

## Our Future

We welcome opportunities to collaborate with others. If you are part of a local, regional or state organization and you think there may be ways for us to work together to help preserve and protect the Eau Claire Lakes Area watershed for future generations, please let us know!

Our members keep us strong. We welcome your suggestions on how we can improve our organization – and if you would like to learn more about how you can become involved, we would love to hear from you!

## Email us

[eauclairefriends@gmail.com](mailto:eauclairefriends@gmail.com)

## Visit us

<https://friendsofeauclairelakesarea.com>



## Please Join Us!

Officially registered as “Property Owners Association, Inc. Barnes/Eau Claire Lakes Area,” we are a tax-exempt nonprofit organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS tax code.

Complete your membership online at [friendsofeauclairelakesarea.com](http://friendsofeauclairelakesarea.com) or mail this form with your check (payable to “Friends of the Eau Claire Lakes Area”) to FOECLA, PO Box 1308, Hayward, WI 54843-1308.

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### Annual Membership Levels:

- Basic \$20
- Contributing \$50
- Sponsor \$100
- Sustaining \$200
- Patron \$400

### Additional Special Contributions:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Clean Boats Clean Waters
- \_\_\_\_\_ Aquatic Invasive Species Remediation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Education (LEEP and Adult Education)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Student Scholarship

\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL ENCLOSED

*Thank you for your support!*

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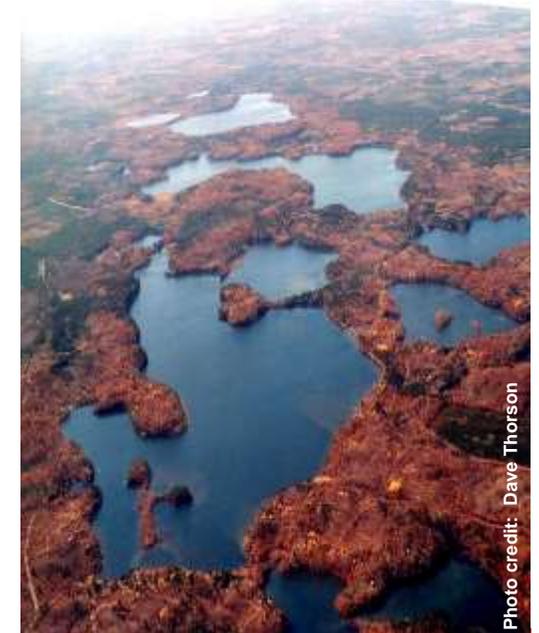


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*Our mission is to protect, preserve and improve the environmental and aesthetic qualities of the Eau Claire Lakes Area watershed, including the lakes, rivers, shorelands, wetlands, forests and attendant wildlife resources.*

## Caring for Our Community

Organized in 1973, Friends of the Eau Claire Lakes Area is a voluntary group of year-round and seasonal residents and visitors interested in preserving the beautiful environment of the Eau Claire Lakes area.

Since its earliest years, our organization has provided leadership in raising awareness of the impacts of aquatic invasive species (AIS) on our lakes. We helped construct the BAISS boat used today to remove Eurasian water-milfoil and curly-leaf pondweed from area lakes, and we encouraged the Town of Barnes to create a standing committee to address AIS issues on area lakes.

### Town of Barnes AIS Committee

Our members serve on the AIS Committee and we provide financial support to help the Town in its efforts to control the spread of aquatic invasive species. We also connect individuals who are interested in monitoring their shorelines for invasive species with the Town.



### Clean Boats Clean Waters Program (CBCW)

This statewide program is coordinated locally by a member of the Town of Barnes AIS Committee. We provide funding for boat landing monitors who inspect boats and educate boaters on “aquatic hitchhikers,” and we refer individuals interested in becoming boat landing monitors to the local CBCW Coordinator.

### Town of Barnes Vatten Paddlar

We help to sponsor and support this annual canoe/kayak race that highlights the beauty of our lakes. We also refer individuals interested in volunteering to race organizers.

### WDNR Citizen Lake Monitoring Network (CLMN)

In 2019, we again provided funding to purchase new water testing equipment for citizen monitors to use on area lakes. The data collected indicate the overall health of each lake. We also refer individuals interested in volunteering for this program to WDNR staff.

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*You can view reports, statistics and the trophic states of our lakes at: <https://dnr.wi.gov/lakes/CLMN>*

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## Educating Our Community

### Student Scholarship

We provide an annual \$1,000 scholarship to a Drummond Area High School graduate enrolled at a two-year or four-year higher education institution in a course of study that promotes our mission.



*Drummond middle school students participating in LEEP activities.*

### Lake Ecology Education Program (LEEP)

Since 2009, we have been partnering with the Drummond Area School District to help seventh grade students become life-long lake stewards. Our award-winning program delivers classroom lessons and one field trip each spring and fall. The curriculum meets Wisconsin educational standards.

### Adult Education Programs

Every year, we host (and sometimes co-host) educational programs for the community. Programs have covered topics including the local fisheries, birds, aquatic invasive plants, the geologic history of the area, the night sky, fly fishing, the history of logging in northwest Wisconsin, furbearing mammals, and how to harvest and enjoy wild plants, nuts and berries. We've also spotlighted the work of authors Gordon MacQuarrie and Emily Stone.