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# E-Newsletter December 2022



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### From The President

For the COLA Board of Directors I wish you a Merry Christmas with family and friends!

As we celebrate a new year, we look forward to working together with the members and the many entities who want to protect and improve the waters of Otter Tail County and our neighbors. May you enjoy all the blessings of 2023!

[Sylvia Soeth, President](#)

Lake / Site	Year	Phosphorus Ave	Chlorophyll a Ave	Secchi Ft	TSI Ave
Dead 56-0383-00 211	2013	19.6	5.2	45.0	45.8
	2014	26.2	15.3	51.8	54.5
	2015	28.0	7.4	48.4	49.8
	2016	25.6	5.0	49.8	48.5
	2017	23.4	5.0	50.0	48.2
	2018	30.4	10.1	54.2	52.6
	2019	22.2	6.1	50.4	49.0
	2020	21.6	4.7	48.0	47.4
	2021	22.4	5.4	46.0	46.6
	2022	27.1	8.0	52.2	48.8
Dead 56-0383-00 211 Total		24.7	7.1	49.6	49.0

### 2022 Water Quality Reports Published

The Otter Tail County Coalition of Lake Associations (OTC COLA) water monitoring program has concluded another successful season! The analysis data has been compiled and included in comprehensive Water Quality Analysis Reports for each Member lake. The 60-lake Library of Reports is accessed from links posted on the [www.otccola.com](http://www.otccola.com) website home page or from any OTC COLA monthly [E-Newsletter](#).

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## E-Newsletter Topics of Interest In 2022

### What's top of mind for lake property owners today?

OTC COLA has consistently published monthly E-Newsletters since 2015. It has earned a reputation as a source of news, education and information for lake property owners. Subscribers are not only from Otter Tail County but also from several counties in the neighboring region. The Newsletter has proven to be a vital communication vehicle for disseminating information about how Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) are threatening Minnesota lakes and education on how the proliferation of AIS can be prevented.

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## Top 20 Popular Posts In 2022

[www.lakeadmin.org](http://www.lakeadmin.org) is a website for Lake Associations and lake property owners. The tagline for the website is “**Everything Lake Organization Administration**”. It is a library of postings and articles to provide unique and innovative tools to organize and manage lake organizations. It also includes valuable information on combating Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) and lake water quality challenges. It is intended to be informational, educational and inspirational for all lake property owners.

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## MAISRC Is Dedicated To Fighting AIS

Aquatic invasive species (AIS) began arriving in Minnesota in the 1800s, but the current rate of invasion is increasing. Although aquatic invasive species may seem unstoppable, there is hope.

With a solid foundation of research below our feet and exciting new projects underway, MAISRC is well-positioned to build on past success and inform real-world solutions in the coming years. Thanks to MAISRC's research, we can find invasive species earlier, we can better respond to new infestations, and we have developed new tools to control established populations. For example, informed by MAISRC research, for the first time, eradication is an achievable goal for an AIS in Minnesota and managers are implementing a large, coordinated effort against non-native Phragmites.

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# Be Selfish, Save Your Lake

Guest blog by Dr. John Richard Saylor – Author of “Lakes: Their Birth, Life, and Death,” (<https://johnrichardsaylor.com/index.html>).

The environmental segment of a typical popular science magazine or news show can be pretty gloomy. Stories on global warming, as just one example, point toward a future of rising sea levels, torrential floods, and searing droughts. While these stories may do a good job of presenting climate change predictions, they do little to motivate individuals to change their behavior. These stories often focus on the need for all nations to act in a coordinated fashion to cap and reduce carbon dioxide emissions. The effort must be global and without the agreement and full participation of all nations, or at least the largest nations, all is hopeless. At least that is what the underlying message seems like to me.

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## 5 Ways To Get Outdoors This Winter

Wondering how to get outside and enjoy the outdoors this winter? The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has some great no- and low-cost activities open to everyone.

“We know Minnesotans love being outdoors, and winter offers a whole different way to play outside,” said Ann Pierce, DNR parks and trails director. The DNR offers several suggestions to make getting outdoors easy, fun and affordable for Minnesotans:

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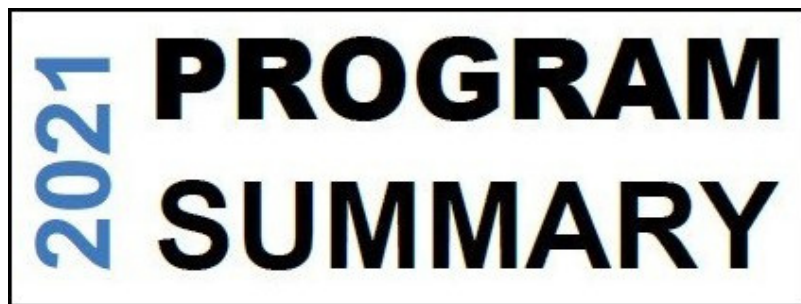
## **OTC Receives \$366,000 Grant To Enhance Phelps Mill Park**

Otter Tail County is set to receive a \$366,000 grant to fund enhancements to Phelps Mill County Park. People who enjoy the historic Phelps Mill Park area will soon have their experiences enhanced, once recommendations are approved.

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## **AIS Task Force Update December 2022**

- **New AIS Prevention Program arriving in January 2023**
- **Social Media Campaign is showing impressive results**

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