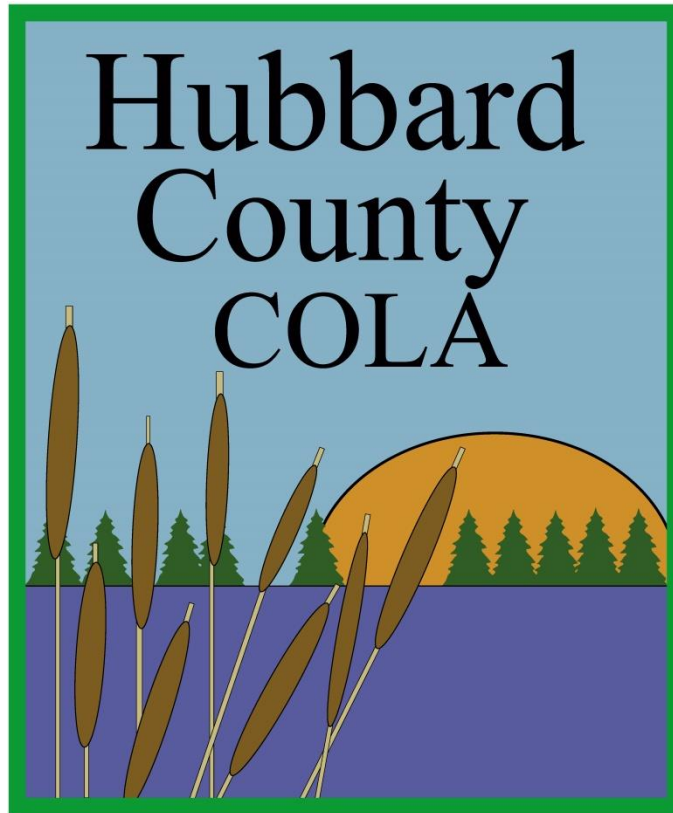


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Welcome to Hubbard County Coalition Of Lake Associations (HC COLA) new E-Newsletter! [Sign up](#) and watch your inbox to catch all future issues.

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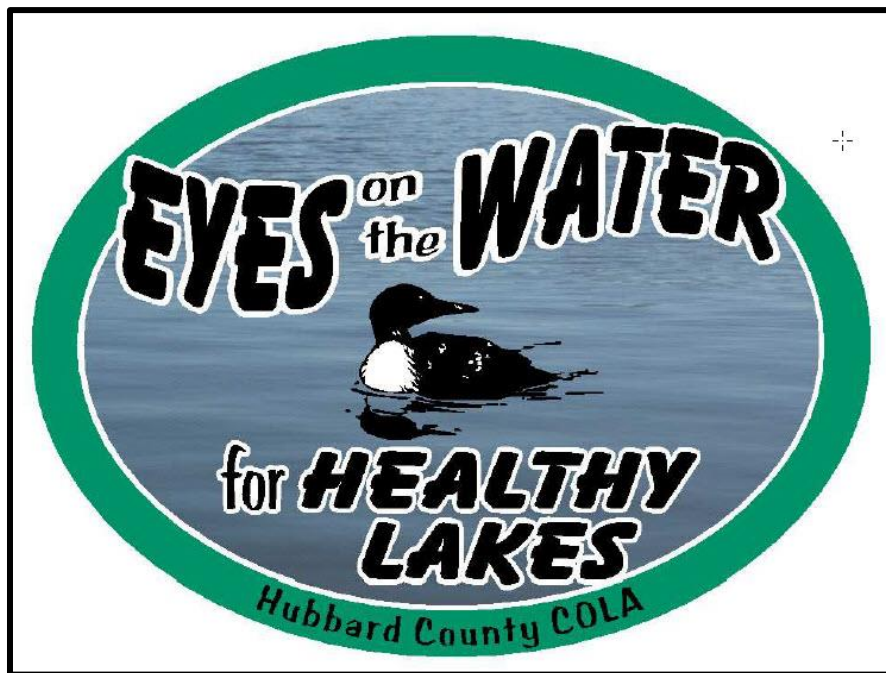
We are delighted to introduce this new E-Newsletter format to provide information, education and news for lake associations and lake property owners. Articles will include topics on water quality preservation, best practices and programs for stewardship of lakes, Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) prevention, and More. We are collaborating with the creator of the www.lakeadmin.org website, John Kruse.



