



2026

# Connections spring



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## Step it Up to Keep it Blue: A Walk Around the Lake

Geneva Lake Conservancy is thrilled to announce a new and interactive event called **Step it Up to Keep it Blue!** This fun event encourages people of all ages to Step it Up and walk the Geneva Lake shore path during the month of June to create awareness for our lake health.

Participants can register for the Walk on GLC's website and receive a free t-shirt. Upon registration, a downloadable 'Passport' will be available as a guide to your shore path experience. The passport includes lake facts, a map of Geneva Lake, and businesses that have partnered with this event to offer registrants discounts during the month of June.

Each participant can turn in their Passport at the end of June to be entered to win prizes for kids or adults. Passports must be 'stamped' along the way of the walk at 5 key points listed on the map in the passport.

Along the shore path there will be signs that include information on our programs such as Conservation@Home, Keep it Blue, conservation easements, and more. All proceeds of the Step it Up to Keep it Blue Walk support the Conservancy's public programs. This event is designed to create community involvement around the lake as well as an understanding of GLC initiatives and programs.

For more information on this event including where to sign up, please visit [Events on GenevaLakeConservancy.org](https://www.genevalakeconservancy.org) or call 262-275-5700.



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Header photograph taken at the Mill House Native Plant Preserve



## Volunteer Spotlight



We are shining a light on one of our Helen Rohner Children's Fishing Lessons volunteers, John Krauss!

In an interview with the Conservancy, John noted he has been fishing since he "was a little kid on Potter Lake." When asked how many years that has been, he took a second to do some math. "Seventy years!"

His passion for working with youth began at 19 when he stepped up as a Boy Scouts fishing group leader so the program wouldn't be canceled.

Through that role—and later serving on the United Way Board—he saw how important outdoor activities can be for kids, especially those facing challenges at home.

His generosity shows through in small moments, too. Once, during his own garage sale, John noticed a boy eyeing fishing gear he couldn't afford. John gave him the gear as a gift—then later had to reassure the boy's father it really was free. Word must have spread, because soon several more kids showed up hoping for fishing gear!

Today, John loves helping kids experience fishing for the first time. "I want to see a kid catch a fish, especially if they never have before," he says. For John, helping kids succeed on the water is a truly gratifying experience.

John says the success of the fishing lessons comes from making them accessible. "Everything is provided for the kids to be successful."

You can find John and other Lake Geneva Fishing Club volunteers at Fishing Lessons every Tuesday during the summer at the Williams Bay Municipal Pier.

## GLC is Celebrating its Newest Conservation Easement

The Conservancy celebrates its latest conservation easement: a 52.3-acre property adjacent to Pleasant Lake, preserving 180 feet of shoreline. A former Girl Scout Camp, this property showcases prominent Kettle Moraine landscape features carved by glaciers.

Tom Neshek, the property owner, has been a long-term supporter of the GLC, so working with The Conservancy for the protection of the property was a priority of his.

There is approximately 12.3 acres of woodland, a 28.3-acre red pine stand, and a 4.6-acre wetland. The property is identified as a remnant Oak Woodland under the Chicago Wilderness/Morton Arboretum Oak Recovery Program and contains burr, white and red oak, as well as hickory, of a variety of ages up to an estimated 150-200 years old.

"The property has a primary environmental corridor that runs through this conservation easement," said Kiera Senese, GLC Land Protection Director. "This is important not just for local wildlife but also for migrating songbirds."

The Conservancy has protected over 3,700 acres of land in Walworth County. For more information on our conservation easements, please visit [www.genevalakeconservancy.org/land-protection](http://www.genevalakeconservancy.org/land-protection).

Pictured below is the Conservancy's newest conservation easement.



## GLC Acquired a Land Donation in 2025

The GLC recently received a generous donation of a 0.14-acre lot adjacent to the GLC owned Maple Hills Wildlife Preserve from sisters Laurie and Nicole Betlach. The parcel has been in their family since the 1920s, when their Swiss immigrant grandparents purchased it within the Maple Hills subdivision. After receiving our outreach about land donations, Laurie saw an opportunity to honor their late mother—an avid gardener who cherished nature and conservation—following her passing in 2022. By protecting this land, the family has helped ensure it will remain undeveloped and continue to provide vital habitat for songbirds.



Pictured above is GLC's Maple Hills preserve entrance, adjacent to new Betlach lot.

# Our 2026 Native Plant Sale is Open!

Spring is here, and we're excited to announce that preparations are underway for our annual Native Plant Sale!

This popular fundraiser supports our ongoing conservation work while helping you create beautiful, habitat-friendly landscapes at home. Be sure to order early for the best selection!

- Order Deadline: May 1
- Plant Pick-Up Day: Friday, May 22 | 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

When planning your order, consider selecting native plants that bloom from spring through fall to provide continuous food for pollinators. We continue to grow our selection to suit a wide variety of garden conditions—sun or shade, dry or wet soils. This year's **50+ species** include flowering natives, grasses, and sedges for diverse habitats.

