

Palmerston Lake Association



Annual General Meeting
July 27, 2019



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The PLA team

- Jim Getman, President
- Andrew Waywell, Vice President
- Joan Cotton - Newsletter
- Robbie Viets - Membership
- John Viets – Lake Stewardship
- Leslie Viets - Finance
- Rene van Diepen - Website
- Cille Harris – Govt Liasion



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Agenda

10:00 - Welcome and introductions - Jim Getman, PLA President

1. Approve Agenda, Approve Minutes of 2018 AGM
2. President's Report
3. Committee Reports
4. Constitution Amendments
5. Openings for Additional Directors

11:00 - Coffee break – Submit/Renew PLA Membership

6. Group Discussion of Issues from Annual Survey
7. Summary of Discussion and Project Action Plan

12:00 - Adjournment



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Approval of Agenda and Minutes

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President's Report –

Highlights of matters dealt with since last AGM

Outreach...

- Joined the North Frontenac Lake Association Alliance (NFLAA)
- Joined the Federation of Ontario Cottagers Associations (FOCA)
- Met with Brian Moffitt regarding Decon Fish Hatchery
- Met with representatives regarding ATV run
- Attended several Township meetings regarding new Zoning By-Law
- Attended Septic Savvy workshop and learned Central Frontenac Township has mandatory septic system testing
- Participated in the Mississippi Conservation Authority (MVCA) Tree Planting Project
- Met with representatives of the Waites Beach Project and the MVCA



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PLA Business...

- Published the first issue of our newsletter “The Palmerston Post”
- Assisted MVCA with their water sampling program. Palmerston Lake will be included in the MVCA State of the Lake Environment report along with 19 other lakes
- Conducted our first Palmerston Lake Users Survey with members
- Discussed Lake Stewardship function
- Became incorporated in Ontario in January, 2019
- Conducted water sampling to be sent to Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change and FOCA for their Lake Partners Program
- Launched website and registered - palmerstonlakeassociation.com as our address
- Numerous ongoing administration matters regarding membership, communications, incorporation, finances, and AGM planning.

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More detail on what have we been doing...

...the Committee Reports



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PLA Membership



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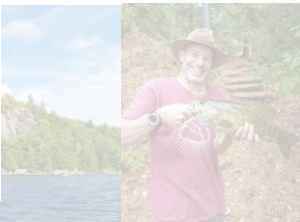
Lake Stewardship Report



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Lake Stewardship

- Stewardship begins at home.
- What each of us does on our 30 metre margin of the lake, has an effect over time.
- Stewardship is collaborative. Together we are strong.
- Stewardship is a slow dance with Mother Nature.
- Here is how the PLA has been dancing.



Tree Planting Initiative

A good start!



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Waites Beach

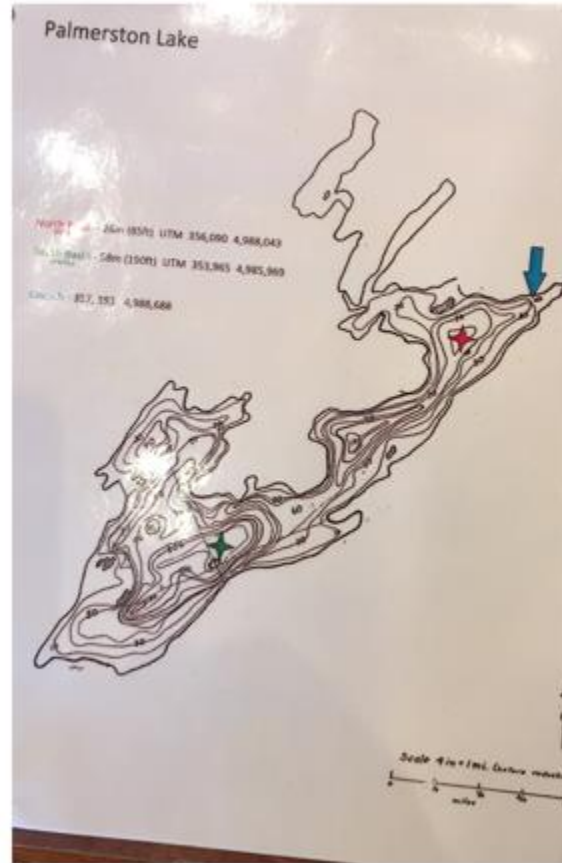
On site meeting with
planners, MVCA,
Palmerston Lake
Association
representatives



