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Dear Neighbor,

Many of us have lived on Lake Victoria for over 25 years. We are thankful to call this place home. From friendly and thoughtful neighbors, a healthy community, and a beautiful environment, I have much to be thankful for as a resident. I believe that the residents of the 10 homes along the private shore have much to be thankful for as residents.

We have shared a concern and commitment to the health and safety of Lake Victoria for many years. Linda Hepp and I have been responsible for collecting fees from neighbors since 1993 to treat our watershed for weeds and algae so that we can all enjoy its benefits. With runoff from yards and streets feeding into Lake Victoria, the health and safety would be compromised if left untreated.

In a recent conversation between one of the homeowners along our shared shore and our Alderman, Myron Moledenhaver, the idea came up that the Lake Victoria is not just a benefit to residents of our shore but is also of community benefit as there is public access and public usage. As a natural feature with both private and public value, there should be a public and private partnership to treat Lake Victoria.


In 2001, this request was made to our City Council and denied. The City was unwilling to share financial responsibility. On average, the cost of maintenance is \$3,500 per year or approximately \$350-\$400 per residence. When others have been unwilling or unable to contribute, this is a cost our family has covered because not only does a healthy Lake Victoria improve all of our property values, but it also improves our quality of life. Of course, increased property values also mean increased taxes. So, residence along our shore pay double for the direct expense along with the higher tax rate.

A public-private partnership would alleviate some of the financial burden of maintenance for the 10 residents on our shore and better reflect the City's interest and benefit from a well maintained Lake Victoria.

If you'd like the City to pay its fair share of the expenses for maintaining Lake Victoria, please sign below.

With respect,

Your neighbors,

- 1) Dale & Barb Winkelman 9/30.  
1608 Lakeside Terrace
- 2) Linda Hepp 1616 Lakeside Terrace
- 3) Marie Klobb aty 1620 Lakeside Terrace
- 4) Georgene McLaugh 1604 Lakeside Ter. 9/30/24
- 5) Lisa Potts 405 Franklin St 9/30/24
- 6) Mary R. Zureg 309 Franklin 9/30/24
- 7)  301 Franklin 9-30-24
- 8) Kelly Pochop Kelly Pochop 401 Franklin 10.2.24
- 9) Maryanne Wieland 1612 Lakeside Terr  
Rod Wieland with - WI 53094
- 10) Mary Brause 1600 Lakeside TERR WTD 53094