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We are diligently working on our database to make sure we have current lake addresses and current mailing addresses of those who prefer receiving mail other than at the lake. Please keep us informed of any changes that need to be made. If you are a "Snow Bird" and have a different winter address, please advise us of this address and the times this should be used. We want to be sure to reach you with any mailings we may have. To make a change, please email to: office@lakescouncil.org, send a note in the mail, or call the office (260) 665-1730. Thank you for your assistance.

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PRESIDENT'S LIVE BOX

Submitted by Janet Bohney
Steuben County Lakes Council President

Here we are in 2025 after a cold rough winter. The good part of our life on the lake is beginning to blossom like beautiful flowers. Spring is finally here. It's a little late, but as always, the ice melts, the snow disappears, and we get some beautiful bright sunshiny days.

On just about every lake the lifts and piers are going in and yesterday when I was writing this in April, I saw two young men on personal watercrafts. The water was still cold, but their spirits were warm.

Steuben County with its beautiful lakes and land is always something to look forward to. Those of us who work to keep our lakes clean and our water quality good and our preserves beautiful have a big job to do and we could use a little help. We all need people to work together to keep our lakes clean and beautiful.

Everyone can help. Even kids. Teach your kids to not throw their cans, etc. in the lake. It's a small thing, but it sure does help. One of the Steuben County Lakes Council's main goals, is in fact to work with everyone, cottage owners, organizations, state legislators, etc. to keep our water quality as clean as it can be.

With our testing program, our work with the county, and our incredible group of lake volunteers we have, so far managed to keep our lakes clean and viable. To help us we need organizations, services, and people to join and learn about what we do.

When your lake representative asks for your help, don't think someone else will do it. Pitch in and help us keep our lakes, our beaches, our preserves and our little piece of heaven vibrant. You won't regret it when you see those beautiful waves and those gorgeous sunsets.

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Name _____ Name of Lake _____

Address of Lake Property _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Preferred mailing address if different than lake address:

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Individual Membership \$45.00 _____

Business Membership \$50.00 _____

Scholarship Donation _____

Water Quality Donation _____

Total Amount Enclosed (Donations are tax deductible.) _____

Mail to: SCLC – 317 S. Wayne St., Ste. 2A, Angola, IN 46703

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Steuben County Lakes Council is now into their 53rd year. Our annual member-ship drive for 2025 began in January. It gives our organization great pleasure to thank all of you who have joined us again with your membership contribution. If you have not yet joined for this year, please use the form above to show us your support.

Membership dues help provide funding for materials to Steuben County 2nd grade students to teach water quality. In cooperation with Steuben County Soil & Water Conservation District, 4th graders receive environmental materials following a field day trip in the fall. We also provide a \$5,000 scholarship to a Steuben County graduate who will be studying in the environmental sciences field each year. Monies given for scholarships throughout the year are used to supply this scholarship fund.

Your membership contribution also funds the publication of the *Bobber Watchin'* in the summer and the *Soundings* in the fall. Your contribution to the Water Quality Donation also helps to fund over 60 sites of water quality testing in the watersheds of Steuben County.

STEBEN COUNTY LAKES COUNCIL, INC. BOARD MEETINGS

Learn more about your Steuben County Lakes Council by attending our Board meetings. They are held the first Saturday of each month (except January) at the Steuben County Economic Development office, 903 S. Wayne Street, Angola, IN, at 8:30 a.m. The August 2 meeting will be at the Pleasant Township Trustees Office starting with breakfast at 8:00 a.m. The meetings are open to the public. Come, join the discussions, and help us keep the lakes and streams clean and beautiful.

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The Steuben County Strategic Water Quality Monitoring Program

As with any program, the Steuben County SWQMP has run into some challenges – which the Committee is working to overcome. Last fall, Dr. Katherine Barrett, the project manager, left her role with the SJRBC to focus on a full-time teaching career. This has caused a delay in the 2024 data analysis. Additionally, in late April, we were notified that the AmeriCorps program was cancelled due to federal funding cuts. The AmeriCorps program funding paid college interns for the field work/data collection. Thankfully, there is enough funding in the SCCF grant to cover 2025 field work expenses.

To learn more about the 2023 Steuben County monitoring results, visit www.lakescouncil.org/water-testing. The Steuben County SWQMP Committee will also be releasing information on how to listen to a WLKI 100.3 Podcast that was recently recorded. Stay tuned for additional details which will be shared on the SCLC's website and Facebook page.

SCHOLARIP UPDATE

BY LUKE CAMPBELL, SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

As the academic year wraps up, I can't help but reflect on what an incredible journey my first year at Northern Michigan University has been. From the excitement of orientation to navigating campus in the dead of winter, every moment has been a unique learning experience. The friends I've made, both in my classes and in my dorm, have quickly become like a second family. Together, we've explored the beauty of Marquette, cheered on the Wildcats, and supported each other through late-night study sessions. I even joined the photography club and have really been enjoying capturing the beauty of the Upper Peninsula.

