



## SUMMER 2018

### Delavan Lake Improvement Association Newsletter

We hope everyone is enjoying our warm summer on Delavan Lake. The weather has brought out many visitors to the area this season. The expanding nature of Walworth County and the Town of Delavan continue to outpace expectations. Along with more people, bring more challenges to our watershed. But rest assured, The Delavan Lake Improvement Association continues its exciting work for the lake you love!

### Farm Conservation Update

Your membership dues continue to fund our farm conservation program. This summer we had the opportunity to work with Walworth County's senior conservation technician, Brian Smetana, to identify a new farm project. The DLIA feels this is the most creative and collaborative project we've partnered with to date. During any significant rain event, a 135-acre field off Highway F, drained from the farm, through the woods and directly on to South Shore Drive with such force it flooded homeowners' yards as it headed toward the lake. If you have driven down South Shore Drive during a heavy rain you've witnessed the heavy water pouring over the road. Brian designed a project that consisted of basins, drain pipe and native plantings to decrease runoff which our members helped finance.

Thank you to Walworth County, the concerned homeowner who generously supported this project & DLIA members for working together to implement this important stormwater management system.

The photo below shows one of the basins. You can see the drain pipe that collects runoff and deposits it into the basin rather than allowing the water to move quickly toward the lake.



*Private property directly west of Highway F between Holig & Bailey Roads*

## **Health Lakes Initiative 2018 Grants**

On June 2, an information meeting was held at the office of the Delavan Lake Sanitary District to educate homeowners on the advantage of lake shore plants designed to capture & slow runoff into the lake. We all know everything we can do to keep excessive nutrients out of the lake will continue to improve the clarity and cleanliness of the lake. Grants are available for up to \$1000 per practice installed on private property along the waters.

There is still time to get in your application for a DNR grant for lake shore plantings. Please contact Audrey Greene or Charlie Handel at the Delavan Lake Sanitary District for more information.

Audrey Greene: [audrey@dlsd.org](mailto:audrey@dlsd.org) Charlie Handel: [charlie@dlsd.org](mailto:charlie@dlsd.org)

**Membership**

Thank you to everyone who has renewed their 2018 membership! If you still want to renew or donate, please go to our website: [www.delavan-lake.org](http://www.delavan-lake.org) and click on “Become a DLIA Member” on the bottom right side of the page. Make sure you include your email, so we can continue to send you up to date information on lake news!

Don't hesitate to contact us anytime: [info@delavan-lake.org](mailto:info@delavan-lake.org)

**AND DO NOT FORGET: The Delavan Lake Improvement Association is a 501 (c) 3 corporation so your contributions are tax deductible.**

**Thank you for your continued support, we could not do anything without you!**

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