



DLIA Accomplishments

The Delavan Lake Improvement Association was founded in 1895 and organized with one purpose: to help protect and preserve the lake, the watershed, and to provide a wholesome and relaxing environment for our friends and visitors.

Today the primary focus of the DLIA is our role as “watchdog”, seeking to identify potential and existing issues that affect water quality and the long-term health of the lake. Our goal is to forge strong ties with governing bodies at the state, county and local levels, as well as the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, to help ensure timely attention to the condition and the needs of the lake.

In well over 100 years of advocacy for Delavan Lake, the DLIA has supported countless issues and projects, by providing financial support and sharing of resource management expertise. In the early years, the DLIA founded the Town of Delavan’s first fire & rescue organization, funded the first Police Water Patrol Boat and was instrumental in efforts that created the Sanitary Sewer System.

More recently, the DLIA has

- Actively funded cover crop programs and best management practices farmers can implement to reduce runoff in the Delavan watershed.
- Hosted educational displays and community experts at our spring events most recently held at the Delavan Yacht Club.
- Provided funding and volunteers for a Pontoon Boat Classroom Day at the Community Park for Delavan Darien student in Summer 2016. This group pulled invasive weeds and learned about the importance of water quality.
- Funded the Town of Delavan’s Clean Boats/Clean Waters program to inspect boats and educate boaters on the importance of cleaning debris off watercraft entering and leaving the lake.
- Organized, raise funds and posted signs identifying the Boundaries of the Delavan Lake Watershed
- Initiated (in collaboration with the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater) the first Delavan Lake Economic Impact Study in 2005
- Currently working closely with the Delavan Lake Sanitary District on Healthy Lakes Initiative grants for lakeshore native plantings for associations and homeowners.

We continue to build on the many opportunities to educate our members and area residents about how we can all be good stewards of our most important resource – Delavan Lake