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COLA

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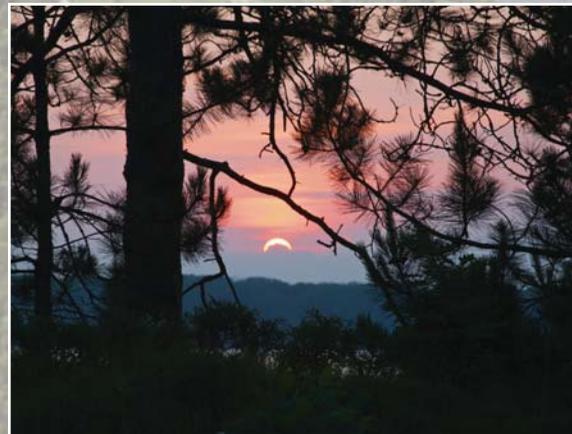
Lac Courte Oreilles Foundation, Inc. (LCOFI) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization assisting COLA in protecting water quality and property values of lakefront property. Contributions to LCOFI are tax deductible.

COLA HISTORY

In the early 1960s, the Lac Courte Oreilles Protective Association was formed by concerned property owners to respond to changes in water quality. In 1995, COLA was officially established as a nonprofit organization to represent its membership (currently 400+ property owners).

COLA works in close partnership with the Lac Courte Oreilles tribe, and maintains working relationships with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, as well as other environmental, state and federal entities.

Water quality advocacy has always been COLA's primary focus. Planning for the future and the inevitability of change is COLA's reality today.



Sunset over Lac Courte Oreilles' west shore.

LAC COURTE OREILLES

COLA represents two lakes, collectively referred to as Lac Courte Oreilles (LCO): "Big" Lac Courte Oreilles (5,039 acres) and "Little" Lac Courte Oreilles (240 acres). Located in Sawyer County, WI, LCO is classed as an Outstanding Resource Water, on par with the Boundary Waters. LCO is at the end of a natural drainage, the 69,000 acre upper Couderay River watershed.

The Lac Courte Oreilles Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa has resided in the area since the early 1700s.

LCO is a unique 2-story fishery including Cisco, Whitefish, Walleye, Musky, Bass, Northern Pike, Crappie, and Panfish. Recreational opportunities abound for both summer (fishing, boating, wildlife viewing) and winter (ice fishing, snowmobiling, cross country skiing, and snowshoeing).

COLA MISSION

COLA was formed to protect, preserve and enhance the quality of the Courte Oreilles Lakes, their shorelands and surrounding areas while respecting the interests of property owners and the rights of the general public.

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**Protecting water quality
and the lake experience
for over 60 years.**



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#1 PRIORITY WATER QUALITY

High levels of phosphorus from human activity around the lakes and in the watershed are accumulating in LCO. Excessive phosphorus is causing a degradation in water quality, including algal blooms (green water), loss of water clarity, an increase in the average water temperature, oxygen depletion and increased aquatic plant growth.



Today the degraded water quality is most evident in Musky Bay, Stuckey Bay and the West basin. Phosphorus is causing LCO to age faster than it naturally would... throw in the effects of climate change... this means we have no time to lose.

It takes time, hard work and funding to protect LCO's fragile water quality.

WATERSHED STEWARDSHIP

The LCO lakes are part of a watershed that includes six major lakes (Round, Osprey, Grindstone, Whitefish, Sissabagama, and Sand Lakes). All land practices within this vast and dynamic watershed impact the lakes and determine water quality.

COLA's goal is for all landowners within the watershed to support a strong coalition committed to a healthier environment by:

- Reducing discharges of phosphorus from agricultural operations.
- Controlling the spread of invasive species.
- Restoring shorelines and monitoring septic systems to reduce groundwater contamination and surface run-off.

What happens in the water upstream will make its way to LCO. The cooperation of the whole watershed is critical.



IT'S NOT ALL WORK – WE PLAY HARD, TOO!

All this talk about water... time to get out on it!



4th of July Flotilla

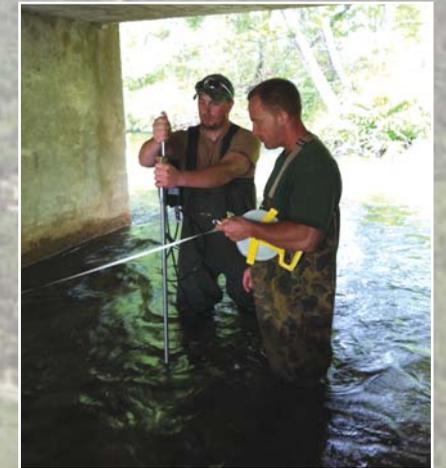


Fore! COLA's annual golf tournament and fundraiser

THE PEOPLE AND SCIENCE BEHIND COLA

COLA's team members professional expertise includes:

- Regional Fish Biologist with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
- Manager, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
- Research Scientist and Limnologist with Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
- Environmental Engineer – LCO Conservation Department
- Remote Sensing and GIS Tools Expert
- Horticulturist and Landscape Architect
- Small business owners



COLA PARTNERS

- LCO Tribal Conservation Dept.
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
- US Environmental Protection Agency
- Sawyer County Land and Water Conservation Department
- Town of Bass Lake
- Couderay Waters Regional Land Trust
- Upper Couderay river watershed lake associations