned – should be launching by July 1st. More calendar updates, information, features to make it easier to use.

Safe Boating – it's both the law and common sense.

Download a convenient map of the lake at <https://longlakemi.org/resources/downloads.asp>

Please keep boating safety in mind at all times. When things get busy and people are fishing, tubing, skiing, sailing, pontoons, jet skis, paddle boards, kayaks, things get congested and hectic. Remember that we all have a right to enjoy the lake, but we must follow Michigan laws and show some common courtesy when sharing the water. Let's all do our part to keep the lake safe for everyone.

Some Key Reminders for Boating on Long Lake

- PLEASE - Travel ***counter-clockwise around the lake***
 - Think of it as if you cut the lake down the middle, *you stay on the right side.*
 - Always keep the shore to your right closest to you.
 - This rule applies to personal watercraft as well as pontoons, ski boats and other motorized boats.
 - Boater Safety Certificates are required for all those born after July 1, 1996.
 - There are various age and boater safety certificate requirements to operate a PWC – check the law before allowing teens to operate a PWC
 - Maintain ***a minimum of 100 feet*** from all other vessels, swimmers, docks, rafts, tubes, skiers or any other obstruction unless traveling at a slow, no wake speed.
 - Give boats towing tubes and skiers plenty of space.
 - Please share educational materials with new boaters and guests unfamiliar with the lake. It's a great refresher too. We have boater safety information at www.longlakemi.org and the Michigan DNR <https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/things-to-do/boating/rules-and-regs>
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Key Resources

Plainfield Township	www.plainfieldtwpmi.com
Iosco County	www.iosco.net
Michigan DNR	www.michigan.gov/dnr
Michigan EGLE	www.michigan.gov/egle