



Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations (HC COLA)
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Welcome to Hubbard County, in the Heartland of Minnesota Lake Country! We hope your visit allows plenty of time to explore and enjoy our abundant lakes, rivers and forests.

The folder you are reading comes from the Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations, or HC COLA. We represent 31 volunteer-based lake associations whose primary mission is to protect and enhance the quality of Hubbard County's lakes and rivers. We also work to preserve the economic, recreational and natural environmental values of our shorelands, and promote responsible use of the county's waters and related habitats.

As you page through the material, you will find a variety of information, from where you can go to decontaminate/power wash your boat/watercraft free, to fun Kidz Zone activities for kids to learn more about the water and shoreland around them.

The packet also provides guests with insight into Minnesota's state bird, the common loon, which needs clean, healthy water in order to see its "prey," and enjoys people at a distance of at least 200 feet away.

Another feature is the "Shoreline Living" magazine, which is full of simple ideas to improve shoreline appearance and health, which are part of the reason you may choose to visit our northern lakes area. HC COLA shoreland advisors can help with ideas on ways to reduce runoff and erosion plus attract pollinators, butterflies and birds as well.

We hope you'll find something valuable in this folder, and if you'd like a copy of your own, it's available on the HC COLA website. You can also request a digital or paper copy by sending us an email at hccolamn@gmail.com.

We hope you have a great time during your stay, and will help us preserve our valuable lake country experience. We look forward to seeing you again in the future!

Sincerely, *The Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations*
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Working together to protect and enhance the quality of Hubbard County lakes and rivers.