



CLEAR THINKING

CLEARLAKECONSERVANCY.ORG

JANUARY 2023 | ISSUE NO.47

OUR LETTER

BEGINNING A NEW CHAPTER

Most of us use the New Year to think about a new start. For many, a new year prompts creating a list of resolutions—improvements in diet, health, fitness, and relationships. Happy 2023 and may you be successful in all of your resolutions for the year.

The Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy is starting a fresh and exciting chapter in 2023 as we welcome Zoe Lynn as the second Executive Director since our founding in 1991. Zoe introduces herself below and is delighted to be part of the Clear Lake community. Welcome, Zoe!

At the top of my resolutions for 2023 is to partner with the Board members, and with Zoe to maintain the Conservancy's momentum on our key projects and to help Zoe get to know as many of you as possible. Watch for our invitations as the summer season gets underway.

On behalf of the Conservancy's staff, Board members and volunteers, you have our gratitude for your generous support in 2022, shown by the long list of 276 donations in this issue of *Clear Thinking*.

Thank you for a terrific 2022. We begin 2023 and our next chapter with great optimism and energy. Your support and ideas fuel all that we do. Enjoy the winter months, and stay healthy wherever you are. We'll be back together before we know it.

Karen Horrell
President

DEAR CLEAR LAKE COMMUNITY,

I would like to take a moment to introduce myself to you. My name is Zoe, and I am excited about the opportunity of working with each of you as the Executive Director of the Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy. The Clear Lake community and its natural resources are such an extraordinarily special and beautiful place. I look forward to the work ahead and all that we will accomplish together to continue to protect Clear Lake's natural resources for the community and the generations of the future. In the coming months, I look forward to getting to know each of you personally.

Some of my fondest memories are of studying and exploring the land and lake ecology of the greater Midwest. The beauty and geographic diversity of our natural resources have always inspired a conservation ethic and an intellectual curiosity in me. I love the Midwest seasons and how these seasons bring different joys and perspectives of nature, cultural traditions, and a sense of a new beginning.

I would like to thank the Board for putting their trust in me as the Conservancy starts this new beginning, and to thank Board President Karen Horrell and Board Vice President Doug Mulvaney for working closely with me through this organizational transition. I would also like to congratulate Bridget Harrison on all her accomplishments in the role, and thank her for her exceptional work and organization in the transition process. I could not be more excited to be part of the Clear Lake community as the next Executive Director, and to build on the successes of the Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy. It is inspiring to be working with a Board, staff, and community so committed to the mission of the Conservancy, with such an established history of success and vision.

Prior to meeting at a Conservancy event, out on the lake, or walking the nature preserves this spring or summer, I welcome you to reach out to me (at director@clearlakeconservancy.org). I would very much enjoy a "coffee and chat" via Zoom with you – while you enjoy the warm comfort of your home, wherever you find yourself this season.

I look forward to meeting you soon. Until then, I hope you have a safe, enjoyable, and nature-filled winter.

