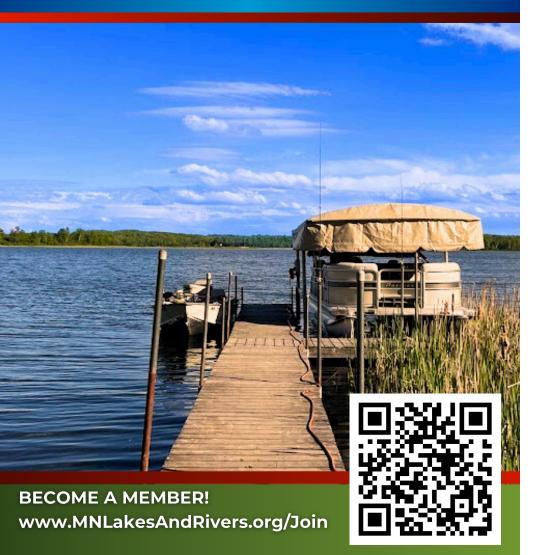


# ANNUAL REPORT 2024

Minnesota Lakes and Rivers protects the state's lake and river heritage for current and future generations by forging powerful links among lakes, lake advocates, and policy makers.

Lake by lake by lake.



#### Letter from Executive Director Jeff Forester

Congratulations to you all—Minnesota Lakes and Rivers (MLR) turned 30 in 2024. Our organization started with a simple understanding: if future generations are to hear the call of the loon, catch a breakfast of walleye or crappie, or sit by a campfire under the Milky Way, looking out over the black-silver surface of a moonlit lake, we must work together to protect these things.

This annual report is not only an update on 2024, but also a look back on the three decades of MLR's presence in the state

In 1993, cabin owners on Pine Island, Lake Vermilion, raised concerns about rising property taxes that were forcing the sale and subdivision of a sensitive shoreline. As they walked the "shoreline trail," they found others who shared their concerns — and began to organize. They planted the seed for what is now the largest and most effective organization dedicated to protecting our state's lakes and rivers. Since our early days, the challenges facing our lakes and rivers have grown in number, complexity, and urgency.



The cabin where it all began —
my grandmother's home was
were I spent my summers since I
was seven years old. A place of
loons, blueberries, and the
beginnings of a civic
commitment that still ripple
across Lake Vermilion today

In a time of division, MLR remains a rigorously bipartisan and highly political organization, with members in every Minnesota legislative district—and in every state across the country. Evenly split between Republicans and Democrats, our members are united by a shared commitment to protecting our lake and river heritage for current and future generations.

In 2021, MLR engaged in hundreds of conversations with members, Tribal nations, policymakers, and partners across the state to identify the biggest challenges facing our waters. We quickly learned that in order to protect our lakes and rivers, MLR must build greater political power.

Following this fact-finding mission, MLR adopted a clear purpose:

"Develop the civic imagination, leadership, and infrastructure needed to organize sustainable partnerships between government and community with the capacity to address complex public policy issues related to protecting, preserving, and strengthening Minnesota's lakes and rivers."

To achieve this purpose, we established four strategic priorities:

- Invest in civic leadership development to build and sustain strong partnerships,
- Structure programs that align resources and capacity for lake associations,
- Advance a legislative agenda grounded in trust and collaboration and,
- Ensure fiscal sustainability to support MLR into the next decade.

In 2024, we created Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Protection and Education (MLR P&E), a fully taxdeductible charitable organization.

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We also launched the *Water Connects Us All* fundraising campaign. This campaign will allow MLR P&E to meet urgent local needs for lake and river protection and restoration. For the first time, you can include MLR in your charitable giving through IRA rollovers, stock transfers, donor-advised funds, and estate plans. For wills, trusts, or other transfer documents, please use:

Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Protection and Education, a Minnesota not-for-profit corporation. PO Box 22262, St. Paul, MN 55122. Federal Tax ID: 82-1196944.

For questions, connect with MLR Development Coordinator, Dylan Kinny: dylan@mnlakesandrivers.org

Your gift will directly support lakeshore communities, advance science-based water solutions, and build the partnerships needed to protect Minnesota's waters for future generations.

You can also help by encouraging everyone in your lake association to become MLR members to stay informed and strengthen our collective impact.



The Water Connects Us All campaign is raising \$1 million to strengthen local leadership, expand education, and safeguard our lakes and rivers for generations to come.

With over 200,000 Minnesotans in lake associations, imagine the power we'd have if each became an MLR member—together, we would be the strongest voice for water at the State Capitol.

