

Friends of Oak Lake

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Welcome & Introduction - Scott Symons

Financials - John Brewster

Year in Review - Scott Symons

New Business - FOOL's 2022 Portfolio

Resident Comments, Questions & Discussions



Covid – 19 Protocol

Precautions include:

1. Use PPE provided (masks and sanitizer)
2. Cough or sneeze into a tissue or your elbow
3. Social Distancing = 1 metre
4. Contact Tracing



Welcome from Friends of Oak Lake

Executive Committee

Scott Symons – President

Tyler Vivian – Vice President

John Brewster – Treasurer &
Secretary

Dennis Day – Lake Steward



Friends of Oak Lake is a not-for-profit lake association

Website is: www.friendsofoaklake.com

Email is: friendsofoaklake@gmail.com

Mailing Address: 30A Neighbourly Road
Quinte West, ON
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Friends of Oak Lake – Our Mandate

To strive to represent local residents on and around Oak Lake in promoting a healthy and sustainable environment.



Financials – John Brewster



Friends of Oak Lake

Income/Expense Statement Comparison

	8/1/18- 2019-07-31	8/1/19- 2020-07-31	2020-08-01 2021-07-31	Difference from last FY
INCOME				
Fundraisers	\$0.00	\$83.50	\$373.40	\$289.90
Members Dues	\$450.00	\$700.00	\$750.00	\$50.00
SWAG Items-Revenue	\$127.00	\$289.00	\$60.00	-\$229.00
Donation			\$50.00	\$50.00
Float Return			\$200.00	\$200.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$577.00	\$1,072.50	\$1,433.40	\$360.90
EXPENSES				
Bank Charge	\$47.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Credit Union Share	\$20.00	\$5.00	\$0.00	-\$5.00
FOCA AGM Attendance	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Float Expense			\$200.00	\$200.00
FOCA Literature	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	-\$50.00
FOCA Membership	\$142.50	\$240.50	\$254.50	\$14.00
FOOL Annual Website Fee	\$115.57	\$226.27	\$285.97	\$59.70
FOOL WebSite Domain Name	\$46.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
LOGO Development	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Meeting Costs	\$0.00	\$80.00	\$0.00	-\$80.00
Service Charges	\$18.00	\$36.00	\$33.00	-\$3.00
SWAG Items-Expense	\$213.57	\$305.67	\$0.00	-\$305.67
Web Site Preparation and Maintenance	\$600.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	-\$250.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,423.07	\$1,193.44	\$773.47	-\$419.97
				\$0.00
				\$0.00
				\$0.00
Profit/Loss	-\$846.07	-\$120.94	\$659.93	\$780.87

Financials – John Brewster



BALANCE SHEET AS of 7/31/21

ASSETS	2021-07-31
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Friends of Oak Lake	\$1,106.72
Total Cash and Bank Accounts	\$1,106.72
Other Assets	
Oak Lake-Long Term Assets	\$15.00
Total Other Assets	\$15.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,121.72
Liabilities	\$0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	\$1,121.72

NOTE:

Books reconciled August 07, 2021

Year In Review

• FOOL's Social Portfolio

1. Bottle Bin
2. Trash Bash 2021
3. Canada Day Boat Parade
4. Photo Contest & Calendar

FOOL's Educational Portfolio

1. Wastewater Systems
2. Shorelines
3. Newsletters
4. This is FOOL
5. Wake Aware

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Social Portfolio

1 - Bottle Bin



YEAR-ROUND BOTTLE DRIVE



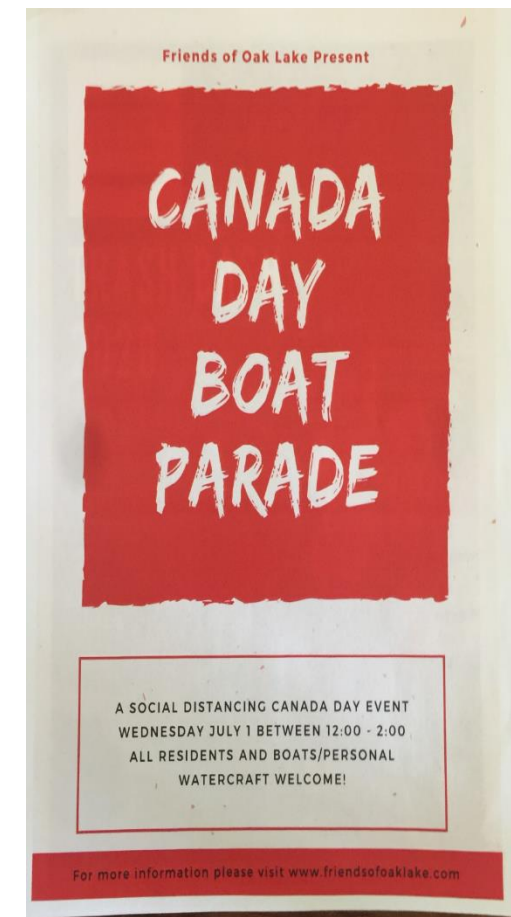
Drop off empty alcohol bottles and cans to our Friends of Oak Lake **Bottle Bin** located at 30A Neighbourly Road or email Scott for pick-up at your residence at friendsofoaklake@gmail.com



2 - Trash Bash 2021




3 - Canada Day Boat Parade




4 – Photo Contest & Christmas Calendar Fundraiser

THANK YOU!

**DORIS
BERCARICH**



*It's An
Oak Lake
Photo Contest!*




Dust off your camera, and bring out your inner artist.

Submit 1, 2, or even 3 of your Oak Lake photos by July 24th, and the 13 best, as judged by yourselves, will be featured in a 2022 calendar, available for sale through FOOL's website, just in time for Christmas

*The Details:
Email your jpegs to friendsofoaklake@gmail.com by July 24, 2021
Maximum of 3 entries per person, you don't need to be a FOOL member to enter
Minimum jpeg resolution 3375x2625 pixels*

*Judging begins on August 1st.
Go to <https://www.friendsofoaklake.com/> to cast your vote or, vote in person at the August 14 FOOL Annual General Meeting.
The calendar cover will feature the most voted photo, and the photographer name*



*Please remember to ask, before taking people's picture
FOOL reserves the right to edit and publish entered photos*

5. NEW - FOOL's Social Portfolio

FOOL Fishing Contest 2022



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Educational Portfolio

1 - Wastewater/Septic Systems



WASTEWATER DO'S & DON'TS

DO	DON'TS
DO locate your wastewater system (holding tank or septic tank and leaching bed)	DON'T drive on or park over the tank or leaching bed
DO have your wastewater tank pumped out on a regular basis (3-5 years)	DON'T flush hazardous or harmful household products into your wastewater system
DO have your wastewater/septic tank system inspected by a professional	DON'T plant trees or shrubs close to tank or leaching bed
DO maintenance as needed and repair damaged systems	DON'T dig without knowing location of tank or leaching bed
DO protect your health and environment	DON'T ignore problems with your wastewater system
DO save money by acting proactively with your wastewater system	DON'T jeopardise health, environment or property values

Members of Friends of Oak Lake have access to the Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association (FOCA) resources on wastewater systems (as well as other waterfront issues) in both text and video form. Go to www.foca.on.ca and use the FOOL Member username and password. Questions or concerns can be directed to friendsofoaklake@gmail.com or visit us at www.friendsofoaklake.com

Oak Lake Residents – Wastewater Systems

Name: _____ Address: _____

Septic Systems

- ✓ A key reason to maintain your wastewater treatment system is to **save money**.
- ✓ Septic system maintenance including **pumping and inspection** is the property owner's responsibility.
- ✓ Costs associated with regular maintenance of your septic system are much cheaper than repair or replacement.
- ✓ A working wastewater system **adds value** to your property.
- ✓ A properly functioning wastewater system is good for **your family's health**, the health of your neighbours and the environment.