Please let me know if you have suggestions or comments to consider - especially during our HC COLA pilot phase. [Subscribe](#) to this E-Newsletter and share with others too!

Thank You!

[Sharon Natzel, President HC COLA](#)



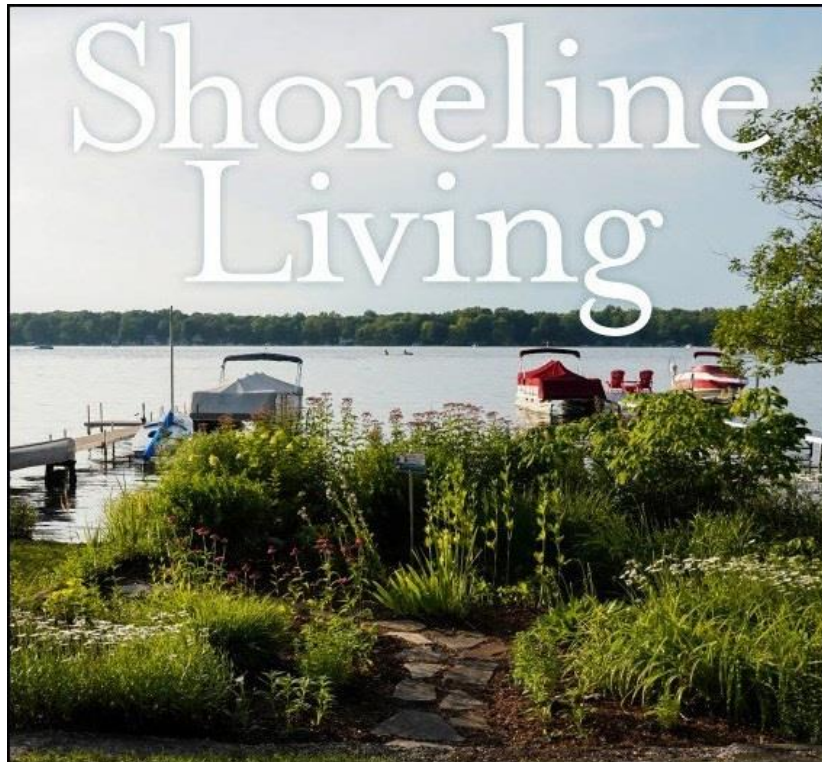
Our “Eyes On The Water” Program Combats AIS

Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations (HC COLA) is encouraging all lakeshore owners to be your lake's "Eyes on the Water". You could be a "first responder" in locating an aquatic invasive species (AIS) on your lake. This early detection has proven to be an effective way of stemming the subsequent spread of AIS to other lakes. Early detection can also allow for more effective treatment options in your lake.

In the autumn of each year, lake associations remind their property owners to check their docks, lifts, boats / equipment for zebra mussels. HC COLA

has a short survey where you can record your findings. An “absence” report is important too. Become a "Citizen Watch Volunteer" by completing the survey. All of us at HC COLA thank you for your AIS prevention efforts!

Click [HERE](#) to complete the 2020 Eyes on the Water Survey.



Shoreline Living Booklet

The Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership is proud to share this Shoreline Living booklet, which provides examples of everyday shoreline property owners that dipped their toes into a natural shoreline.

The booklet was produced by a collaborative group of managers and outreach professionals across the Upper Midwest for property owners and lake professionals to print and use freely.

There's something magical about spending time at a lake, whether you're swimming, boating, fishing, or just sitting and listening to the lapping waves. There are simple steps property owners can take to keep their lakes clean and healthy for generations to come. Shoreline Living shares the examples of five ordinary property owners who have done something extraordinary. Each is taking steps in their own way to do their part to care for the lake. From small steps on a relatively manicured property to an almost fully forested and natural landscape, the articles within feature the efforts of people just like you.

Shoreline Living Booklet



Is Wild Rice An AIS?