Our lakes and rivers cannot protect themselves, it's up to each of us to step up — so that future generations can enjoy the clean, vibrant lakes and rivers we love.

It has been a great honor to be a part of MLR over the last three decades. I am grateful to all of you that have shared this work. I have never been more optimistic about the future of our waters because I see first hand the passion, commitment, and love you have for those waters.

Here's to the next 30 years.

Jeff Forester, Executive Director

## The Midwest Active Citizenship Initiative (MACI)

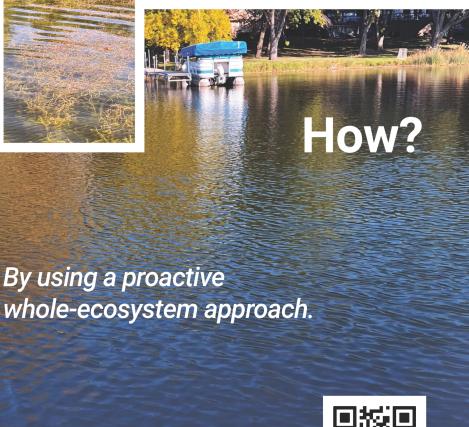
MLR is a proud member of the Midwest Active Citizenship Initiative and uses the Civic Organizing Framework to help lake associations and community members build political influence and advance effective water policy.

MLR is also launching a new Pilot Lead Organizer Training. Our staff is working with MACI to develop a curriculum with hands-on support and training. Participants gain lasting leadership skills and join MLR's growing base as a civic leader. This training not only helps organize active citizens on a local level, but helps connect the work being done locally to MLR's statewide impact.

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#### **Civic Leadership**

MLR invests in leadership development to build and sustain its effective network. MLR's staff, board members, lake association and program leaders are organizers who foster collaboration, manage conflicting values, and ensure accountability that is crucial for addressing the complex challenges facing our lakes.





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#### Citizen's Action Network

Minnesota's water governance system is fragmented, with no single agency overseeing the health of our lakes and rivers. While many assume that state and federal agencies will protect our waters, the responsibility ultimately falls on citizens to stay informed and engaged. MLR provides the resources you need to take action when it counts.

Through MLR's Citizen's Action Network (CAN), you can easily contact local media outlets and legislators, track important bills, and access detailed analyses of the latest legislation. Thousands of MLR members send impactful emails each legislative session, helping to shape the policies that protect our lakes.



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#### **Programs**

MLR's programs strengthen lake associations by addressing realworld challenges with the latest science. Through collaboration and shared accountability, we drive meaningful lake and river conservation statewide.

#### **Lake Steward**

Minnesota holds 5% of the world's freshwater and more shoreline than Hawaii, Florida, and California combined. Yet, over half of our native shorelines have been lost, leading to declining water quality, loss of wildlife habitat, and more frequent harmful algae blooms.

The land closest to the water is vital for lake health, but many lakeshore homeowners are unaware of how their shoreline practices affect the long-term sustainability both for the lake and their investments in it. The Lake Steward Program partners with lake associations, county resource managers, and local citizens statewide to help property owners assess and improve behaviors by the shore.

Through a simple quiz and personalized guidance from local experts (often their neighbors), homeowners learn how to restore habitat, reduce erosion, and manage runoff.
Then they're rewarded for it with the Lake Steward sign!



Lily awards a Lake Steward sign at the 2024 Native and Natural Bus Tour, hosted by the Association of Cass County Lakes

As of 2024, 41 lake associations are now carrying the program, over 300 signs have been awarded, symbolizing the growing movement among Minnesotans to restore native and natural shorelines.

#### **City of Lake Stewards**

MLR is excited to launch the City of Lake Stewards, adapting our proven Lake Steward model to an urban pipeshed approach around Lake Harriet with support from the Minneapolis Foundation. By partnering with neighborhood associations, metro nonprofits, and Ecological Services
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local high schools, we're teaching students how curbs act like shorelines, carrying runoff into lakes and rivers.

This pilot is kicking off in summer of 2025 and will build the next generation of lake advocates and, with future support, expand statewide to strengthen local lake protection efforts in cities across Minnesota.

## Stop Starry Stonewort

What began as a small pilot with just three CD3 boat cleaning stations has grown into a powerful, statewide effort to stop the spread of starry stonewort and other aquatic invasive species (AIS). With support from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund, over the past three years, Stop Starry Stonewort has expanded to 30 stations across 21 lakes – now logging more than 22,000 uses a summer.