What made this year even more special was getting involved in activities I'm passionate about. Hitting the slopes for some snowboarding was definitely a highlight, especially with the amazing snow we get here! I also joined the Ducks Unlimited student chapter, where I've met some awesome people who share my love for conservation. Rock climbing has also been a blast, challenging me both mentally and physically.

The courses I've taken have not only expanded my knowledge but also ignited a passion for learning that I didn't know I had. The professors here are truly dedicated to their students, always willing to go the extra mile to ensure our success. Beyond academics, I've grown so much as an individual becoming more independent, resilient, and open-minded.

Looking ahead, I'm especially excited to be taking environmental science and GIS classes in the Fall semester. These subjects align perfectly with my interests in conservation and the natural world, and I can't wait to see where they take me. I'm eager to dive deeper into my studies, explore new opportunities, and continue making unforgettable memories at NMU.

Go Wildcats!

ANNUAL MEETING NOTIFICATION

A CORDIAL INVITATION TO THE PUBLIC

**STEBEN COUNTY LAKES COUNCIL
INVITES YOU
SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2025**

**PLEASANT TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE'S OFFICE
2510 N 200 W
ANGOLA, IN**

BREAKFAST PROVIDED AT 8:00 A.M.

BUSINESS MEETING AT 8:45 A.M.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

**Landon Vine, Project Scientist, Natural Resources
V3 Companies**

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2025

SCHOLARSHIP

DONATIONS

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 Michael & Caro Rieke
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 William Schmidt
 Susan & Steve Schneider
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 Steve & Suzanne Smith
 Travis & Jamie Smith
 Gerald Snyder
 Steve & Jill Sosenheimer
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 Debi & Don Springer
 George Srofe
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The Steuben County Strategic Water Quality Monitoring Program

Submitted by Janel S. Meyer,

Steuben County Soil & Water Conservation District

The Steuben County Strategic Water Quality Monitoring Program (SWQMP) Committee is eager to begin a third year of water quality monitoring to measure a suite of chemical and biological parameters that will help with understanding water quality trends in Steuben County.

In 2023, stakeholders from the City of Angola/Trine University (COA/TU MS4), the Steuben County Health Department (SCHD), the Steuben County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD), the St. Joseph River Basin Commission (SJRBC), the Michiana Area Council of Governments AmeriCorps program (MACOG, the organization that houses the SJRBC), Trine University, and the Steuben County Lakes Council (SCLC) developed a strategic water quality monitoring program. It was structured to build upon water quality efforts of the SCLC, which began monitoring various Steuben County waterbodies in the early 2000s. The SCLC's program began to address landowner's concerns about unsafe *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) levels in the County's lakes and streams. *E. coli* are bacteria found in many places like the intestines of people and animals. Most kinds of *E. coli* are harmless; however, some can cause serious illness in people who encounter contaminated water through swimming and other water sports. Nutrient and sediment levels were also found to exceed Water Quality Standards (WQS) set by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). Excessive nutrients can lead to harmful algal blooms and beach closures, while high inputs of sediments can adversely affect aquatic life and can lead to increased maintenance costs associated with cleaning regulated ditches. WQS are the foundation of the water quality-based control programs mandated by the Clean Water Act.

While the SCLC data revealed the extent of *E. coli* throughout the county, the data gave a limited insight into the cause of the problem. In response to the need for more robust data, the SWQMP began to monitor surface water sites on a weekly basis, with samples collected on the same days, during similar times, each week, by trained college interns. The benefit of consistency in the days and times samples are collected each week is it allows for determination of a more representative sample of water quality trends. The purpose of this monitoring program is to establish baseline water quality and track trends over time. The data can be used to inform local policy decisions which can lead to corrective actions to improve water quality. The program seeks to assist ongoing efforts in the watersheds of Steuben County to reduce nutrient and sediment loading into surface waters and to reduce/eliminate the *E. coli* issues afflicting many of our lakes and streams.

The 2025 sampling season will start the week of May 19 and end the first week in September. The field season will require a team effort – which continues from the successful momentum first initiated in 2023. Since the program's inception, it has been awarded Steuben County Community Foundation (SCCF) Grants. This support, in addition to monetary and in-kind support from the stakeholders, will allow the program to continue sampling 17 sites throughout the county. Sampling sites are located within the Upper St. Joseph River Watershed, which drains to Lake Erie, and Pigeon Creek and Fawn River Watersheds, which drain to Lake Michigan. Field measurements will be collected using a portable water quality meter, a HydrLab HL7 Multiparameter Sonde. *E. coli*, total phosphorus, and total suspended solids will be analyzed by a certified laboratory.