Zoe Lynn
Executive Director

2023 BOARD

Karen Horrell
President

Katy Hoehn
Secretary

Doug Mulvaney
Vice President

Tim McArdle
Treasurer

Susan Connett

Terry Newcomb

Bill Culbertson

Dan Rippe

Zach Dean

Laurie Sellers

Bill Geiger

Barb Wenger

Bruce Matasick

2023 STAFF

Zoe Lynn
Executive Director

Tracy Hughes
Program Assistant

Madison Parker
Land Steward

COMMITTEES

Development

Executive

Finance

Lands

Outreach & Education

Water Quality

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Anonymous (4)	Michael and Cecily Chandler	Jeff Hagerman and Amanda Miller	Susan Kramer	Nikki and Paul Pridgeon
Paul and Sharon Abendroth	Christoff & Christoff Attorneys	Mark and Mary Kay Hagerman	Warner and Bonnie Kugler	John and Karen Rademaker
Bob and Nancy Adams	Jeanne Coffman	Harry and Cheryl Hahr	Joe and Evie Kuhn	Fran Rehm
Brad and Cheryl Andres	Alex and Susan Connett	Shelli and Daniel Hall	Larry and Cindy Landmeier	Carma and Tony Reincke
Ke Antoinette	Gary and Cheri Cooper	Matt and Ann Hambleton	Terry and Cheryl Larson	Dorothy Rettig
Aquatic Enhancement & Survey	Mike and Sara Craig	Bill and Marie Hanna	John and Marcia Laukhuf	Steve and Annemarie Rhinehart
Kyle and Lindsey Augspurger	Sonja and Doug Cramer	Jamie Harrison	Mark and Jeanne Loughery	Michael and Sandy Richmond
Judge James W. Bachman	Bill and Jo Ellen Culbertson	Bridget Harrison & Dave Drogos	John and Lisa Lumpe	Daniel J and Christine Rippe
Linda Beckmeyer	Larry and Michelle Dean	Terry and Theresa Heckman	Rick and Dorian Maples	Stan and Toni Robinson
Scott Banfield and Beth Schroeder	Zach Dean	Debra Hench	Jim and Biz Martella	Dr. and Mrs. Todd Rumsey
Jeff Bankey	Erica Dekko	Barbara Hendrick & Craig Walker	Bob and Beth Martin	Ben and Amy Russert
David and Melody Barron	Marian Delagrange	Craig and Jennifer Matasick	Bruce and Jan Matasick	Clay Russert
David A. Bauerle	Kristin and Stephen DeMello	Dan and Laurie McArdle	Craig and Jennifer Matasick	Matt Russert and Kim Archer
Norb and Judy Bauman	Ann and Dick DeWert	Ruth Herb	Dane and Laurie McArdle	Annie and Doug Rutschilling
Don and Beth Bieberich	Dan and Pam Disser	Julianne Hipskind	Diane McArdle	Joe and Kathy Schenkel
Bloebaum Family	Jim and Joan Eckstein	Holley Horrell & Craig McDonnell	Marne McArdle	Lynn and Rick Shaw
John and Stephany Bochenek	Brenda and Bert Elliott	Jack and Karen Horrell	Tim and LuAnn McArdle	Kathy and Drent Shields
Ted Bohman	Greater Toledo Community Foundation on behalf of Ken Fankhauser	Tracy and Chris Hughes	George and Beth McCracken	Daniel Sosa
Bok Family Partnership	Nancy Fenton and Rich Karlsson	Bryan and Ashley Hunter	Philip and Suzanne McHugh	Greg Spangler
Sarah and Bill Bolger	Amy Fitzenrider & Steve DeMaio	Sheila Jellison	Rob and Jane McMaster	Julia and John Starner
Marianne and Michael Bradbury	Mary Jo Fitzenrider	Kim Jerger	Brad Miller	Mark and Sherri Stasell
Bill and Jennifer Brady	Tony and Beth Gay	Matthew and Kierstin Joost	Jim and Judy Miller	Claudia Sundberg
Mary Brooke	Bill and Chris Geiger	Kevin and Angela Kane	Matt and Lisa Momper	Diane and John Sweeney
Andy and Pam Brooks	Tim and Sandy Ginn	Margaret Keck	Dan and Martha Murray	Anita Thiel & Paul Hatten
Dayton Foundation on behalf of Terry and Rita Brown	Walter and Truley Grabowski	Denis and Judy Koehlinger	Terry and Koggy Newcomb	Cathleen and Linda Tillman
Dick and Nedine Buchhop	Jeff and Kathy Greer	Bill and Carol Koester	Joe Noonan	Matt and Claire Timmer
Brett Buehrer and Dana Diersen	Chicago Community Foundation on behalf of Judy and Bill Greffin	Dan and Myra Koop	Christopher and Beverly Parke	Mary and Kevin Tonne
		Steuben County Community Foundation on behalf of Chad and Hope Korte	Madison Parker	Gregory VanCuren
			Tom and Jenny Parker	Tom and Wendy Voigt
			Bill and Kim Pepple	Kevin and Chris Waden

Timothy and Lori Wagner
 Leo and Betty Weber
 Lynn Wehrenberg
 Community Foundation of Northeast Florida on behalf of Barb Wenger
 Lauren Widenhofer
 Dick and Pat Wiehe
 John and Jane Winch

Marty and Julie Zachrich
 Brian and Amy Zientek

HONORARIUMS
 Sarah Harker & Will Culbertson
 Linda and Eric Partee
 H: Bill and Jo Ellen Culbertson

