



Summer 2012

SVSU Students Conduct Research for Sanford Lake

SVSU Professional and Technical Writing students attended the February SLA board meeting to offer research into funding sources for projects around Sanford Lake. After extensive research, graduating senior Ashley Johnson was unable to locate sources of funds for dam repairs, as Michigan is one of 16 states without designated funding, but laid out other options, including legal options, for moving forward. Junior Lena Stoddard looked into prospects for increasing fish stocks, noting that Sanford Lake is on a 3-year cycle for stocking, dependent upon stock availability. The data on fish stocks she obtained is below. She also noted that stocks cannot be increased until habitat improves through erosion control and buffer zones. Junior Aubrey

Banning researched resources for point and non-point source water quality testing, including nitrogen, phosphorous, and e-coli, proposing procedures by which the SLA can prepare to become eligible for state funding. For more details contact Beth Jorgensen at canoegoddess@hotmail.com.

Healthy Lawns and Healthy Lakes
By Ellen Peden

Living on a lake entails responsibilities of stewardship for the water. A lawn that stretches to the water or your lake barrier harms the lake. Grass (especially if cut regularly) has very short roots and does not help to keep excess nutrients like phosphorus or nitrates from entering the water. MSU and Michigan Lakes and Streams Associations promote a **buffer zone**, a “**no mow and no fertilization**”

zone of at least **4-8 feet** from the water’s edge. Allowing native plants to grow in the zone promotes bird and butterfly habitats and filters water to prevent excess nutrients from entering the lake, reducing algae growth, which threatens fish and the lake.

Moreover, storm water, as well as grass clippings left on the road, goes **directly into the lake**. Sweeping and tidying up after mowing and fertilizing prevents unwanted nutrients from finding their way into our lake.

To reduce fertilizer impact on the lake, don’t use fertilizers with phosphorous unless your lawn is in need (soil test to find out). This area is very high in phosphorous so unless you are starting a new lawn, the rule of thumb is don’t use it. Use slow-release nitrogen (indicated on the bag); preferably water-soluble nitrogen (WIN). Don’t fertilize before

May; plants/grass are either too water-saturated or not thawed enough to absorb nutrients. Above all, remember the importance of a **buffer zone**. Creating one is not difficult or expensive. One just needs to think a little differently about what beauty truly is.

County	Water Site (Town Range Section)	Species Strain	Date	Number	Avg. Length (Inches)	Operation	Fin Clips, Marks, Tags
Midland	Sanford Lake Erskine Marine (16N 01W 35)	Muskellunge Northern	11/4/2010 12:40 PM	4800	9.744	State Plant	None
Midland	Sanford Lake Erskine Marine (16N 01W 35)	Walleye Muskegon	6/16/2011 8:13 AM	63,600	1.838	Marsh and rearing pond release	None
Midland	Sanford Lake Erskine Marine (16N 01W 35)	Walleye Muskegon	6/21/2011 10:04 AM	44,137	2.04	Marsh and rearing pond release	Oxytetracycline

Boyce Hydro Disputes Property Ownership and Tax Liability

In a recent filing with the Federal Energy and Regulatory Commission (FERC), Boyce Hydro signaled their refusal to provide what they term “free recreation opportunities and a significant tax base for Midland County.” Boyce faces an ongoing tax dispute with Midland County over ownership of lands within Boyce's project boundary—primarily the lake bottom or "bottom lands" lost to Midland County in a tax foreclosure and other land that Boyce's predecessors had either sold or lost to adverse possession to lake front property owners over the years. FERC had given Boyce until mid-April to regain control over flowage rights and property within its project boundary as is required under their permit. Boyce had also threatened to use eminent domain if need be in order to regain the necessary control mandated by FERC.

On May 15, the Midland County Board of Commissioners approved a letter of intent between the County of Midland, Boyce Hydro Power LLC, and the Sanford Lake Preservation Association which would guarantee Boyce flowage rights for a minimum three-year automatically renewable term. The \$19,500 license fee will be guaranteed by the Sanford Lake Preservation Association for the first three years, and the final agreement will address fees beyond three years. The final license is contingent upon FERC approval. Commissioner James Leigeb expressed concern that language requiring Boyce to pay back taxes was eliminated in the second draft.

Jazz Trails Festival Big Band. Sons Aaron and Jorgen live Des Moines, Iowa; and daughter Eva lives in NYC. Beth and Pete enjoy paddling and wilderness expeditions.

Scott and Angie Scarpelli have lived on the lake with their two labs since relocating from Chicago in 2002. Scott is an in-house litigation attorney at Dow Chemical and Angie is an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Midland County. They enjoy recreational boating and Scott is an avid fisher with a passion for musky fishing. Scott has been an active member on the SLA committee addressing issues related to the dam and Boyce Hydro.

Rob Vallentine could not be reached for biographical information.

SLA Picnic Scheduled for August 21

The SLA picnic is the annual opportunity to discuss issues that impact all of us on the lake. Please mark your calendars for **Tuesday night, August 21 at 6:00pm.** The picnic will be held at the Sanford Village Park Pavilion behind the ballparks on Saginaw Road. Please bring a dish to pass. The SLA will once again provide pulled pork sandwiches, plates, and plastic ware. We hope to have the newly elected Sheriff as guest speaker. Bring your neighbors and encourage them to join the SLA. We are the voice of Sanford Lake. Come meet your fellow lakefront owners. Show and be in the know.

SLA Board Welcomes New Members

The Sanford Lake Association Board of Directors welcomes three new members; Beth Jorgensen, Scott Scarpelli, and Rob Vallentine.

Beth Jorgensen has lived in Verity Shores with husband, Peter Simonson, their border collie and cat since relocating from Iowa in 2007. An associate professor of Professional and Technical Writing at SVSU, Beth specializes in environmental discourse and sustainable technology. Peter, a percussionist, performs at Molly's Bistro and the MCFTA, and with the Michigan

Sanford Lake Events 2012

8/9	Sanford Lake Improvement Board	7 PM**
8/21	Sanford Lake Association Picnic Sanford Village Park Pavilion	6 PM
9/9	Parkapalooza Sanford Lake Park	
9/20	Sanford Lake Improvement Board	7 PM**
11/27	Sanford Lake Association Board of Directors	7 PM*
12/20	Sanford Lake Improvement Board	7 PM**

*Village of Sanford 325 W Center Street
**Jerome Township Hall 737 Beamish



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