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2025 WATER QUALITY CONTRIBUTORS

Megan & Shane Libey
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Long Lake Cottage Owners
Jeffrey Lowie
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James & Bailey Martella
Trey & Devon McArdle
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Scott Miller
Thomas & Jane Miller
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John & Linda Mowry
Scott & Arlene Mowry
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Brent & Susan Mutton
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Tim & Cathy Offerle
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Lake-Friendly Living in Steuben County

Submitted by Caroline Barth, Exec. Director, Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy

Welcome Spring! This time of year, is characterized by the warmer days filled with countless tasks to prepare for the season ahead. From installing docks and placing lifts to refreshing landscaping and mowing lawns, the list goes on. As you work through these seasonal tasks, consider these Lake-Friendly Living tips to preserve the water quality of our precious lakes.

If you choose to fertilize your lawn with an early spring application, please remember to:

- Use only materials with **no phosphorus or phosphate**. The middle number on the bag should be zero, indicating no phosphorus.
- Request phosphorus-free fertilizer from lawn application services.
- Leave a strip of unfertilized lawn along the lake edge as a buffer.
- Consider testing your lawn before applying fertilizer to use the minimum amount necessary.

Of all the elements that feed into our waterways, phosphorus most significantly over-accelerates algae and plant growth.

Other Tips for Spring Clean-Up:

- Clean up your pet's waste. It is not "free fertilizer" and can negatively impact waterways.
- Keep leaves, grass, and other yard waste out of lakes and the surrounding wetlands. Wetlands are the "kidneys" of our lakes and help filter incoming water.
- Consider installing natural glacial rock at your water's edge to break up wave action, capture suspended sediments, and reduce erosion of your shoreline and lake floor.

This Lake-Friendly Living mindset will help preserve our precious water quality. Let's continue making positive impacts on our environment for the future generations of Steuben County.



Use your Local Environmental Resources

Submitted by Kris Thomas, MS4 Coordinator/Engineering Assistant, City of Angola

Your quality of life is dependent on the quality of your environment. This is especially true of water quality. What would we do if our recreational waters were not safe for swimming, boating, or fishing? Our quality of life diminishes as resources become impaired. As we navigate our daily lives, we are apt to forget that our daily activities have a direct and profound impact on our local water quality. Clean water is not guaranteed. We are all responsible for ensuring our water is safe for all uses. We depend on our water resources and expect to be able to use water for all aspects of life.

As Steuben County residents, whether year-round or seasonal, it is important for you to know that you have local government agencies and non-profit organizations in your community working to preserve the water quality in our area. Did you know these same resources are available to you? To answer your questions? To provide services to you and for you through technical expertise? Take the time to meet the staff of these various agencies and organizations and discover the services they offer. Here are just a few examples.

The **Steuben County Lakes Council** works to educate the public about local water quality concerns and actively monitors water quality through its sampling program. You don't have to live on a lake to benefit from this organization's efforts to protect our lakes.

The **City of Angola MS4** program provides stormwater pollution education and ensures the city of Angola is not significantly contributing pollution from all of its stormwater conveyances. You don't have to live within the city to benefit from stormwater compliance within the city limits.

The **Steuben Soil and Water Conservation District** provides education, technical, and financial assistance, when available, for the implementation of agricultural and urban best management practices (BMPs). You don't have to live in a rural area to benefit from the preservation of soil health and water quality these BMPs help ensure through proper implementation.

The **Steuben County Health Department** works to provide education on public health issues and provides services devoted to the promotion of a healthy population and a safe environment through its various programs including onsite sewage systems, water wells, and environmental complaint investigations. The health department plays a significant role in monitoring surface water and groundwater, which benefits all of us.

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2025 WATER QUALITY CONTRIBUTORS

Angola Ameri. Legion Post 31	David & Aubrey Croal	Ralph & Ruth Herb
Aquatic Enhancement	Chuck & Jill Crosby	Charles & Rosemary Hissong
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Jerry Crawford	Peter & Deloris Hippensteel	

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101 Lakes Trust puts a fresh touch on Powers Preserve

Submitted by Amy Oberlin

The 101 Lakes Trust purchased a new sign for Powers Preserve in eastern Steuben County last year.

The sign was christened at the board of directors' annual meeting in October, hosted by Dewey and Marcia Powers, whose family property, including the historic Powers Church, is near the small preserve. The sign was made possible with a grant from the Steuben County Community Foundation.

The annual essay contest kicked off at the beginning of the year. This year's theme is the history of our 101 lakes – reflecting back anywhere from 10 to 10,000 years ago.