New species planned for 2026 include:

- *Anemone patens* (Pasque Flower)
- *Allium cernuum* (Nodding Allium)
- *Carex bicknellii* (Copper-Shouldered Oval Sedge)
- *Phlox pilosa* (Prairie Phlox)
- *Ruellia humilis* (Wild Petunia), a Wisconsin endangered species

Whether you're a beginner gardener or Master Gardener, you will find something to make your garden grow!



From top left to bottom right: purple prairie clover, short's aster, prairie smoke, prairie dropseed



Learn more about GLC's programs ->

## Your yard can make a difference—pledge, plant, and protect Geneva Lake with our programs!

Are you wondering what to plant in your yard this season?

Through a **Conservation@Home** site consultation, you'll receive personalized guidance tailored to your property.

*How It Works:*

- On-site consultation: 1–2 hours tailored to your property
- Recommendations: Practical, easy-to-implement guidance
- Resources: Helpful planting and landscaping tips
- Follow-up: Customized write-up for your yard

*Cost:*

- Current GLC members: \$30
- New/renewing members: \$50 (includes 1-year membership renewal)

Sign up on the Conservancy's website or use the QR code above.



Have you seen the **Keep it Blue** signs around Geneva Lake and Delavan Lake? Our Keep it Blue program is a community-wide effort to protect the health and beauty of our local lakes — and we'd love for you to be part of it! Sign our pledge, drop it off at GLC's office, then pick up your free Keep it Blue sign for your yard.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Inspiring Presentations

*Tuesday, April 21*

**Buzzing Back - How to Support Our Local Bumblebees.** Presented by Carol Elkins at Big Foot High School. Register at [Bigfootrecreation.org](http://Bigfootrecreation.org).

*Tuesday, May 12*

**Native Plantings to Support Birds at Geneva Lake Museum.** Presented by Carol Elkins with the Lake Geneva Avian Committee.

### Donor Appreciation Party

*Thursday, July 23*

The Conservancy's annual Donor Appreciation Party will be held again at the beautiful lakefront Greco Family Estate. The evening consists of drinks & appetizers by Celebration on Wells, live music from A Tribute to Old Blue Eyes, and a special thank you from the Conservancy— all set against the backdrop of the lake.

Email [Outreach@GenevaLakeConservancy.org](mailto:Outreach@GenevaLakeConservancy.org) for details to be invited to this event.

### Setting Sail to Keep it Blue

*Sunday, May 31*

**Setting Sail to Keep it Blue: A Sunset Soiree** to celebrate our love for our lake.

Join the Conservancy for our spring fundraiser on Lady of the Lake where we will hear from our new Executive Director, explore The Conservancy's programs, and celebrate Geneva Lake. To sign up for this event, visit [GenevaLakeConservancy.org](http://GenevaLakeConservancy.org) and navigate to 'Events.' See you on the water!

To learn more about these events, visit [GenevaLakeConservancy.org](http://GenevaLakeConservancy.org) and navigate to 'Events.'



## Board Member Spotlight

For the past five years, Mary Constable Aldinger has served as a Conservancy board member. As a Master Naturalist, her personal passion for conservation aligns closely with the organization's goals. Serving on the Board provides an opportunity to contribute professional experience—like her successful print business whose clients included Chicago Public Schools and the television program *The Jerry Springer Show* and its spin-offs—while collaborating with and learning from fellow members.

One project she is especially proud of is the Observation Bee Hive at the Helen Rohner Children's Fishing Park. As an experienced beekeeper, she helped initiate and maintain the hive. The educational value and fascination of this activity is significant for the children and adults who come to Rohner Park.

Outside of her Conservancy involvement, she enjoys spending time on Geneva Lake with her husband, Glenn, and turning her lawn into a green space that is pollinator-friendly and a habitat for native animals.

**A favorite quote that reflects her outlook on conservation is:**  
"We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children."



**"A long-standing direction of mine is the preservation of quality and clarity of Geneva Lake which I view from my home."- Mary Constable Aldinger**

# Geneva Lake Comprehensive Lake Management Plan Update

Article by Justin Poinsette, Principal Specialist-Biologist at the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Plan Commission

The Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) has completed its third comprehensive lake management plan for Geneva Lake. The Geneva Lake Conservancy was awarded a grant by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to help fund this plan update. The plan recommends appropriate and feasible watershed management measures to help enhance and preserve the water quality, aesthetics, and ecological integrity of the Lake and its tributaries and provide the public with opportunities for safe and enjoyable recreation within the Lake and its watershed.

The plan is comprised of three chapters. Chapter 1 describes the outline of the management plan and the goals for lake management. Chapter 2 discusses major elements important to the lake's ecology and management in detail. Current conditions and long-term trends in the lake's watershed characteristics (both natural and human uses), water quality, pollutant loading, aquatic plants, fisheries, wildlife, and recreational use are described. Chapter 3 provides management recommendations for each of these elements that have been developed in collaboration with partner organizations, including the Geneva Lake Association, the Geneva Lake Conservancy, the Water Alliance for Preserving Geneva Lake, the Geneva Lake Environmental Agency, Walworth County, and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.



