



**COLA is the Leader
in Protecting
Hubbard County
Lakes and Rivers!**

Spotlight on COLA Benefits

Hubbard COLA is working to protect our lakes in Hubbard County. Two reasons are spotlighted below for your association to join COLA and help protect our lakes.

- Hubbard COLA maintains a Charitable Fund established in cooperation with the Northwest Minnesota Foundation (NMF) to provide financial support for charitable and educational programs that protect, preserve and enhance the quality of area lakes and their environs. To learn how the charitable fund can benefit you or your lake...read the article below about COLA's Charitable Fund.
- COLA steps up with early detection efforts to search for Eurasian Water Milfoil on Lake George. Early detection of Aquatic Invasive Species has been effective in minimizing its spread throughout a lake and adjacent water bodies. Read article about "Diving on Lake George" to learn how COLA is working to protect our lakes through early AIS detection. efforts.

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HUBBARD COLA CHARITABLE FUND

Hubbard COLA's Charitable Fund was established in cooperation with the Northwest Minnesota Foundation and has the following components to the fund: 1) a permanent Endowment Component, 2) a general Project Fund Component, 3) a Restricted Fund Component, and 4) an AIS Prevention Project Fund.

The purpose of COLA's Charitable Fund is to provide financial support for Charitable and educational programs, projects and activities that facilitate cooperation among member lake associations and to assist in fostering appropriate use of lakes and watersheds and their environs including funding for:

- Research, studies or projects on water quality and shore land development.
- Developing and presenting guidelines concerning the development, and preservation of the rivers, lakes, shore lands and other lands to agencies of the government, business and private individuals in order to bring about appropriate action for the effective use of these valuable natural resources.

- Combating aquatic invasive species,
- Acquisition of property for public use.
- Support for the establishment of individual lake association educational and charitable funds (Restricted Fund Component).

How can my lake association benefit? Through COLA's Charitable Fund, individual lake associations can establish their own restricted fund component including both an endowment and project fund.

How can I help? Anyone can contribute to COLA Charitable Fund. You don't need to live on a lake or be a resident of Hubbard County. Checks can be made out to the Northwest Minnesota Foundation—Hubbard COLA General Project Fund, 201 3rd St. NW, Bemidji, MN 56601. The COLA Charitable Fund also accepts gifts through estate planning or other methods. Contributions through the NMF are tax deductible.

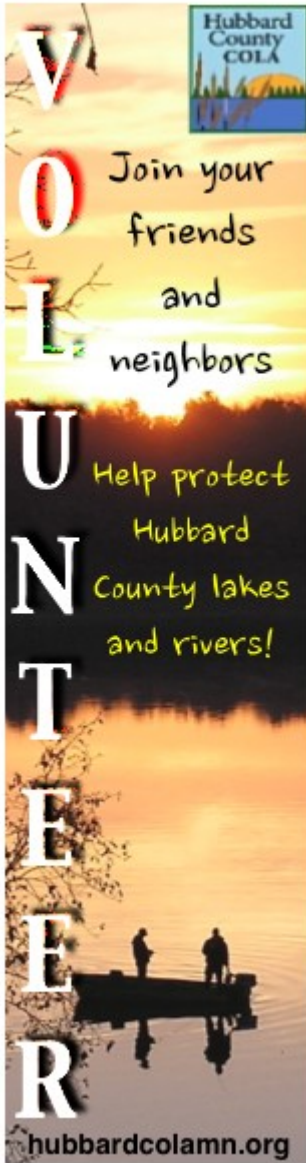
For further information, email us at: hccolamn@gmail.com

"DIVING ON LAKE GEORGE" - LOOKING FOR EURASIAN WATER MILFOIL

DNR AIS Specialist discovers floating strand of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) at the Lake George public access in Hubbard County. Hubbard COLA recruits volunteer scuba diver to search for growing/ rooted Eurasian Water Milfoil near the public access on Lake George. The efforts of COLA and its volunteer diver did not turn up any rooted/growing EWM near the public access on Lake George. Early detection of AIS can benefit area lakes, property owners and everyone that uses our lakes. The floating strand of milfoil may have dropped off a trailer that

was seen leaving the access with vegetation attached, which reminds us that we need to continue our watercraft inspection efforts. Hubbard COLA will continue to assist the early detection monitoring efforts for EWM on Lake George after ice out in 2014.