These waterless stations help turn AIS awareness into action, giving boaters effective tools to protect

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our lakes from a variety of aquatic hitchhikers. In 2024, Stop Starry Stonewort was promoted at over 50 events and our AIS awareness campaigns received millions of impressions online.

Our program is also backing local innovation – testing management strategies like diver-assisted suction harvesting, biodegradable benthic barriers, handpulling, and early detection.

At its heart, Stop Starry
Stonewort is fueled by regional
collaboration. Lake associations,
Tribal Nations, counties, and
state agencies are working side
by side to build lasting,
community-driven solutions for
AIS prevention and
management.

## Do your part, Clean, Drain, Dry, and Dispose!

Learn more and find a CD3 Station near you, visit: MNLakesAndRivers.org/StopStarry



Since 2019, MLR has used our Civic Organizing Framework to develop and grow the Aquatic **Invasive Species Boundary** Waters Collaborative—known as the ABC. This initiative is rooted in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW), one of Minnesota's most iconic and ecologically significant watersheds.

The BWCAW spans multiple jurisdictions—including Tribal Nations, local governments, and state, federal, and international agencies. It also supports a vibrant network of rural lakeshore communities and attracts millions of out-of-state visitors annually.

These waters sustain businesses like breweries, restaurants, marinas, outfitters, resorts, and vacation rentals, while serving as the cultural and ecological backbone of the region.



MLR staff and partners dressed as AIS (a beer can covered in zebra mussels, a rusty crayfish, and spiny waterflea) to join the Tower and Ely 4<sup>th</sup> of July parades

The ABC brings together leaders with deep local knowledge, diverse constituencies, and valuable resources, aligning them around a shared mission: to protect the culture, ecology, and heritage that make Minnesota's Arrowhead region so unique.

Stewardship of these waters is led not only by agencies, but also by coalitions of lake associations and their members—citizens such as anglers, cabin owners, canoeists, hunters, paddling guides, resort staff, and youth summer campers —who all have a personal stake in the health of the BWCAW watershed. By coordinating leadership across institutions and organizations operating in and around the region

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—and pooling resources among Tribes, water managers, county coalitions, and community groups —the ABC is building the civic infrastructure needed to safeguard this extraordinary place.

ABC's key efforts include installing and maintaining cleaning stations and educational signage at hightraffic access points, providing AIS awareness tools, QR code reporting, and supplies to Clean, Drain, and Dry boats and gear.

Leaders also coordinate regional education and outreach at highvisibility community events such as the Tower and Ely Fourth of July Parades and the Blueberry Festival, raising awareness among residents and visitors. The ABC successfully integrated

prevention messaging into BWCAW permit education and developed outreach materials for resorts, VRBO hosts, outfitters, and local businesses.

Preventing and monitoring AIS in the remote and interconnected waterways of the BWCAW requires strong partnerships and ongoing civic coordination.

The ABC is leading the way demonstrating how collaborative organizing can protect one of Minnesota's most pristine ecosystems for generations to come.

Learn more about the ABC and it's partners by visiting MNLakesAndRivers.org/ABC

#### **Legislative Agenda**

MLR's legislative agenda is shaped through partnerships to protect Minnesota's lakes and rivers. We use strategic planning and civic standards to support policies that serve the common good.

You give MLR the political leverage that makes us the advocacy powerhouse for our lakes and rivers.

The 2024 session was extremely short, mid February to mid-May.

This meant that there would be very little time for complex or controversial legislation to work its way through the process.

This year, MLR prioritized a clear, focused legislative agenda, advancing issues where we've already made meaningful progress:

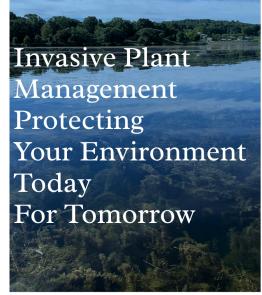
- Reduce the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS),
- Reduce user conflicts on the lake and shoreline and aquatic plant destruction due to boat wakes and prop thrust.
- Protect and improve lake ecology.

#### **Aquatic Invasive Species:**

Early in the session MLR received an Emerging Issues grant in the amount of \$385,000

from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund to provide boat cleaning equipment at accesses infested with starry stonewort. The grant also provides funding for education, outreach, signage and boat cleaning tools at all accesses.

This grant has allowed MLR to support an expansion of on the ground AIS efforts. When starry





stonewort was discovered on Lake Pokegema, MLR was able to provide them with a mobile CD3 boat cleaning station to help contain the spread.