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Water Quality Monitoring

May
With MVCA and
PLA members



The Boat And Equipment



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Water Quality Monitoring

July
MVCA and PLA
President, and
Others



People at
Work

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Water Quality

PLA involvement in the
Lake Partner Program

Secchi disk and water
clarity



Water Quality

Monitoring
Phosphorus
Calcium



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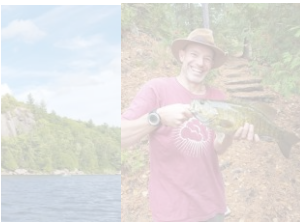
Join us on the water.
You can help out. We
have two more sampling
days coming up in
August and September.



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Water Quality Data

- Covering the years since 1973, perhaps longer
- A baseline to compare changes in quality going forward
- A DEW line for lake life
- Links to historical data can be linked through the website

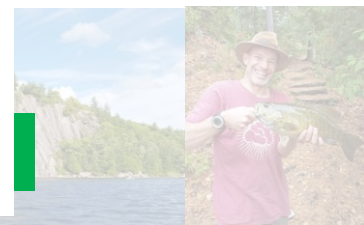
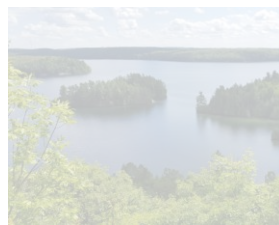


1973 – 2005 WATER QUALITY RESULTS – SOUTH BASIN

Sample Year Mean	Secchi Disk Depth (Metres)	Total Phosphorus Euphotic Zone (Micrograms/litre)	Total Phosphorus 1 Metre off Bottom (Micrograms/litre)	Chlorophyll Composite (Micrograms/li
**1973	8.0	9.0		1.50
1977	7.1			2.40
1978	8.2			2.10
1979	8.8			2.40
**1980	8.3	*3.6	*11.0	2.20
1981	8.1			1.80
1993	9.4			1.10
1995	*8.1			*1.07
2000	7.5	9.5	*2.0	0.68
*2005	*5.5	*2.0	*1.3	*1.13
n	10	4	3	10
Minimum	5.5	2.0	1.3	0.68
Maximum	9.4	9.5	11.0	2.40
Mean	7.9	6.0	4.7	1.63
Standard Deviation	1.05	3.78	5.41	0.62

1973-2005

Secchi disk, phosphorus, chlorophyll



Website

- We're getting started and building up the framework and the content
- www.palmerstonlakeassociation.com
- Does anyone know WordPress? Or maybe you have a son or daughter that does?



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The Palmerston Lake Association

...passionate people caring for our beautiful lake

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PLA – Financial Report

Presented to the 2019 Annual General Meeting

Bank balance January 1, 2018				\$	-
Add: 2018 Revenues					
	Membership fees				955.00
	Donations				447.30
	Bank interest				0.57
Total Revenues					1,402.87
Less: 2018 Expenditures					
	Board meetings				292.30
	Incorporation costs				155.00
	Bank charges				12.20
Total Expenditures					459.50
Bank balance December 31, 2018				\$	943.37
Add: 2019 Revenues to July 19					
	Membership fees				380.00
	Bank interest				2.05
	Donations				-
Total Revenues					382.05
Less: 2019 Expenditures to July 19					
	Membership dues				314.50
	Board meetings				16.07
	Bank charges				31.50
	AGM expenses				53.35
	Website				160.67
Total Expenditures					576.09
Bank balance July 19, 2019				\$	749.33

Government Liaison

NF Zoning By-Laws – Waterfront properties

- Palmerston is a “not at capacity” Lake Trout lake – based on # lots/dwellings
- Part 3 General: Sewage systems, Boathouses, Docks, Waterfront Structures, Pump Houses, Secondary Dwellings
- Part 4.4 Residential Waterfront: some examples
 - o Lot area = .8 hectares ~ 1.9 acres
 - o Water Frontage = 77 m ~ 250 ft
 - o Road Frontage = 46 m ~ 150 ft
 - o Setback from high water mark = 30 m ~ 98 ft
- By-Laws available on NF website tab: Draft Zoning By-Laws:

<https://www.northfrontenac.com/en/township-services/planning.aspx>



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Government Liaison

Septic Savvy Seminar June 8 in Plevna

- Township of NF and NF Lake Association Alliance
- Survey with 71 responses, electronic and paper, informed speakers
- Speakers from FOCA, MVCA, Mississippi Rideau Septic System Office, Public Health, Central Frontenac
- Great discussion on voluntary and mandatory septic inspection programs
- Presentations available on NF website tab: 2019 Septic Savvy Seminar:

<https://www.northfrontenac.com/en/township-services/septic-re-inspection-program.aspx>



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Government Liaison

Food Handlers Certification

- Ontario Ministry requirement as of July 1, 2019
- Any group serving any food to anyone in public facility

Ompah Community Centre Association

- AGM – officers: Rob Harris, David Young, Marily Seitz, Michelle Hand, Katie Worden
- Events – many activities in the summer – everyone welcome
- Communications – Frontenac News, brochure, FB page, email list
- Waites Beach Project



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Newsletter Highlights



THE PALMERSTON POST

VOLUME 1 / ISSUE 1

Palmerston Lake Association Spring 2019 Newsletter

Contact us: palmerstonlakeassociation@gmail.com



WE HOPE YOU HAD A GOOD WINTER AND ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO PALMERSTON THIS SPRING.

For us the winter seems to be never ending. We're looking forward to getting to the cottage and enjoying our beautiful lake. It's always a concern to find what mother nature has left us over the winter.

The Board of Directors have been busy setting up and completing the organization of the association. After our very successful inaugural Annual General Meeting last August, we have 38 voting members and 8 associate members.

We are now incorporated as an Ontario not-for-profit corporation and are a member association of the North Frontenac Lake Association Alliance and the Federation of Ontario Cottagers Associations (FOCA). As a member of FOCA, all our individual members have access to the Cottage First group insurance program for coverage on your cottage and more, and discounts on Cottage Life magazine and a range of other products of interest to cottagers.

We have had Representation at Council Meetings, Lake Planning meetings, with MVCA (Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority), as

well as ATV groups and other lake groups.

We identified and defined necessary committees within the organization. The committee chairs are Directors as follows: Lake Stewardship: John Viets, Membership: Rob and Leslie Viets, Newsletter: Joan Cotton, Government liaison: Cille Harris, Website: Rene Van Diepen. With President Jim Getman and VP Andrew Waywell presiding.

We plan to participate in the FOCA Lake Partner Program, which is a long-term water quality monitoring effort, sampling nearly 550 Ontario lakes each year.

Small Mouth Bass fishing doesn't open until June 15. It is illegal to harass wildlife. A bass on the nest is there for the protection of her eggs. And will attack anything threatening them. It is unethical, illegal and unsportsmanlike. Let's keep our small mouth bass safe.

We are working on a data base for a **directory** for cottage owners. If you know of a local person, or company in the area who is available to assist our cottagers, please forward this information to us. This would include various needs e.g., opening/closing, dock installs and removal, chimney clean. Perhaps there are students looking for summer work? We will compile a directory for our membership for distribution.

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Newsletter Highlights

- First edition of The Palmerston Post was published for Spring 2019
- Did everyone receive it? I hope you enjoyed it.
- Palmerston Post - A two page publication
- There will be 3 publications: spring, mid summer, close up
- Will be available on the website once that is up and running.
- Future editions would like to include: research articles, history, water quality reports, survey results, local services available, for example
- Photo gallery
- Local stories
- Conservation programs
- Children's activities
- Upcoming events in our calendar
- Needing your input and submissions: photos (with permission), stories/ letters, reactions, nothing political. Could use help in acquiring these things. We are seeking more membership participation.



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5 Constitution Amendments

1. Preamble

Add the number of the Corporation

2. Article 1 paragraph 1 – Name and Location

Delete “THE” from the name of the association

3. Article 4 Paragraph 6 – Objectives

Delete names of Government of Ontario Ministries and replace with “other government agencies”

4. Article 9 Paragraph 1 – The Officers

Combine the positions of Secretary and Treasurer into one position “Secretary-Treasurer”

5. Article 15 – Financial

Change Treasurer to “Secretary-Treasurer”



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Openings for Directors

...Anyone interested?



