

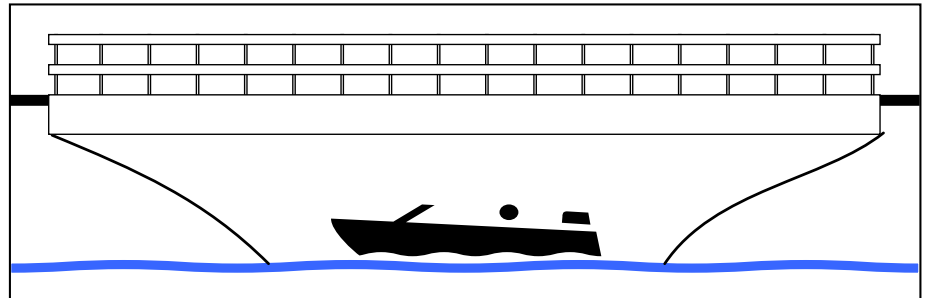
LAKE



NEWS

County W Bridge Project to Begin in Spring

The deteriorating culvert which has for decades allowed boating passage between Long and



Drawing approximately to scale

Wilson lakes will be replaced by a bridge with a 42' wide open span and 6 ½ feet of overhead clearance from the normal water level. There will be a 20' wide navigable passage area inside of the rock rip-rapped sides. The project is tentatively planned for

construction this coming spring, with completion targeted prior to July 4th, 2020. For those with pontoons and other large boats this will be a welcomed improvement, allowing safe and convenient passage between the 2 largest lakes of the Phillips Chain.

Lake Management Planning Grant Program

Our Association qualified and was awarded a DNR grant program focused on creating a formal Lake Management Plan for the Phillips Chain. This project will build on the management plan that was created in 2011 (available here <http://phillipschain.org/Comprehensive%20Mgmt%20Plan%202011.pdf> on our web site)

and is a necessary step to maintain eligibility for future DNR grant programs and permits. The program includes a comprehensive aquatic vegetation survey conducted by the Onterra group, water quality testing conducted by the WI State Laboratory of Hygiene, a Stakeholder Survey, and a summary report. The total

project cost is \$59,505, and PCOLA's share is \$14,876. The program guidelines allow us to earn a portion of our share through volunteer hours, primarily program administration and participation in the Clean Boats, Clean Waters program.

Clean Boats, Clean Waters Program

As mentioned above the primary source of reimbursement for volunteer hours is the CB/CW program, where volunteers monitor boat landings educating boaters entering and leaving the Chain on best practices to prevent the spread of invasive species. We are allowed up to 200 hours per

year, 400 hours total for this program, and reimbursed at a rate of \$12/hour, which results in a \$4800 total benefit to our Association. Without these hours we will have to make up the \$ in dues, donations, and fund raisers.

Please contact Mike Derkez, CB/CW program leader, at 715-820-6613, or email at mderkez@yahoo.com for more information on how you can

participate in the program and help earn \$'s for the Association.

A Commendation

Virgil Pufahl has logged 48 hours of time on his own for the Clean Boats/Clean Waters program. Great job. Thanks Virgil

“Fish Sticks” Program Continues to Promote Fish Habitat

Bill Ruff continues to lead our very successful Fish Sticks shoreline habitat improvement program. Bill and his volunteers have placed 47 structures over the past 5 years, and have another 20 planned for this coming spring. If you’re interested in having some “sticks” placed along your shoreline in the spring of 2021, give Bill a call at 715-339-3680, email [wjrruff@pctcnet.net](mailto:wjruff@pctcnet.net).



The rental docks are removed from the lake for the winter

Docks for Rent

The City of Phillips has installed 4 docks along the shores of Elk Lake Park and is renting them out on a seasonal basis.

A total of 8 slips are available for \$325-\$350 per season.

For information, contact the City Clerk's office at 715-339-3125.



Full trees are dropped into the lake and cabled to shore making favorable fish habitat.

Funds Needed for Wilson Lake Milfoil Treatment

The Phillips Chain O' Lakes Association will be applying for a herbicide treatment permit to address the Eurasian Milfoil growth in Wilson lake. Several association



EURASIAN MILFOIL

members will be driving a combination of fund raising events to pay for the treatment. Assuming the association will be able to obtain the permits and then generate the funds, treatment will occur this coming spring.

Please contact Trandy & Stacy Revie at 715-847-2509, email at stacy.revie@aspirus.org to donate or support a fund raising effort.

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Your Extra donation can make our lakes better for everyone! \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ More _____