

**PLATTE LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION**  
**P.O. BOX 272**  
**HONOR, MICHIGAN 49640-0272**  
July 20, 2005

Dear PLIA Member:

Just a short note prior to the Annual Meeting. The meeting is **Saturday August 5, 2006 at 2:00 PM at the HOMESTEAD TOWNSHIP HALL**. Located on US-31 in Honor by the Platte River School and State Police Mini-Outpost.

Please make every effort to attend! In addition to lake water quality issues, we will be talking about three major issues that require your input: alternate septic systems, lake side buffer strips for the Benzonia Township side of the lake and a membership dues increase to begin to address a projected long term funding shortfall.

We expect Bill Crawford of the Benzie Leelanau Health Department to bring us up to speed on the latest developments in alternate and cluster systems as well as representatives from several local engineering firms. The Lake Township portion of Platte Lake has adopted a lakeside ordinance that allows for phosphorus reduction as well as a phosphate fertilization ban last summer. The Benzie county Planning Commission is now discussing the formulation of an ordinance for the Benzonia Township portion of the lake. We need your support to have that ordinance include the same provisions as the Lake Township ordinance. Additionally, we need to address our long term funding requirements. If we don't, we will not be able to support a streamlined version of our present efforts when DNR funding stops in 2012. Our dues have been \$15/year for over 20 years. We need an increase. The size of the increase will be determined by those attending the annual meeting.

The lake cannot help itself. Your stewardship is mandatory. Our efforts are now focused on what we can do to reduce nutrient loading from the upstream watershed as well as from each and every lakeside property. The Lake needs your help!

As stated previously, you can help Platte Lake by **stopping all lawn fertilization**. If you feel you must fertilize, use only a non-phosphorus fertilizer. **Also, remove all dead and decaying vegetation from the lakeside, have that septic system pumped or upgraded and reduce runoff and erosion into the lake occurring from your property, etc.**

Again, see you at the Annual Meeting! We look forward to meeting you! If you cannot attend the meeting, please send in your dues and contributions, as your financial support is required

Your Officers and Board

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**NOTICE**

**PLATTE LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION**  
**TWENTY EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING**  
**2:00 PM SATURDAY AUGUST 5, 2006**

**HOMESTEAD TOWNSHIP HALL US-31 in HONOR**  
**(ON THE SAME SIDE OF US-31 AS THE PLATTE RIVER SCHOOL**  
**AND STATE POLICE MINI-OUTPOST)**