Entries may be submitted in youth or adult categories for cash prizes at 101lakestrust@gmail.com. Learn more on the 101 Lakes Trust Facebook page.



101 Lakes Trust Board members, from left, Niann Lautzenhiser, Ken Erlenbaugh, Luke Martin, Amy Oberlin, Brandy DePriest and Janet Albright pose with the new sign at Powers Preserve last fall along with Marcia and Dewey Powers, back, right.

Photo by Bill Schmidt

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Use Your Local Environmental Resources

There are also conservancy districts such as the **Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy** and the **Lake George Conservancy**, that also work to educate and preserve water quality in their respective lake areas.

While these are representative of local resources available to you, there are many more that have not been named. Water quality is not guaranteed. Knowing who to contact with questions or concerns is the beginning step to help ensure water quality is sustained in our community and beyond.

WATER QUALITY

Submitted by Bill Schmidt, Technical Vice President

To help in accessing the information on our water quality program on the website, the following guideline will guide you through the process.

- Open Lakes Council website – lakescouncil.org
- Scroll down to Water Quality Testing; select “click to view reports”
- The site will have several options. Select 2024 Water Quality Annual Report. (This is the report of all information generated by the SCLC Testing program in 2024)
- Page 4 of the report explains the testing program and describes the tests that are conducted.
- Page 6 is a map of the county and site functions.
- Pages 7 is the list of all the sampling sites and the funding for those sites (Find your lake or the site of interest to you and record the number.)
- Page 8 & 9 has the test results for the first test cycle. (The number from the map on page 6 will allow you to locate the results for the site of interest to you)
- Pages 10, 11, 12 & 13 are the test results for the second and third test cycles. (The number you have is the same for each site.)
- Page 14 is more information on the tests conducted.
- There is data for 2018-2023 by selecting the appropriate site.
- 2009-2017 data is under that heading. (Select the site from the map and click)
- Most of the annual reports are listed under “yearly report”. (Choose year of interest and select.)
- 2024 eDNA testing data is available by selecting that under 2024 test results. 2021-2023 eDNA data is available under each year. Select & click

If there are questions let the office know and we will get back to you with an answer.

THANKS

BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATES 2025

BUSINESS

Andrews & Shipe LLC	Indiana Warm Floors
Acres Away Winery	Jacob Insurance Services, LLC
Bowen Health, Inc.	JMR Cottage, Inc.
Bradley Overhead Door, Inc.	J. W. Services
Budreau, Austin—State Farm	Jennings, Steve Softener Repair
Campbell & Fetter Bank	Lake Access Magazine
City of Angola, MS4	Larry's Lock & Safe
Complete Collision Services	Lawnscape Garden Center
Core Promo, Inc.	Pleasant Township Trustee
Cress Law Group, PC	Rapid Rental
Croxton & Roe Insurance	Satek Winery
Current Mechanical	Stark's Plumbing & Heating Services, Inc.
Farmers State Bank	Steuben County Community Foundation
First Federal Savings Bank of Angola	Steuben County REMC
Fort Financial Credit Union	Steuben County Tourism Bureau
Franz Nursury, Inc.	Stockwell Farms
Hot Rod Golf Carts	Wayside Furniture

LAKE ASSOCIATIONS

Ball Lake Association.	Lake George Cottagers Association
Big Turkey Lake Association	Lake James Association, Inc.
Buena Vista Park Association	Lake of the Woods, McClish Lake
Clear Lake Association	Lake Pleasant Homeowners Assoc.
Crooked Lake Association, Inc.	Little Long Lake IN/MI Watershed Assoc.
Fox Lake Property Owners Assoc.	Long Lake Cabin Owners Association
Hamilton Lake Association	North Otter Lake Association
Indian Hills Subdivision POA, Inc.	Pine Canyon Lake Association
Jimmerson Lake Prop. Owners Assoc.	Snow Lake Cottagers Association
Lake Gage/Lime Lake Association	West Otter Lake Association

ENVIRONMENTAL INTERESTS

101 Lakes Trust, Inc.	Clear Lake Yacht Club
Aquatic Enhancement & Survey, Inc.	Jones Lake Management
Aquatic Weed Control	Lake George Conservancy, Inc.
Blue Heron Ministries, Inc.	NE IN Solid Waste Management District
Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy	Pond Champs

MARINAS/BOAT SUPPLIES

Casey's Cove Marine, Inc.
Dry Dock Marine Center
Hamilton Lake Marine, Inc.
Lake Pleasant Marine
Marina of Clear Lake

CAMPGROUNDS, CONDOS, PARKS

Jimmerson Shores Cooperative, Inc.
Jimmerson Woods Cooperative
Lake Luther
Russell's Point MP, LLC

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CONSTRUCTION/DEVELOPER

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Manahan Construction, LLC
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