Septic Maintenance Tips

1. Pump your tank regularly (Every 3 - 5 years)
2. Inspect your system (The ground on-and-around your system for saturation and/or odor)
3. Keep records (System diagrams and service pump-out dates)
4. Call a licensed professional if unsure (See below)

Local Contractors

1. **Ace Septic Systems**
Phone: 613-968-5990
Email: info@acesepticpumping.com
2. **Eugene Craig's Septic Service**
Phone: 613-962-9334
Email: info@eugencraigssseptic.ca
3. **Mumby's Septic Service**
Phone: 613-478-3333
4. **Quinte Septic Tank**
Phone: 613-475-0960
Email: QUINTESEPTICTANK@YAHOO.CA

2 - Shoreline Regeneration



The Importance of Your Waterfront Shoreline

Shorelines are small but critical ecozones. Specifically, *shorelines are transition areas between two ecosystems - water and land.*

Shorelines serve vital functions related to a healthy water body.

- 1st - Shorelines provide wildlife habitat for fish, invertebrates, and birds.
- 2nd - Shorelines offer biodiversity - a rich and healthy food chain.
- 3rd - Shorelines create natural water filtration.
- 4th - Shorelines offer erosion control from wake and waves.
- 5th - Shorelines filter pollutants from entering a water body through surface runoff.

Understandably, shorelines are referred to as a water body's *Ribbon of Life*. The best type of waterfront shoreline is a **natural shoreline**, because the native flora and fauna found within your lake basin perform the above stated functions.

The 2018 *Hutchinson Environmental Services Limited (HESL) Report* regarding Oak Lake and residential shorelines, stated that only 20% of the entire lake's perimeter is natural. Also, the Report stated that individual properties around the lake are highly developed, with an average development footprint per property of nearly 50%. In addition, natural buffer areas were lacking, with 69% of all properties containing none whatsoever!

For residents, making small changes to your waterfront shoreline can produce dramatic improvements for both the health of Oak Lake and the quality of enjoyment for its residents. It's as easy as imitating the pictures below.

BEFORE

AFTER



SHORELINE DO'S & DON'TS

DO	DON'TS
DO leave a natural shoreline alone.	DON'T remove deadwood, stumps or rocks from the shoreline.
DO re-naturalize the shoreline with a <i>Buffer Zone</i> comprised of native flora species, including plants, flowers, shrubs and trees.	DON'T create hard shorelines as they carry unwanted materials into the lake.
DO protect the shoreline from erosion by leaving it natural or re-naturalizing it (including retaining walls).	DON'T add to the lake's nutrient load by using chemical fertilizers or pesticides containing nitrogen or phosphorus.
DO use organic fertilizers or pesticides free of nitrogen or phosphorus.	DON'T alter or change the shoreline without a permit from The Lower Trent Conservation Authority.
DO improve the health of the lake, its inhabitants and family members.	DON'T jeopardise the health of the lake, its inhabitants or family members.
DO enjoy waterfront living by doing less property maintenance by keeping a naturalized (or re-naturalized) shoreline.	DON'T spend time manicuring the shoreline.

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3 - Newsletters

Friends of Oak Lake Spring 2021

 **NEWSLETTER**

Environment First | Protecting Our Lake

Website

Residents of Oak Lake are encouraged to visit the website www.friendsofoaklake.com to learn more about non-profit and registered Ontario lake association.

Looking for Volunteers

Friends of Oak Lake are looking for volunteers to work independently or collaboratively in areas such as;

- Social media
- Environmental Law
- Website Management
- Lake Stewardship
- Social/ Educational Material Development/ Events
- Government Grant
- General Volunteer

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Winter Fun

Residents certainly made the most out of what Oak Lake living offered during the winter months with numerous skating rinks, cross-country skiing, ice fishing, snowmobiling and walking. Well done!

Gypsy Moth Spraying

Gypsy Moths were problematic for Oak Lake property owners and trees in 2020. As a reminder, the City of Quinte West is considering measures to combat the invasive species, which may include aerial spraying. Visit the city's website at www.quintewest.ca to learn more and/or send an email to the Mayor requesting that residents receive forewarning prior to the usage of any chemical solution.