WILD RICE FUNDRAISER: COLA is offering Grade A Quality Commercially harvested wild rice to its members and the general public as a fund raiser to support the projects of our association. **Use these quality products for gifts to friends or family.** Order your rice and pottery for Christmas gifts on-line at www.hubbardcolamn.org

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WRAPPING About Your Watershed is the first of seven (7) articles in the "Healthy Waters" series to help those who live, work, and play in the Leech Lake watershed understand the importance of healthy waters to their lives. While this series of articles was written for the Leech Lake watershed, they are relevant for Hubbard County which is part of three watersheds including the Crow Wing watershed, the Leech Lake watershed and the Upper Mississippi River watershed. This series of articles focuses on how important healthy waters are to our health, recreation, the economic sustainability of our communities, and our quality of life. **The following are some key points from this article:** 1) Abundant supply of high-quality water is one of Minnesota's most precious and sensitive resources. 2) Landscape development that increases runoff and the material carried with it into surface waters will reduce water quality over time, 3) Reductions in water quality will lead to changes in fish, wildlife, and plant communities. It will also change the way we, as citizens, use water in our daily activities, 4) Once impaired, water quality restoration efforts are expensive and often unattainable.

This article was written by Doug Schultz, DNR Walker Area Fisheries, on behalf of the Civic Engagement Team of the Leech Lake Watershed. Julie Kingsley is the Hubbard County Representative on the Leech Lake River Watershed WRAP. To read this series of seven articles go to COLA's website at www.hubbardcolamn.org

Hubbard County plans to merge the Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission effective January, 2014 if approved. Any lake residents interested in serving on the Board should contact the County for further information.

To volunteer as COLA Secretary or Treasurer, please contact cola at hccolamn@gmail.com

HUBBARD COUNTY AIS WATERCRAFT INSPECTION SUMMARY – 5/10/13 through 10/13/13
INSPECTIONS: 10664 (5978 ENTER, 4669 EXIT, 17 UNKNOWN)
HOURS: 6658.75
INSPECTIONS PER HOUR: 1.60
VEGETATION ENTERING: 201 (3.4%)
DRAIN PLUG IN AT ENTERING: 318 (5.3%)
WATER IN BOAT AT ENTERING: 225 (3.8%)
OUT OF STATE REGISTRATON: 1264 (11.9%)
OUT OF STATE REGISTRATON ENTERING: 723 (12.1%)
LAST IN INFESTED WATERS: 853 (8.0%)
LAST IN INFESTED WATERS ENTERING: 569 (9.5%)



Lake Associations Adopt Capstone Action Plans

Big Sand: 1) Update website and encourage members to pay dues online. 2) Review Lake Management Plan and fill committee vacancies. 3) Expand paperless communications utilizing website and email. 4) Recruiting for AIS Volunteer Inspection Training. 5) Increase AIS inspection hours at public access. 6) Continue Water Monitoring program and strategies to keep lake clean.

Ham Lake: 1) Developing a "Welcome Packet" to promote our Lake Association to non-members and new property owners. 2) Setting up a Membership Team to encourage and promote new members.

Palmer Lake: 1) Expand communications via emails, website, newsletters and face book. 2) Focus fund raising through dues and grants. 3) Investigate vegetation mapping through professionals that specialize in such mapping vs. volunteers.

Tripp Lake: 1) Communication includes emails to 100% of the property owners. 2) Monthly social gathering throughout the winter months. 3) Continue to sponsor Saturday "Pontoon/Rafting Parties" which has been successful in bringing together the "weekend" lakeshore owners.