Terrance Woodbury
 H: Noah Zachrich Hardin

A Special Friend of the Conservancy
 Brandy Brown
 Susie Compo
 Char and Rob Ekroth

The Chicago Community Foundation on behalf of Judy and Bill Greffin

Jack and Karen Horrell
 Josie Kramer
 Kathy Latz

Bruce and Jan Matasick
 Tim and LuAnn McArdle

George and Kathy Schenkel
 Richard D., Richard R., & Randy Waterfield, and Jill Waterfield-Meyer

John Wilhelm
 Peg Zeis
 H: Bridget Harrison

Devon and Trey McArdle
 H: Josie Kramer
 H: Tom and Susan Kramer

Indiana Land Protection Alliance
 H: Fred Wooley

MEMORIALS
 Joyce Augspurger
 Katie and Nelson Spade
 M: Fred Augspurger
 Donna Cochran
 M: Carson Cochran
 Julie Monson & Gary Thompson
 M: Maddy Coughlin
 Dr. Jim and Cat Nevin
 M: Don Crapo

Rick and Dorian Maples
 North Eastern Lodge No. 210

The Schlosser Family
 Jack and Judy Stenger

Julie Monson & Gary Thompson
 Amy Jo Young & Scott Yuengling
 M: Joe Driver

Dayton Foundation on behalf of Terry and Rita Brown
 M: Tom Sr. and Bill Eckrich

Kathy Latz
 M: Paul Federspiel
 Neil and Marcia Federspiel
 M: Phil, Paul, and Robert P. Federspiel

Devon and Trey McArdle
 M: Rick Gartner
 Judy Gladieux
 M: Jim Gladieux

Jane Kaiser
 M: Tom Kaiser

Cricket and Tereasa Gay
 M: Daniel Thomas Kramer

Mary Jo and William Borders
 Susie Compo
 John and Kathy D'Ettorre

Cricket and Tereasa Gay
 Katy Hoehn
 Daniel and Patricia Holland

Jim and Jody Horein
 Jack and Karen Horrell

Jay Ludgate

George McDaniel
 Angie and Dan O'Neill

Chris and Beth Schweikert
 Chris Slee Family
 Julie Monson & Gary Thompson
 Barb Wenger
 M: Tom Kramer
 Julie Monson & Gary Thompson
 Dr. and Mrs. Todd Rumsey
 M: Scott Lazur

Sandy Ayres
 Jonell and Rod Bergstedt

Bonnie Brown
 Sandy and Terry Butler

Chris and Shannon Cavia
 Susie Compo

Terry and Melodie Cornelius
 Dean Cutshall

Joann Cutshall
 John and Sharon Daugherty

Sally Eckrich
 Miller Family
 Dan and Denise Fiala

Mike and Pat Franz
 Mary Lee and Jerry Gecowets

James and Kathy Greiw
 Katy Hoehn

Jim and Jody Horein
 Jack and Karen Horrell

Susan Kramer
 Nancy Love
 Renee Marr

Stacy Marr
 George and Beth McCracken

Mary and Thomas Neal
 Angela and Brendan Reilly

Pam and Tom Reith
 Chris and Julie Schavey
 Larry and Joyce Schavey

George and Kathy Schenkel
 Don and Kathy Steininger
 Bryon and Inga Stephens
 Molly and Brian Weber
 Barb Wenger
 Neal Wissman
 Rita Wissman
 M: Bob Lewis

Tom and Marie Felger
 M: Bev Parke
 Chris Slee Family
 M: Dr. Henry John Pfeiffer

Chuck Phelps
 M: Joan and Charlie Phelps
 Tom and Katie Eckrich
 M: Jim Shank

Jim and Karen Bushey
 M: Kathryn Sherrer-Schrader

Timothy Speiser
 M: Lynn Speiser

Katy Hoehn
 M: Dorothy Somers and Thomas J Hoehn

John Wilhelm
 M: Nancy Wilhelm
 Julie Monson & Gary Thompson
 M: Sarah Millan Wilson

Tom and Katie Eckrich
 M: Nancy Winch
 Denny Winzeler Family
 M: Denny Winzeler

Pam and Tom Reith
 M: Ross Wyse

CONSERVANCY SUSTAINERS
 Alex and Susan Connett

Susanne Cusick with employer match from AbbVie

Jeff and Kathy Greer
 Jack and Karen Horrell

Kathy Latz
 Tim and LuAnn McArdle
 Doug Mulvaney and Jennifer Nielsen

Terry and Koggy Newcomb

Deborah and Erik Oiler
 Tom and Jenny Parker
 Nancy and Bob Webster
IN-KIND
 Alex and Susan Connett