We also worked with the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center (MAISRC) to extend a \$3,820,000 grant.

This funding is allocated "to prioritize, support, and develop research-based solutions that can reduce the effects of aquatic invasive species in Minnesota by preventing spread, controlling populations, and managing ecosystems and to advance knowledge to inspire action by others," until June 30, 2028.

#### **Boat Wrap Recycling**

The winterization of boats produces an estimated 6.25 million pounds of plastic every year, with the vast majority of that clogging our landfills and costing considerable public expenses. MLR worked on a bill to require the producers of boat wrap to implement and finance a statewide product stewardship program according to a plan approved by the commissioner to reduce the volume of boat wrap disposed of in landfills by promoting and providing for the negotiation and execution of agreements to collect, transport,



MN leads the nation in boats per capita with roughly 14,500 vessels per 100,000 people.

reuse, and recycle boat wrap."
The estimated cost to the consumer of this is about .025%.

#### The "No Junk Fish" Bill

Anglers once urged the DNR to manage game fish, but other native species—like burbot, bigmouth buffalo, bowfin, gar, mooneye, and redhorse remained unstudied and unregulated. While aquatic plants are strictly protected, native fish could be killed without limits. These so-called "junk fish" are often destroyed or used as fertilizer. MLR met with the National Association of Bow Fishermen and MN DNR Fisheries to build support among anglers, lake associations, researchers, and

policymakers to address this. In 2024, the MN legislature passed "First-in-the-Nation" legislation funding rough fish research and authorizing the DNR to set take limits, seasons, penalties for illegal harvest, and ban fishing contests for native rough fish.

#### **Helium Extraction**

Language was enacted concerning Helium exploration in the arrowhead, establishing that the state can tax extracted Helium and the DNR has rulemaking authority over extraction activities. Work to set science-based standards is ongoing.

#### Conclusion

More than 75% of voters renewed the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund in 2024, proving that clean water is a core Minnesota value.

Water brings families together, inspires stewardship, and unites us beyond politics.

MLR is a citizen-led movement rooted in unity and love for our place. We don't just talk—we act: stopping AIS, securing grants, educating boaters, and protecting shores. Water is our superpower—and it works.



## **Fiscal Sustainability**

Giving With Purpose, protecting with passion.

MLR balances immediate needs with long-term goals, ensuring fiscal accountability and sustainability as we protect Minnesota's lakes and rivers.

## The Water Connects Us All Fundraising Campaign

Since 1993, MLR has connected lakeshore communities from Fairmont to Warroad. We are the trusted advisor to over 300 lake associations and 2,500 individual members statewide.

Our waters connect us all. This coalition is dedicated to protecting Minnesota's most treasured assets. With 56% of our surface waters listed as impaired, every Minnesotan should be concerned.

The first step to reversing this trend is expanding awareness of lake and river issues in Minnesota and engaging supporters beyond lake associations and cabin owners.

This is the driving motivation behind the creation of MLR Protection and Education, a fully tax-deductible nonprofit partner of MLR Advocates. We spent 2024 organizing an engaged and active board, and developing a strategic fundraising campaign to fund the education, communication, and program side of MLR.



MLR P&E announced to lake association leaders and partners at the Water Connects Us All Leadership Summit held at the St. Anthony Falls Laboratory, May 2024

Staff also began reaching out to some of our long time, generous members to let them know that they could now support MLR using a tax deductible vehicle like a work through Qualified Charitable Distribution, a Donor Advised Fund, and IRA rollover, transfer of stock or even a legacy gift.

We raised \$120,000 from September through December. With this funding we have been able to launch programs that not only help protect our lakes and rivers, but educate and make more people aware of the need to take action to reverse the disturbing water quality trends.

You have seen the impact of these gifts in this Annual Report. For MLR P&E, programs drive policy changes as awareness in the general public rises.

We hired Dylan Kinny to help grow and develop MLR Protection and Education while also building membership in MLR Advocates.

A University of Minnesota graduate with degrees in Political and Environmental Science, Dylan brings experience in political campaign management, including work for Congresswoman Kelly Morrison. He joins the MLR team with a passion for protecting Minnesota's waters and the skills to strengthen our movement.

Dylan's passion for lakes comes from working as an AIS inspector. He notes, "It was during my training as an AIS inspector, that I started to fully understand the risk to our lakes and rivers. There are thousands of young people like me that have been AIS inspectors and learned this."

