

## Shout Out to Watershed Heroes! CLEAR LAKE COTTAGERS' ASSOCIATION

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Cottaging on Clear (Bain) Lake began in the 1920s. As more cottages and permanent homes were added, residents identified a need to protect the watershed.



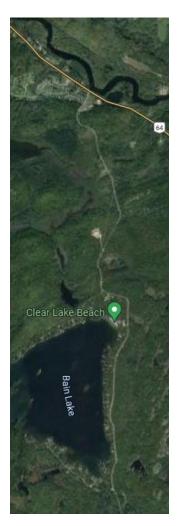
In 1987 concerned residents established a 10-person board that formally incorporated as the Clear Lake Cottagers' Association (CLCA).

Over the past thirty-five (35) years, the association has provided residents with a voice on lake related issues and actively advocated on their behalf. CLCA activity is focused solely on advocacy and education. By liaising and offering presentations to municipal council, planning boards, government agencies, hearings and police, the association has prevented potential damage to their watershed.

Through annual meetings, newsletters and periodic presentations, CLCA has continued to promote protection of their watershed. Residents and visitors are encouraged to maintain septic systems, use "green" products, and not pollute. Lake users are also reminded to practice safe swimming and boating practices and refrain from endangering area wildlife.

The Association adopted "Lake Partner" water testing when the program began and continues to test and report back to residents.

The Association maintains an informative website, sends out regular newsletters, regularly communicates with members and convenes a general meeting every summer to promote protection of the watershed.



For the past three and a half decades, dozens of CLCA volunteers have spent countless hours doing their best to protect the Clear (Bain) Lake watershed.

As part of our 50th anniversary we're proud to acknowledge Clear Lake Cottagers' Association as Watershed Heroes!