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Cottager Survey Results Spring 2019

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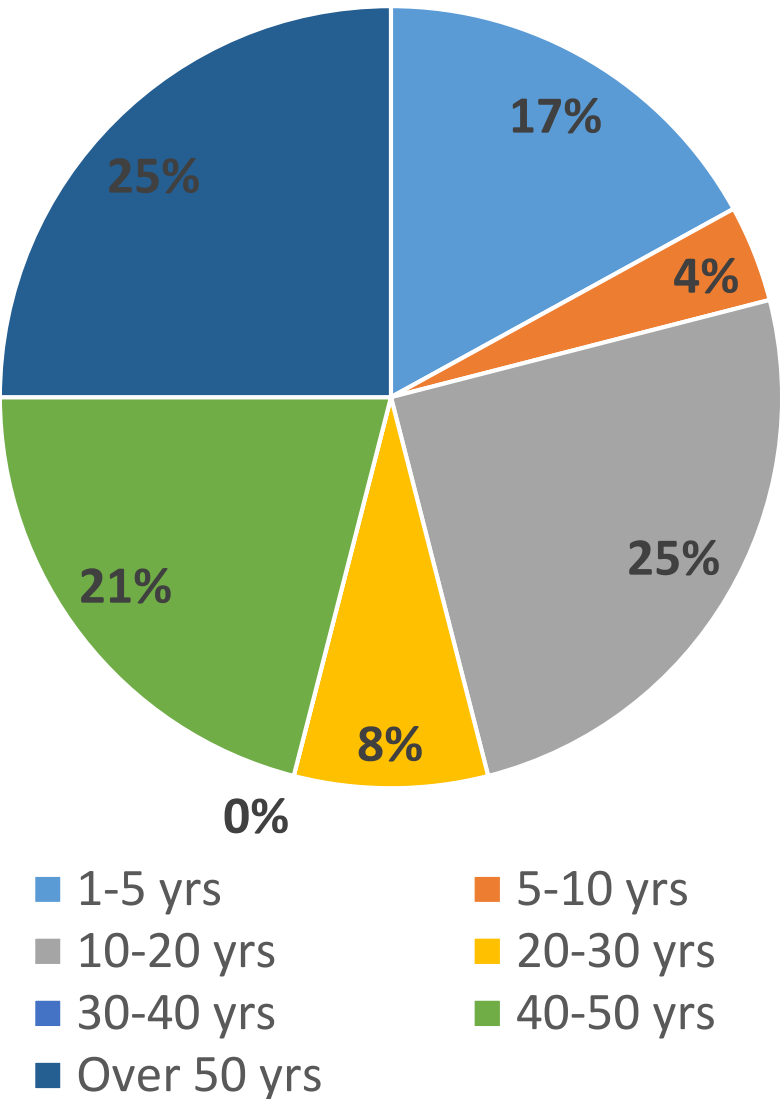


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Highlights of our First Survey

- 24 respondents out of 60 emails sent
- Vast majority are property owners (92%)
- Most dwellings are seasonal (79%)
- Many people have been on the lake for a long time (46% are 40 yrs or more)

Years on the lake



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What do people enjoy doing most at the lake? (Q5)

Most people enjoy engaging in:

- relaxing by the dock
- fishing
- swimming
- kayaking and paddle boarding
- star gazing
- boating



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What are people most concerned about? (Q7)

- By a significant margin, the top 3 concerns were:
 1. Maintenance of water quality
 2. Over development
 3. Proper septic system maintenance



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Please list your 3 most important concerns (Q7)

Topic areas	# 1 Concern	# 2 Concern	# 3 Concern	<i>Total</i>
Water quality	12	5	2	19
Over development/Adherence to planning/zoning regulations	6	8	5	19
Septic system management	4	4	3	11
Fish population	1		3	4
Nutrient run off/pollutants	1	1	1	3
Impact of renters/ Unregulated		1	2	3
Maintenance of boat launch		1		1
Shoreline preservation		1		1
Waterfowl population		2	2	4
Traffic travelling too close to shore			1	1
Maintenance of Arcol Rd damn			1	1
Over enforcement of regulations			1	1
Invasive species			1	1