With Dylan's help, MLR Protection and Education is diversifying and sustaining funding to expand Lake Steward, launch a City of Lake Stewards pilot with student internships, grow our Stop Starry and ABC efforts to combat AIS spread, and build a statewide water quality program.

When you are thinking of your year end giving and the tax deductible contributions you plan to make, please consider putting Minnesota's lakes on your list.

MLR Protection and Education is now able to take tax advantaged contributions to advance lake based awareness, education and on the ground protection and restoration work. Learn more about the campaign by scanning the QR code bellow:

## **Donate**



www.MNLakesAndRivers.org/ WCAFundraising

#### **Become a Member**

For over 30 years, Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates (MLRA) has been the only bipartisan conservation organization at the State Capitol solely focused on protecting Minnesota's waters. If you fish, swim, boat, or simply enjoy the beauty of a Minnesota lake or river, you've already felt the impact of our work.

Over half of our funding comes directly from individual members like you. While lake associations and local organizations help demonstrate the collective power of lake country, it is the support of individual members that fuels MLRA's ability to protect what works and fight for meaningful change.

You can be a member at any contribution level, though \$150/year is the best way to make the biggest impact. When you join MLRA, you add your voice to a growing movement to defend Minnesota's lakes and rivers for this generation and the next.

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## **Expense Allocation**

Assets	2023	2024	Fundraising	
Cash Accounts	\$40,208	\$43,106	21.7%	
Receivable	\$34,721	\$58,252		
Total Assets	\$74,929	\$101,358		
Liabilities & Equities	2023	2024		Program
Net Assets	\$74,929	\$101,358		60%
Total	\$74,929	\$101,358	Management &	
			General Expenses	
Expense Allocation		2024	18.3%	
Program		\$227,241		
Management & General Expenses		\$69,359		
Fundraising		\$82,249		
Total W/o CD3		\$378,849	Revenue	
CD3's		\$81,802	Corporate Spons	orships
Total		\$460,651	4.5%	
_		2021	Grants	
Revenue		2024	24.6%	
Corporate Sponsorships		\$16,000		
Contributions from Individuals		\$196,455		
Contributions from Lake Associations		\$56,148		
State of Minnesota Grants		\$87,418		
Other Revenue		\$50,382	Lake	Individual
Total Revenue w/o CD3		\$406,403	Organization	memberships
State of Minnesota CD3 Grants		\$81,802	Memberships 15.8%	55.2%
Total Revenue with CD3		\$488,205		

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#### Thank you - Lake Association's Leadership Committee

#### **Steve Corbin**

Fox Lake Association

#### Richard 'Dick' Weber

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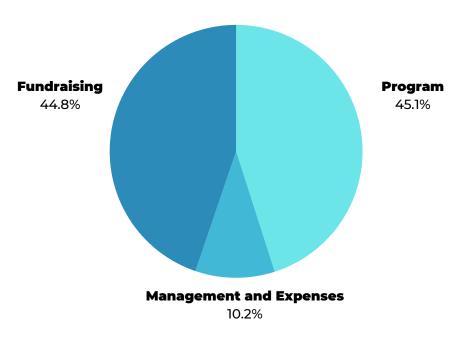
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Liabilities & Equities	2024
Accounts Payable	\$44,397
Net Assets	\$58,452
Total	\$102,849

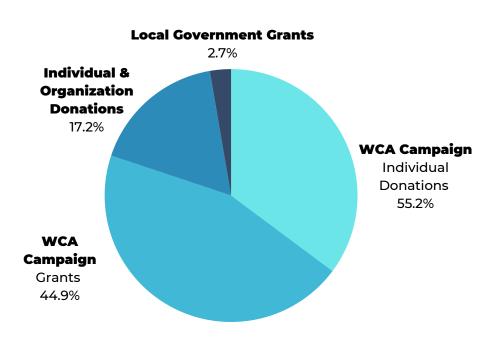
Revenue	2024
Capital Campaign - Individuals	\$47,000
Capital Campaign - Foundation Grants	\$60,000
Individual and Lake Associations Donations	\$22,951
Local Government Grants	\$3,600
Total	\$133,551

Expense Allocation	2024
Program	\$41,835
Management & General Expenses	\$9,427
Fundraising	\$41,572
Total	\$92,834

## **Expense Allocation**



## Revenue



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Lily at the Cook County SWCD shoreline workshop



Amy Klobachar and the staff on 4th of July



DNR Commissioner becomes a Lake Steward



Greeting guests at the Water Connects Us All summit