



LAKE OWEN ASSOCIATION

2024 Annual Report

Our Mission: To Preserve and Protect Lake Owen



In 2024, the Lake Owen Association successfully encouraged the Towns of Drummond and Cable to pass ordinances to protect against threats to lake health posed by wake boats, especially those traveling from other lakes. It is not possible to fully drain water which can carry invasive species from ballast tanks, so this is a critically important protection measure. The board also worked with a group of volunteers and conservation professionals to update the Lake Owen Lake Management Plan. The revised plan establishes strategic direction for the LOA for the next 10 years. We look forward to continuing our best efforts and sharing new programming as the plan is implemented. To see the plan, visit our website. Please renew your membership today to support this important work!

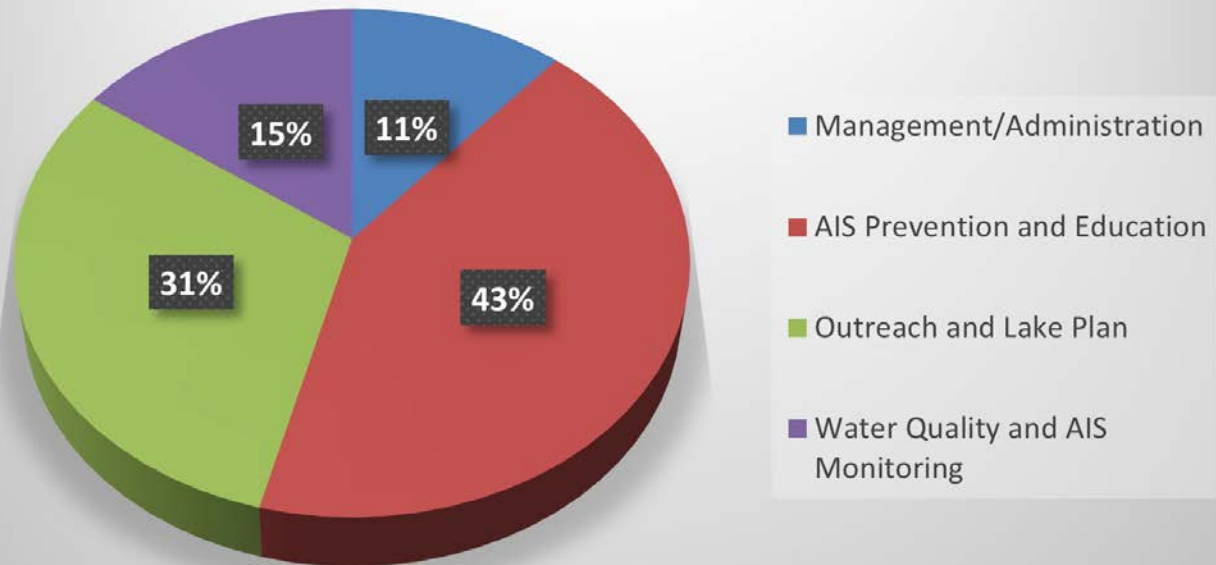
PLEASE SUPPORT THE LAKE YOU LOVE BY GIVING GENEROUSLY

Ensure the Future of Lake Owen – Long Term: DONATE TO THE ENDOWMENT FUND!

Support the Lake Owen Association – Short Term: RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

Lake Owen Association Annual Expenses (\$93,990)

LOA Annual Expenses



Water and Aquatic Invasive Species Monitoring:

LOA Lake Scientist, Steve Schieffer monitors water quality at strategic locations to better understand the lake and be ready to address concerns. Checks for aquatic invasive species are done monthly during the spring and summer. Frequent checks allow for a quick response in the event of detection. This year, we reached out to Lake Owen owners to help remove invasive aquatic forget-me-not which can take over wetland and shallow areas and displace native plants. Thanks to those of you who removed this invasive plant on your property!



Leslie Mehrhoff, UConn. Bugwood.org UGA5273016



Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention: Our landing staff and decontamination equipment continue to protect Lake Owen from the threat of invasive species. No new invasive species were found in the lake this year. However, the threat is real. Boats that came into Lake Owen came from lakes with a long, sobering list of invasive species present.

Invasive Species Present in Lakes Visited Before Lake Owen

Asiatic Clam (<i>Corbicula</i>)	Quagga Mussels
Banded Mystery Snail	Rainbow Smelt
Brittle Waternymph	Round Goby
Curly-Leaf Pondweed	Rusty Crayfish
Eurasian Water-Milfoil	Sacred Lotus
Faucet Snail	Spiny Waterflea
Flowering Rush	Starry Stonewort
Hybrid Eurasian/Northern Water-Milfoil	Zebra Mussel
Japanese Knotweed	Rainbow Smelt
Japanese Mystery Snail	Asian Carp (bighead, silver, and grass carp), Black Carp, Common Carp
New Zealand Mudsail	Round Goby
Ornamental water lilies	Fishhook Water Flea
Pennywort	Bloody Red Shrimp
Purple Loosestrife	

Lake Management Plan: The updated Lake Owen Management Plan is helping to prioritize and focus board efforts and provides the basis for grant funding. The lake management plan will bring new programming to help provide Lake Owen owners with better understanding and tools to protect the lake. Stay tuned!

Management and Administration: Includes support for board operations such as insurance, bookkeeping, and reporting. Regular communication with the board, LOA members, and our partners, and professional management keeps us on track for success

Outreach: Lake Owen Association members demonstrated support for the new Wake Boat Ordinance at a Town of Drummond public hearing. The ordinance, drafted by the LOA and passed by the Towns of Drummond and Cable, includes a home lake rule that requires wake boats traveling from other lakes to be professionally decontaminated before entering Lake Owen. To protect shorelines and habitat, boats using enhanced wake equipment must operate at least 600 feet from the shoreline in water at least 20 feet deep.



LOA Board Members

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