Citizen Group-
Opportunities for Action

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How do you FEEL about your water?
It is this feeling that motivates you to action!
Educate yourself so you can educate others. It is feelings and facts that will help you achieve your goal.

Have HIGH expectation and keep them even when success stays elusive. It can take years when you want the outcome now!
You must be persistent!
Decision makers must buy into the policy that is best for the waters. It is only then that we can be successful in persuading them to fund the solutions. The science helps the decision makers develop policies that improve our waters.
You can become a decision maker. They can be:
- City
- Township
- County
- State

You can also serve on boards, task force groups, committees or commissions to advise Decision Makers!

Invite decision makers to your association board meetings and social events.
PLAN A MEETING WITH LOCAL DECISION MAKERS LIKE CITY COUNCIL.

Ask your state representative, and state senator to come.

Also invite DNR, your watershed organization and others that you can think of.

IT IS ALL ABOUT THE MONEY!

Without funding, nothing gets done. It is likely that funding will need to be a partnership such as between city, watershed, county, parks, and state.

ASK FOR WHAT YOU NEED!
TYPES OF FUNDING

• Watershed Districts are taxing districts
• Watershed Management Organizations can do an ad valorum tax through counties.
• Cities can do Surface Water Management Fees
• Lake Association can do LID’s (Lake Improvement Districts)
• State funding is available for some projects

STAY FOCUSED ON YOUR GOAL!

Do not let set-backs discourage you. Ask for help.

REMEMBER HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT YOUR WATER!
ATTEND MEETINGS WHERE YOU CAN HAVE A VOICE SUCH AS:

- watershed meetings,
- city council meetings,
- township meetings and
- legislature hearings.

Many meetings have a brief public forum where you can ask for attention to your issue.

HOW TO TALK TO DECISION MAKERS

- Be calm, rational and present your facts.
- Stay respectful, no matter your feelings
- You never know when an enemy may become a friend
You can have success!

Medicine Lake was having whole lake algal blooms before all the work that was done. It has not had a whole lake algal bloom for nearly 10 years but we need to be vigilant.

OUR WISH FOR YOU

That you follow your heart
Match your interest with your heart
And leave the earth a better place