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Values indicate number of mentions

What 2 initiatives should the PLA focus on? (Q8)

- Suggestions were much more varied / there was less alignment on a few ideas
- Some of the top suggestions were:
 1. Program to monitor water quality
 2. Public education on maintaining pristine lake
 3. Proper septic system maintenance

Quick wins already underway:

1. Program to monitor water quality
2. Web page
3. Link to local government
4. Septic Savvy



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Please list 2 initiatives the PLA should focus on (Q8)

Suggested initiative areas	# 1 Project	# 2 Project
Monitor / maintain water quality	6	1
Maintain public beaches	2	
Encourage 'landlords' to communicate lake etiquette	1	
Wash station for day boaters	1	
Development of lake plan	1	
Monitor shoreline development	1	
Limit development in the trailer park	1	
Education regarding invasive species/ Specifically Zebra mussels	2	
Better boat launch	1	
Social events	1	1
Web page	1	
Equitable enforcement of by-laws		1
Public education on maintaining a pristine lake		5
Link to local government to ensure managed development		2
Proper septic system management		2
Measures to reduce pollution		1
Restore / restock lake trout populations		1
Dredge shallow areas at marina entrance		1

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This survey summary will lead into a discussion following the coffee break. To help generate ideas, we would like you to make notes, a list, of activities, initiatives or projects that will move us forward in the following areas.

Maintenance of Water Quality - what does this mean

Monitoring is being conducted.

List some ways that we can encourage ourselves and others to do no harm to the quality of the lake water.

1. Over development - what does this mean?

- What drove 19 of us to identify this as important?
- List some examples of over development on Palmerston Lake.
- If over development is a perceived threat, list ways we can be prepared.

2. Proper septic maintenance

- What can we do to encourage this practice?

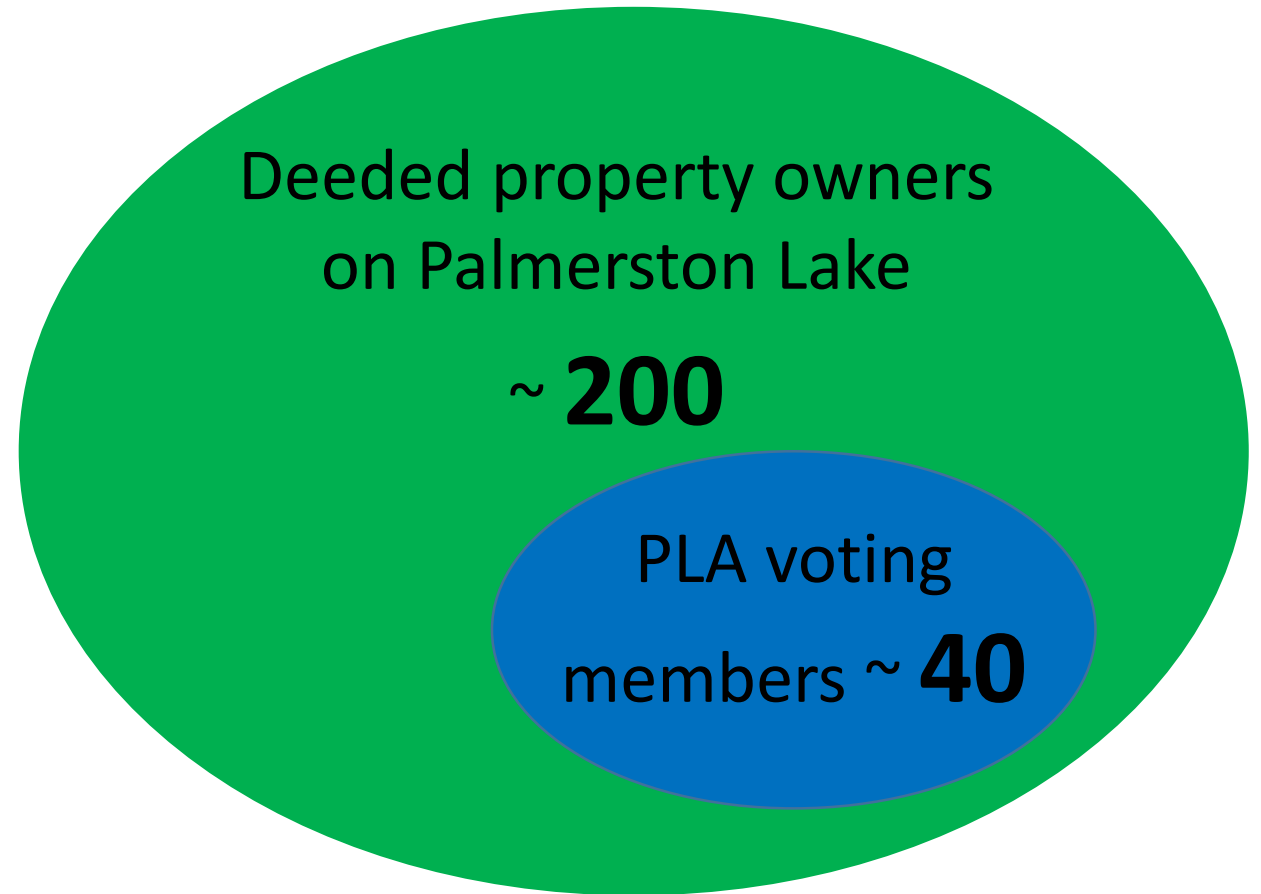
3. Public education on maintaining a pristine lake.