Report Floating Debris

FOOL is asking residents to report any objects in-or-on Oak Lake that they deem as potentially hazardous, including floating debris so the we can remove from the lake. Send an email to FOOL friendsofoaklake@gmail.com.



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Friends of Oak Lake Summer 2021

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Annual General Meeting 2021

FOOI's 3rd AGM will be held Saturday, August 14th at 1:00pm at 18 West lane. Bring a lawn chair as it will again be a social distancing event. Voting will take place for various items.

Gypsy Moth

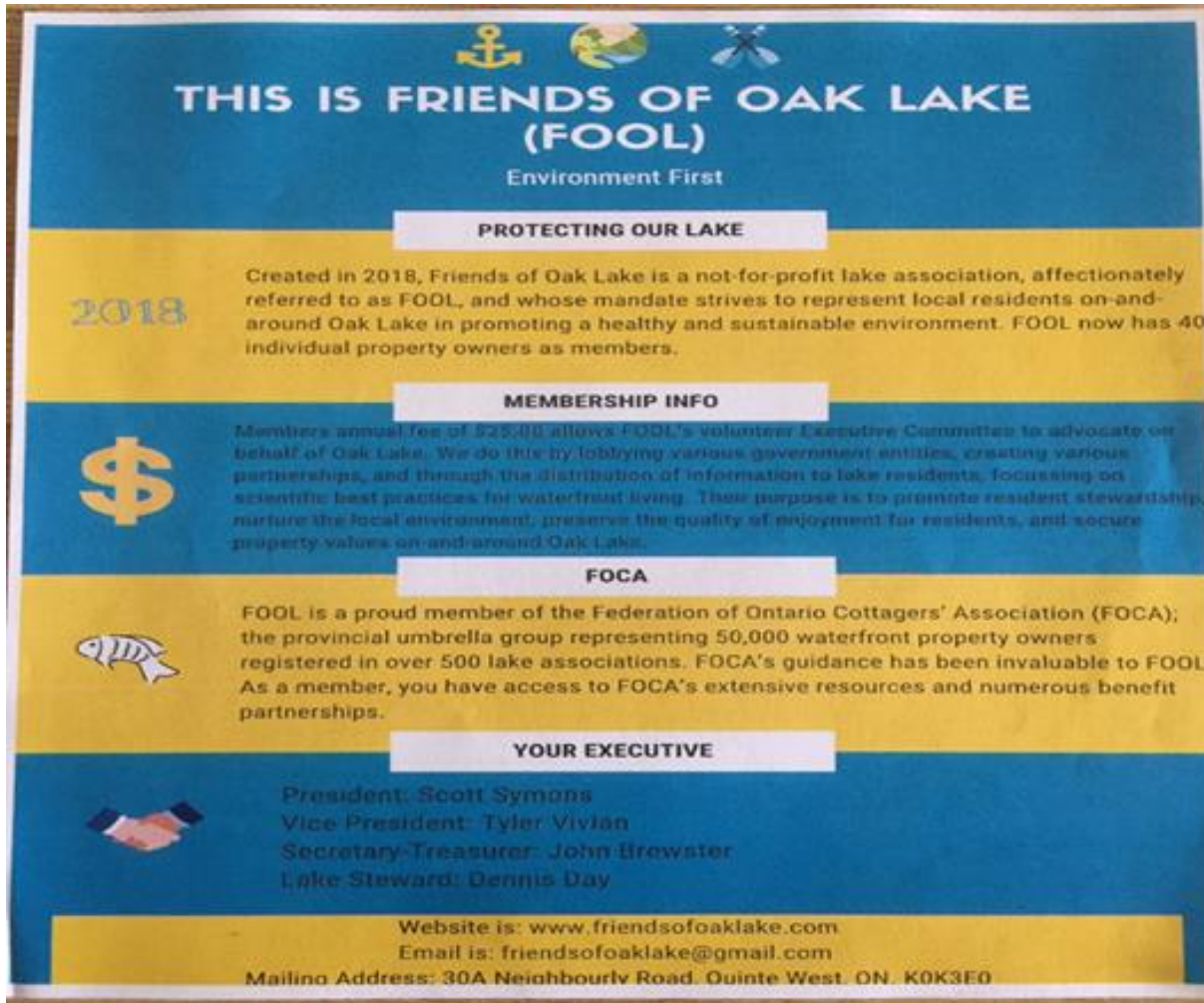
Kudos to Bruce and Eileen Curwood for their efforts here! Orchestrating a meeting with both QW Mayor Jim Harrison and MPP Todd Smith on June 28th, has resulted in Quinte West hiring BioForest Technologies Incorporated to document and map the gypsy moth infestation of Oak Hills at a cost of \$34,321. Well done Bruce and Eileen! Visit the city's website at www.quintewest.ca to learn more.