GRANT SUPPORT
 Amazon Smile
 Indiana Department of Natural Resources
 PayPal Giving Fund

EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL
 Anonymous
 Molly and Jeffrey Nagle
 Char and Rob Ekroth

KASOTA ISLAND
 Conner Slee

TRIBUTE GARDEN AT MEMORIAL WOODS
 Mike and Pat Franz

WATER QUALITY
 Jack and Lorrie Daniel
 Joan and Jerry Rippe

WATERSHED DIAGNOSTIC
 Anonymous

H: = Honorariums
 M: = Memorials

*List reflects contributions received on or before December 31, 2022. Contact us if you see a mistake.



THE CLEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP LAND CONSERVANCY
111 GECOWETS DRIVE
FREMONT, INDIANA 46737
clearlakeconservancy.org

NON PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
FORT WAYNE, IN
PERMIT NO. 760

CLEAR THINKING

JANUARY 2023 | ISSUE NO.47

*“What good is the warmth of summer,
without the cold of winter to give it sweetness.”*

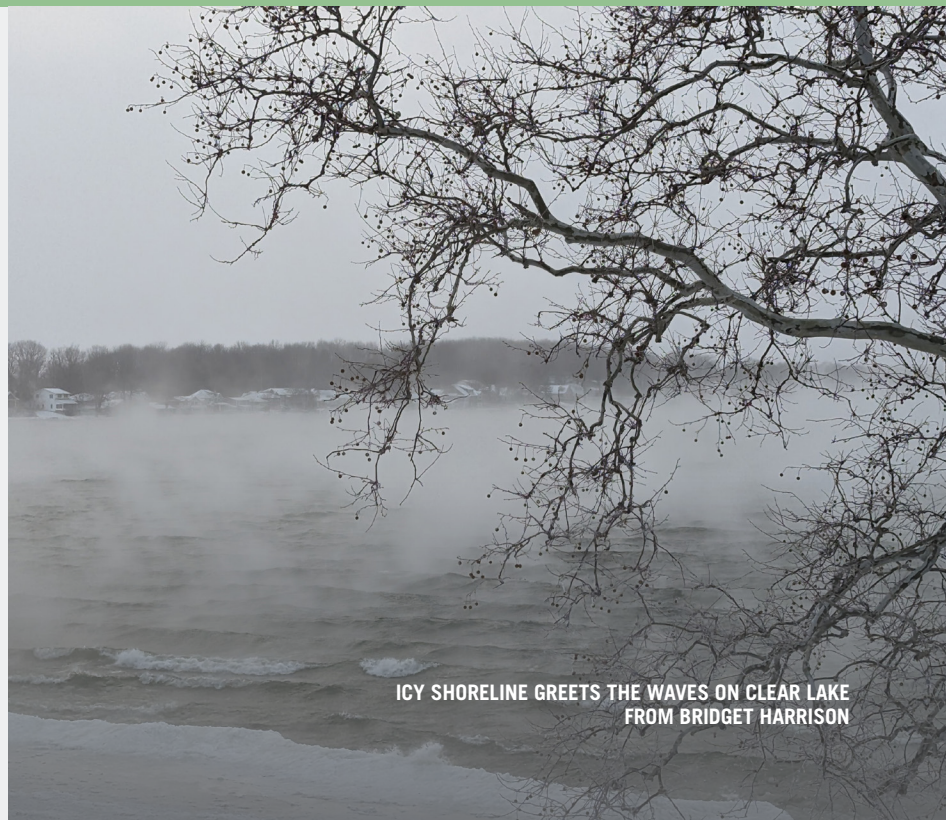
– JOHN STEINBECK

MISSION STATEMENT

We preserve, protect,
& manage the natural
environment within the
Clear Lake Watershed
and Township for
future generations.

VOLUNTEER | CONTACT | DONATE

clearlakeconservancy.org
or call (260) 527-1072



ICY SHORELINE GREETES THE WAVES ON CLEAR LAKE
FROM BRIDGET HARRISON