- List some ways we can accomplish this

Initiatives have costs. In the interest of generating a wide variety of ideas let us ignore cost. This will free our creativity.

We need more Members!

- ✓ Reach out to your neighbours
- ✓ Tell them what we are doing
- ✓ Encourage them to come to the AGM
- ✓ Ask them to sign up and give their voice



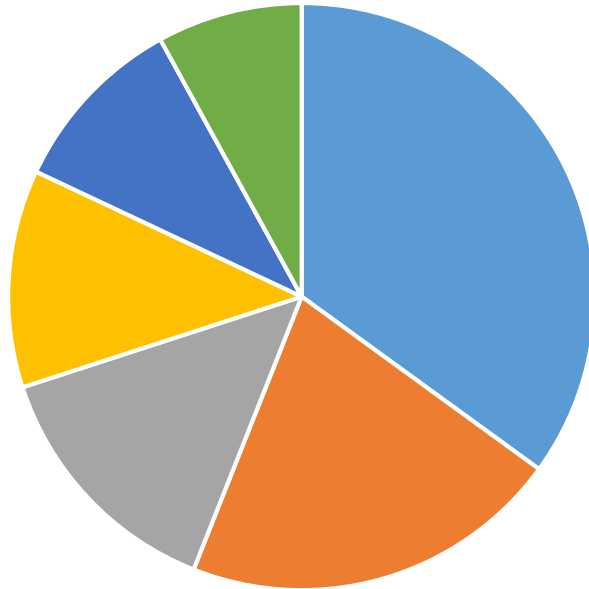
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Thank you for your participation and interest...



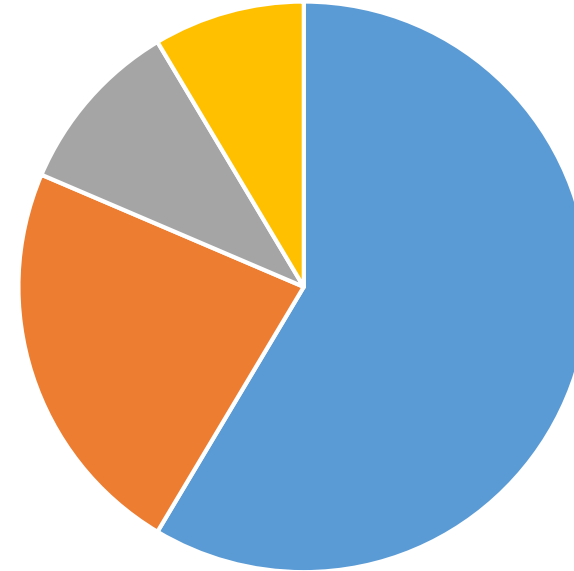
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Major contributors to declining water quality...



■ Factor 1 ■ Factor 2 ■ Factor 3 ■ Factor 4 ■ Factor 5 ■ Factor 6

Major contributors to improving water quality...



■ Factor 1 ■ Factor 2 ■ Factor 3 ■ Factor 4

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