Gypsy Moth Damage Video
Please click image to view

friendsofoaklake.com

4 – This Is FOOL flyer



THIS IS FRIENDS OF OAK LAKE (FOOL)
Environment First

PROTECTING OUR LAKE

2018 Created in 2018, Friends of Oak Lake is a not-for-profit lake association, affectionately referred to as FOOL, and whose mandate strives to represent local residents on-and-around Oak Lake in promoting a healthy and sustainable environment. FOOL now has 40 individual property owners as members.

MEMBERSHIP INFO

\$ Members annual fee of \$25.00 allows FOOL's volunteer Executive Committee to advocate on behalf of Oak Lake. We do this by lobbying various government entities, creating various partnerships, and through the distribution of information to lake residents, focussing on scientific best practices for waterfront living. Their purpose is to promote resident stewardship, nurture the local environment, preserve the quality of enjoyment for residents, and secure property values on and around Oak Lake.

FOCA

Fish FOOL is a proud member of the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association (FOCA), the provincial umbrella group representing 50,000 waterfront property owners registered in over 500 lake associations. FOCA's guidance has been invaluable to FOOL! As a member, you have access to FOCA's extensive resources and numerous benefit partnerships.

YOUR EXECUTIVE

Handshake
President: Scott Symons
Vice President: Tyler Vivian
Secretary-Treasurer: John Brewster
Lake Steward: Dennis Day

Website is: www.friendsofoaklake.com
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Mailing Address: 30A Neighbourly Road, Quinte West, ON, K0K3E0

THANK YOU!

Lynda Luke-Brown

Jan Moffat

Jane Aman

5 – Wake Aware



6. NEW - FOOL's Educational Portfolio

Release #3

Oak Lake Hydrology and Culvert System



FOOL's 2021-2022



New Business Portfolio

New Business – Where Do We Go From Here?

FOOL's New Business Portfolio, 2022

1. FOOL - Nomination and Election
2. Water Management Partnership
3. HESL Report (Year 1 & 2 Findings)
4. Gypsy Moths



1. FOOL Executive - Nomination and Election

Officer's of the Association	Incumbent	Nominations close September 12, 2021	Member vote on October 31, 2021 (if necessary)
President	Scott Symons	Your name here	?
Vice President	Tyler Vivian	Your name here	?
Secretary	John Brewster	Your name here	?
Treasurer	John Brewster	Your name here	?
Lake Steward	Dennis Day	Your name here	?