In the past couple years there have been numerous inquiries from lake property owners about Wild Rice reappearing in some Minnesota DNR Northwest Region 1 lakes. Shoreland owners are not recognizing the plant and are asking what they can do to get rid of it. Most of them are wondering if it is some form of invasive species as they have not seen it in these locations in the past. Annette Drewes, DNR Clean Water Specialist & Independent Wild Rice Consultant, has prepared an article on Wild

Rice. The Hubbard County lake mentioned in the article is actually Lake Hattie, northwest of Lake George, MN. The Hubbard County DNR Aquatic Plant Management (APM) Specialist is: robert.ekstrom@state.mn.us

Annette Drewes is willing to talk with lake association groups regarding Wild Rice.

Email: annette.drewes@state.mn.us

MORE



Introducing www.lakeadmin.org

[AIS](#) – [WATER QUALITY](#) – [ADMINISTRATION](#) – [REGULATION](#) – [GENERAL INTEREST](#)

Introduced recently is a new website for Lake Associations and lake property owners. The tagline for the website is “**Everything Lake Organization Administration**”. It is a library of postings and articles to provide unique and innovative tools to organize and manage lake organizations. It also includes valuable information on combating Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) and lake water quality challenges. It is intended to be informational, educational and inspirational for all lake property owners.

The website is a repository for informational posts to help Lake Associations and lake property owners to be good stewards of their lakes. It also provides information on the creation of Associations and Lake Improvement Districts. There are posts on Lake Association Member engagement, Member communications and organization management. It also includes important information on state and county regulations as well as annual State and IRS reporting requirements

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Hubbard County Coalition Of Lake Associations (HC COLA)

Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations (HC COLA) is the Leader in Protecting Hubbard County Lakes and Rivers.

Our mission is to protect and enhance the quality of our lakes and rivers, preserve the economic, recreational and natural environmental values of our shorelands and promote the responsible use of our waters and related habitats. Hubbard County COLA's mission enhances, promotes and protects the interests of lakeshore property owners, lake associations, local government, the general public and future generations.

Hubbard County COLA formed in 1988. HC COLA currently has a membership of 30 lake associations representing 42 lakes with over 2500 members. HC COLA is an all-volunteer 501(c3) organization.

Lakes Represented In HC COLA

Bad Axe · Belle Taine · Big Mantrap · Big Sand · Blue · Boulder · Crow Wing Lower · Crow Wing 5th/6th/7th · Crow Wing 8th/9th · Crow Wing 10th/11th · Duck · Eagle-Island · Emma-Stocking-Bottle · Fish Hook L&R Association · Garfield · Gilmore · Ham Lake · Hinds Lake · Kabekona · Little Sand · Long Lake · Palmer · Plantagenet · Portage · Potato · South Island · Spider · Stony · Tripp · Twin Lakes

HC COLA Board of Directors

The HC COLA Board of Directors is made up of one designated "HC COLA Representative" from each member Lake Association.

HC COLA Officers

President: Sharon Natzel, Long Lake
Vice President: (seeking candidate volunteers) [candidate email](#)
Secretary: Keith Minkel, Gilmore Lake
Treasurer: Steve Hall, Boulder Lake
Immediate Past President: Lynn Goodrich, Tripp Lake

[2020 Meeting Minutes](#)

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Water Quality Analysis Reports

The Water Quality Analysis Reports for HC COLA lakes are available with an easy query of the RMB Lakes Monitoring Database.

<https://www.rmbel.info/data/> You can run a trend report over time for chlorophyll-a, total phosphorus and secchi disk measurements indicating clarity.

Thanks to the many HC COLA citizen lake monitoring volunteers who sample their lake in a specific location, using specific sampling methods on a specific date for each of the 5 months in open water season, May through September! The RMB Environmental Laboratories Inc analyzes these water samples after they are delivered monthly by the HC COLA volunteer cooler shuttle team. This is a team effort! The data is also provided to the MN Pollution Control Agency.

Check out the special milestone reports on our HC COLA website for several HC COLA lakes by RMB Environmental Laboratories Inc.

<http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/water-quality-monitoring-reports.html>



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Comments and Suggestions Welcome

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