



Fall 2022 – Update

Giving Tuesday coming - please support the Conservancy!

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Mission - We love Loon Lake and want to keep it healthy and enjoyable for ourselves, our children, grandchildren and future generations.



Wonderful Celebration !!! Summer's Eve at the Lake - August 6, 2022

Thanks to our generous donors, over \$50,000 was raised from this event. These and future dollars will be used to purchase new wetland, upland properties and Conservation Easements as they come available.

There are 3 more properties in Anderson Meadow which need protection as well as wetland areas near the public boat launch. Another property on the northeast side of the Lake adjacent to Hwy 395, is farmland. This area has ephemeral (seasonal) streams that drain into the Lake during snowmelt and rain run-off from the mountain upland of the Lake.

Currently, generous donors are working towards placing 30 acres of upland property near the northwest end of the Lake into a Conservation Easement to protect the area from future development in perpetuity.



Loon Lake Centennial Park ~

Three generous donors funded an in-ground sprinkler system to better maintain this small gem near the Old Town of Loon. This addition will keep the trees and bushes healthy and growing making the park easier to maintain by Conservancy volunteers. Are you able to give a couple hours 3 times a year in 2023 to join our group of park conservators??

Volunteer Projects in 2021 - 2022

TREE PLANTING –

A group of 30 volunteers gathered together at the LLLC property, Morgan Wood, on the north end of the Lake, for tree planting. Braving the wind and rain, over 400 tamarack trees were planted in the Morgan Wood. This area had recently undergone fire prevention work and now was ready for more new healthy trees to be introduced in the forest.

Morgan Wood is 42 acres of forested land donated by Gail Kreuzberger, the daughter of Neil MacDermut and granddaughter of Evan Morgan who established Morgan Park resort and recreation area on the northwest shore of Loon Lake.

WEED CONTROL –

Two Conservancy Board members headed up an initiative to begin to control and eradicate knapweed, an invasive weed. Knapweed is a tall purple flowered plant that broadcasts



thousands of seeds when pulled. When pulled and when soil is disturbed these seeds produce thousands of new Knapweed plants. This invasive weed - photo on the right - prevents other native plants to grow and thrive.

Knapweed grows 2' to 3' tall with a very deep tap root. There is a small section in the Anderson Meadow wetland and a few locations in Morgan Wood where the eradication project is being started.

This initiative will continue in 2023.



M. Hardel, Minnesota Dept.

Volunteers of all ages helped in the rain and wind planting trees. Fun was had by all.

Spotted knapweed is a native of Europe and Asia. It was introduced to North America in the 1890s as a contaminant in agricultural seed and through soil discarded from ship ballast. It has become a serious problem of pastures and rangeland in the western United States.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities - 2023

Aspen Tree Planting in Shawl Wetland and Anderson Meadow . . . Spring 2023

Postponed from Fall 2022 due to drought conditions in these wetlands. Sadly, our dry year was affecting both the lake level and the wetlands which serve to re-supply water to our Lake in dry times. We hope for better snowpack this winter to supply our small 7,000 acre watershed. This watershed is what feeds our 1,100 acre lake . . . the smallest watershed for a lake this size in the State.

Loon Lake Centennial Park Clean-up . . . Spring, Summer and Fall 2023

An easy way to spend a couple hours with other Conservancy volunteers doing a little mowing, trimming, raking and pruning. Come join us . . . with more hands, the work gets done quickly.

Send us an email for more information. (address below)

Volunteers save the Conservancy, more than
\$100,000 each year

THE LLLC IS AN ALL-VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION WITH NO PAID STAFF. HUNDREDS OF HOURS ARE DONATED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND MANY VOLUNTEERS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. YOUR HELP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED. PLEASE JOIN US IN 2023!

**See our website for more information & sign up
to volunteer.**

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