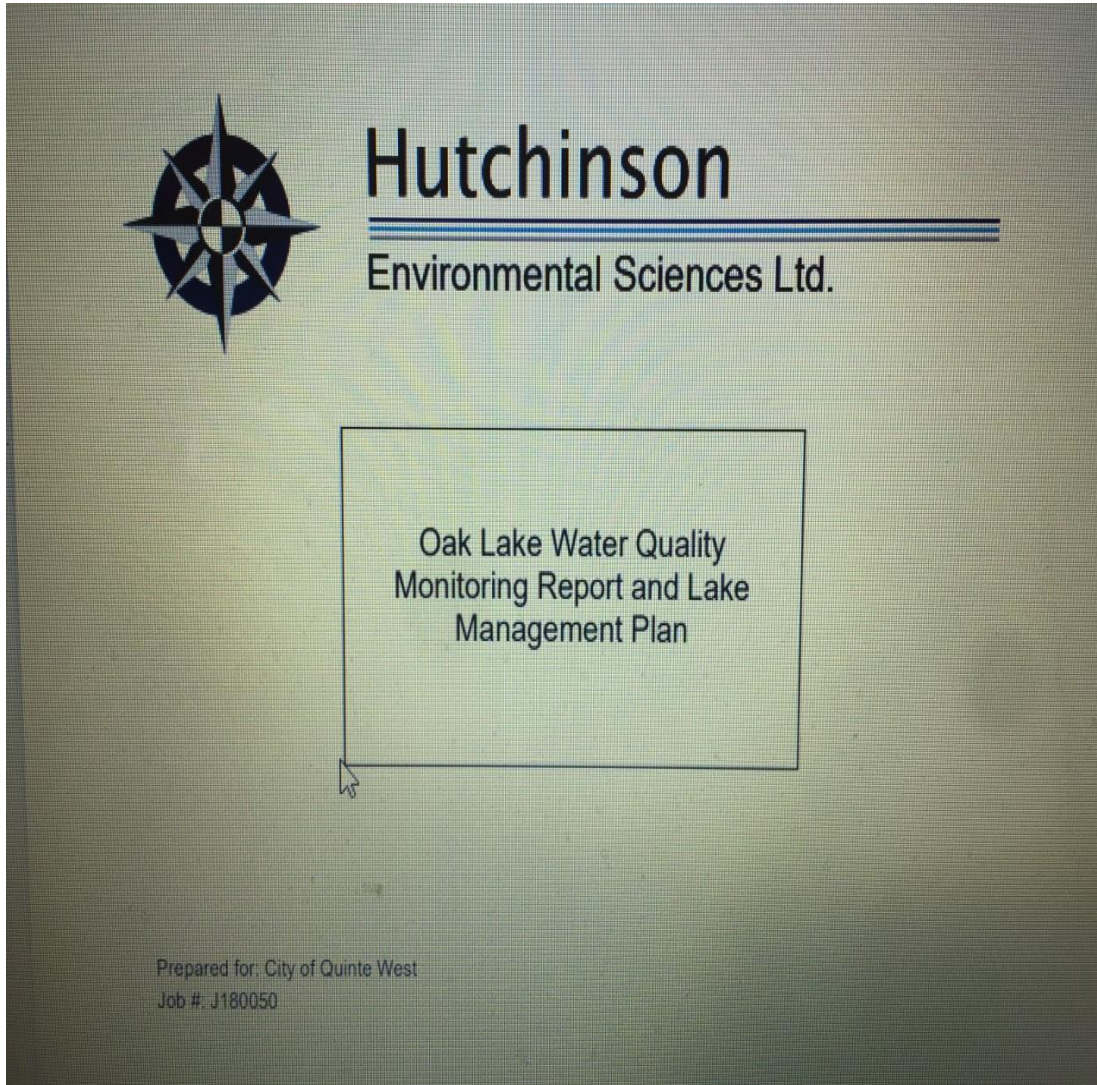
2. Oak Lake Water Management Plan

THANK YOU!

