

# LAKE NEWS

## Duroy, Elk, Long and Wilson Lakes

### Clean Boats, Clean Waters

Special recognition goes out to **Virgil Pufahl** and **Glen Konshak** for their commitment to the Clean Boats, Clean Waters program this year. The program's focus is education and inspection at our boat landings, informing boaters of best practices in protecting our waters (and other lakes that they may visit) from invasive species introduction or spread. Virgil logged 54 hours on 14 separate days, and Glen logged another 28 hours over 7 days, and **Laurie Zondlo** added 6 more hours to our total. While we fell short of our targeted 200 hours per year, each hour volunteered results in PCOLA being reimbursed at \$12/hr. The 2 year total of 400 hours gave us a potential of \$4800 that is applied to our 25% responsibility (\$14,876) on the grant program.

### Funding for our association

Our primary sources of funding are dues and donations, mainly driven by our annual newsletter. Last year's letter was mailed to 464 addresses and generated a total of \$3485, comprised of \$1775 from 65 members paying dues, plus 22 members providing donations totaling \$1710. At the bottom of the back page is a sign-up sheet that can be used to send in your dues, donations, comments and contact information. ***Please take a few minutes to fill out and send in your sheet.***

### Walleyes for Tomorrow Habitat Project

In combination with the new county road W bridge project, which replaced the old "tube" allowing convenient passage for pontoons and large boats between Wilson and Long lakes, our local WFT chapter worked with county supervisor Joe Baratka, DNR fisheries manager Jeff Scheirer and A-1 Excavating to add a rock bed which will serve as additional spawning habitat for Walleyes and other fish. The bed is comprised of 1-6" dia rocks stretching from the bridge opening toward the east on the Long Lake side and approximately 10 feet out from the shoreline.



### Fish Sticks Projects Continue

For the 5th year in a row **Bill Ruff** lead a team in placing near-shoreline woody mass habitat, either by felling trees that were already growing near the water's edge, or bringing in trees to create more cover for fish and other aquatic life. Since the start of the program Bill and his team have  
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## Lake Management Plan Grant Program Update

The first draft of our Comprehensive Lake Management Plan has been completed and was reviewed by our Planning Committee in October. This Plan is the focus of our current \$59,505 DNR grant program, and is a required step on the path of maintaining our status as an "Approved Lake Association" and obtaining approvals & additional grant funding for future projects, such as EWM treatment. The State covers 75% of the plan cost, and PCOLA is responsible for 25%. Once complete the Plan will be available for viewing on our web site <http://phillipschain.org/>.



*(From the front page)*

placed 69 structures across 20 separate properties. Bill and his team logged 128 total volunteer hours to support the 2020 placements. No structures are

planned for addition this coming spring, but if you're interested in having a Fish Sticks structure added to your shoreline in 2022 please contact Bill Ruff at [wjrruff@pctcnet.net](mailto:wjruff@pctcnet.net) or by calling 715-339-3680.

## Flood Plain Designation

If you are planning on purchasing property on the Chain, or re-financing property you already own, you may want to verify whether the current FEMA flood plain maps designate the property as being in the flood plain. The maps being referenced are quite inaccurate in some areas, and were drawn without clear consideration of property elevation. If you find that the map shows any part of your property in the flood plan (any dots touching), you will be forced to either purchase additional Flood insurance, or go through the process of changing the map for your property. The change process is referred to as a "Letter of Map Amendment" (LOMA) and starts with an application for a "Letter of Map Change" (LOMC) through the FEMA web site <https://www.fema.gov/flood-maps/change-your-flood-zone> County Map; <https://map1.msc.fema.gov/idms/IntraView.cgi?KEY=7522705&IFIT=1> City of Phillips Map; <https://www.cityofphillips.com/othercitydocuments.html>

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