The following are key findings and recommendations to protect the health of Geneva Lake:

- Climate change will continue to affect the lake by reducing winter ice coverage, warming water temperatures, increasing the risk of algal blooms, and generating more severe weather events
- Several lake tributary streams are experiencing significant erosion due to changes in watershed land use and increasingly intense rainfall events
- Water quality is generally excellent, but there are concerning trends of increasing phosphorus and salt concentrations which can negatively impact the ecology and recreational use of the Lake
- Phosphorus and salt pollution should be reduced by implementing agricultural best management practices, reducing use of road salts and deicers, and stabilizing severely eroding tributary streams
- Bigfoot Creek remains a major pollutant source to the Lake; the plan recommends wetland restoration efforts to improve the water quality of the Creek and the Lake
- The Lake supports a diverse and robust aquatic plant community, but the spread of invasive species and loss of nearshore aquatic plant beds are causes for concern
- Sport fishery is productive thanks to stocking efforts, but the apparent recent decline in the population of cisco, a favorite prey item for sport fish, is concerning for the health of the fishery
- Dense pier development and degradation of nearshore habitats is negatively impacting nearshore fish species and game fish nursery areas; restoring nearshore plant beds, adding coarse woody habitat, and reducing stressors from wave activity can help restore the fishery
- The Lake is still exceptionally popular for recreational use but is not exceeding its modeled recreational carrying capacity; however, intense recreational use may be negatively impacting nearshore habitat
- Several organizations are already supporting programs and practices in the watershed that help protect lake health, such as the Conservancy's **Keep It Blue** and **Conservation@Home** programs; these organizations need support to sustain and expand their operations

The plan is published on the Commission website and made available to the public free of charge on SEWRPC's website at [sewrpc.org](http://sewrpc.org) and the Conservancy's website at [GenevaLakeConservancy.org](http://GenevaLakeConservancy.org). Lake stakeholder organizations intend to use the plan to acquire funding and implement recommendations that will protect the health of the Lake.

# GLC Membership by Categories

JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2025 (NEW MEMBERS IN GREEN)

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*Conservation must not fail for too much of our native landscape has already been thoughtlessly destroyed . . . it is our sacred duty to preserve what is left for future generations.*

—Jens Jensen, landscape architect

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ACRES  
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57  
LAND PROTECTION  
PROJECTS COMPLETED  
TO DATE

1,500  
NATIVE PLANTS  
SOLD IN OUR  
2024 PLANT SALE

260  
VOLUNTEER  
HOURS AT OUR  
PRESERVES

300+  
CONSERVATION  
@HOME  
VISITS  
COMPLETED TO  
DATE

160  
ACRES OF LAND  
VISITED WITH  
CONSERVATION  
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300+  
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## Helen Rohner Park Officially Opens June 16!

Summer will be here before we know it which means Helen Rohner Children's Fishing Park will be open for family fun! Sign up your kiddos online at [GenevaLakeConservancy.org](http://GenevaLakeConservancy.org) to join in on the activities and classes all summer long.

**Fishing Lessons:** Tuesdays, 9 & 10 AM @ the Williams Bay Pier

**Story Times:** Thursdays, 10 AM @ Helen Rohner under the Walnut Tree - no signup required

**Nature Classes:** Fridays, 10 AM @ the Rohner barn

Fishing Lessons



Nature Classes



Story Times



### Kids Club

Sign up for the coolest club ever: Kids Club! Recommended for ages 4-12, Kid's Club is a free and easy way to get your child learning about our environment in their own backyard! Each child will receive an easy-to-read monthly newsletter directly to their mailbox from June-September. August's package is special, including a mega-newsletter and box filled with activities to get them excited about the world around them. To sign up for this free club, visit the Conservancy's website and select Helen Rohner Children's Fishing Park.

**Deadline to sign up is June 15.**

The Conservancy's annual Small Nature Photo Contest is a contest for all photo amateurs ages 4 & up! Submit up to 5 unedited photos taken in 2026 at Helen Rohner Park or Kishwaukee for a chance to win cash prizes. A public reception for all participants will be held on August 15 at Harpoon Willie's from 10-11 AM.

**Entry deadline is August 6.** Details are on the GLC website under Helen Rohner Children's Fishing Park, or submit your photos to [intern@GenevaLakeConservancy.org](mailto:intern@GenevaLakeConservancy.org).  
Age categories: 4-8, 9-12, 13-18, 21+

There are 3 winners per age group:

**1st Place- \$150, Second Place- \$100, Third Place- \$50**

Grab whatever camera you have and snap those nature photos!

# Small Nature PHOTO CONTEST

## Family Day at Helen Rohner Children's Fishing Park

The Conservancy's annual Family Day will be held on July 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10 AM - Noon at Helen Rohner Park. A family-friendly presentation will take place, along with goody bags and treats for kids. No signup required!



## Our mission:

Our mission is to preserve and restore lands and waters, ignite action for their protection, and ensure they thrive for current and future generations.

## Our vision:

Our vision is to ensure that land, water, and community flourish together for generations to come.



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