**Brad
Shepherd**



3. HESL Report (Year 1 - Report & Findings)



4. Gypsy Moths



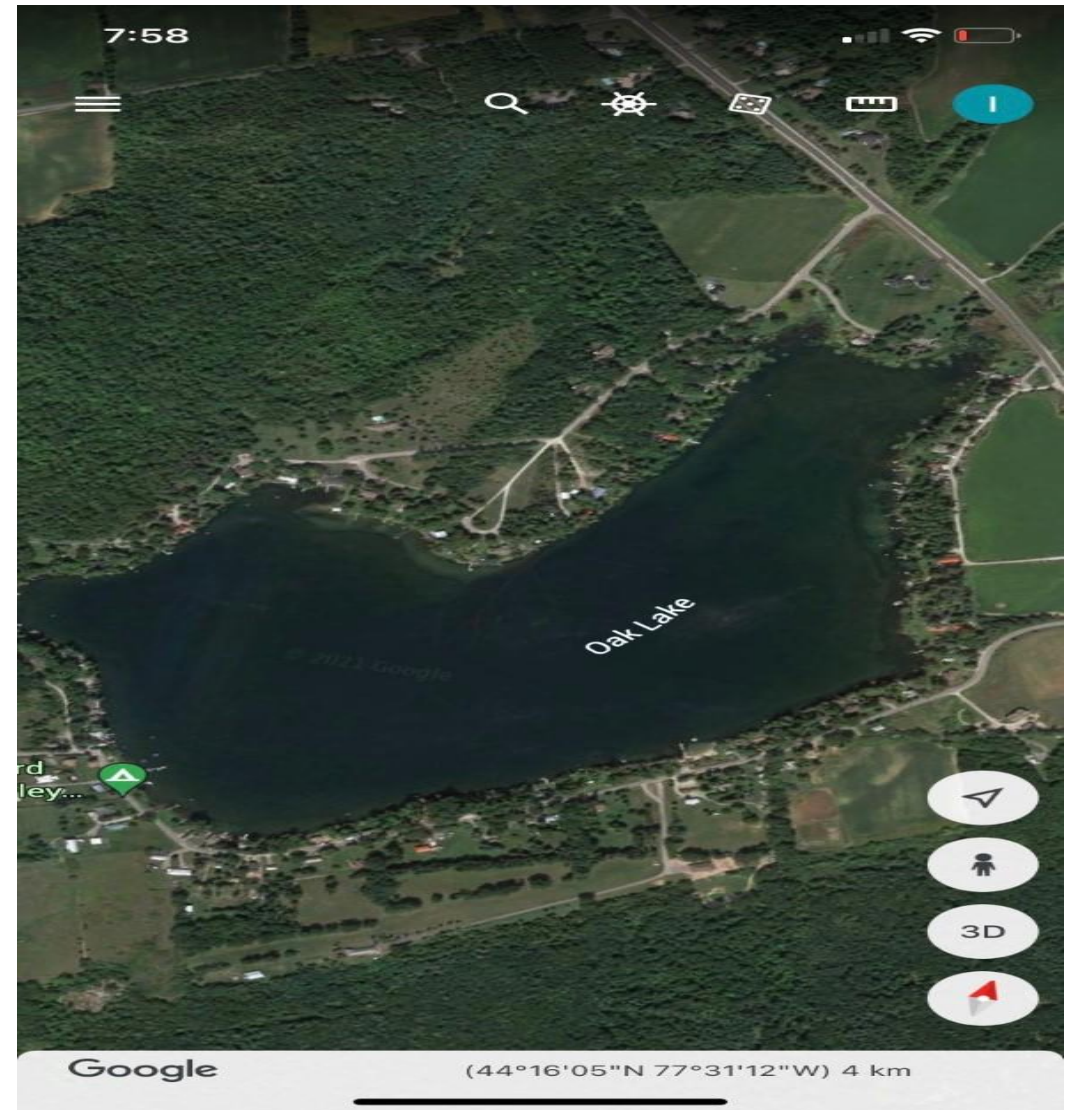
THANK YOU!

**Bruce & Eileen
Curwood**

Looking for Volunteers

Like to publicly thank those residents who have volunteered their time and efforts to assist FOOL this past year.

FOOL is always looking for resident-volunteers to work independently or collaboratively in areas including the FOOL Executive Committee, environmental law, citizen-science, government grant acquisition, or as a general volunteer.



Resident Comments and Questions



The Lake Partner Program

Monitoring Ontario's inland lakes through citizen science



What is the Lake Partner Program?

- The Lake Partner Program (LPP) is a water quality monitoring program run through the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks (MECP) and the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA).
- Water samples are taken entirely by volunteers, from hundreds of lakes.
- The samples are sent to the Dorset Environmental Science Centre (DESCC), where it is analyzed on site.

More than 500 volunteers registered
Over 500 lakes being sampled
More than 500 active sampling sites

"I consider our lakes a valuable heritage that needs to be protected." - LPP volunteer

