

SOS SAVE OUR SHORELINE

P. O. Box 2307, Bay City, Michigan 48707

2024-25 Annual Dues Renewal Letter

Hello,

Every year brings new challenges. We could not imagine the proposals we were hearing about last year. A multi-million-dollar construction project that would change the conditions that create the sandbars that parallel the beaches of lower Saginaw Bay. DNR or EGLE (maybe the name will change again before this goes to press) does not want the property owners to clean their beaches. They have the audacity to propose a stone wall that would parallel the beaches at some ungiven distance offshore. SOS indicated that there were many things that could go wrong with this idea that would leave property owners with a mess. We have not heard much from them in the last of six months. They have a way of bringing back ideas formatted slightly different. We have to stay on our game to prevent them from slipping something through without anyone knowing about it.

We know years of presidential campaigns are a bad time to bring up due's renewal. So many things are changing, and no one knows what the future is going to be. We hear about inflation being a problem. You will be glad to know that SOS is holding the line, and our dues remain the same. Over the years you have been most generous, and we appreciate that.

While our dues remain the same so do the problems that we have to deal with. This year in a northern Michigan county a township on the sunset side of the state started discussing the possibility of imposing its own rules regarding shoreline management. One proposal was to put in place a ruling that would not allow an owner to maintain or change the land in anyway within 200 feet of the ordinary high-water mark. That would open an unimaginable can of worms. Imagine not being able to connect your dock to shore because it would involve changing the land in the area of the high-water mark. Imagine not being able to cut your grass between your home and the water? All we need is another level of government trying to make laws that remove your rights as a property owner by imposing regulations. We are still on watch! Not afraid to tell officials where our rights extend to and where their responsibilities begin.

Do you have a new neighbor? Do you know someone who moved on to the shoreline somewhere on the Great Lakes? Tell them about us. We ask this every year. This year we added many new members. Keep up the good work.

The annual membership is only 20.00. We are so thankful and pleased that many of you donated \$100.00. It makes such a difference in our ability to continue the fight to keep government off our beaches. The desired donation is ---20.00 for membership renewal---50.00 for our legal fund ---and 30.00 for our general fund. If you wish to set up your donation in different amounts that is fine.

Fair winds and thank you.



Ernie Krygier
Save Our Shoreline President

ANNUAL SOS MEETING

September 19, 2024 at 6:30pm
Bangor Township Hall

Please indicate how you would like your donation administered on reverse side.

Even if you are unable to donate at this time, please take a moment to update your email address below and return this form.

I prefer to receive the quarterly newsletter via email-perfect for those who spend part of the year away from the address above!

I prefer not to have my name printed in S.O.S. publications like the quarterly newsletter or on the website.

Please print any changes to your contact information below.

Name

Appt/Street Address

City

St.

Zip

Telephone

Beach Name

Email

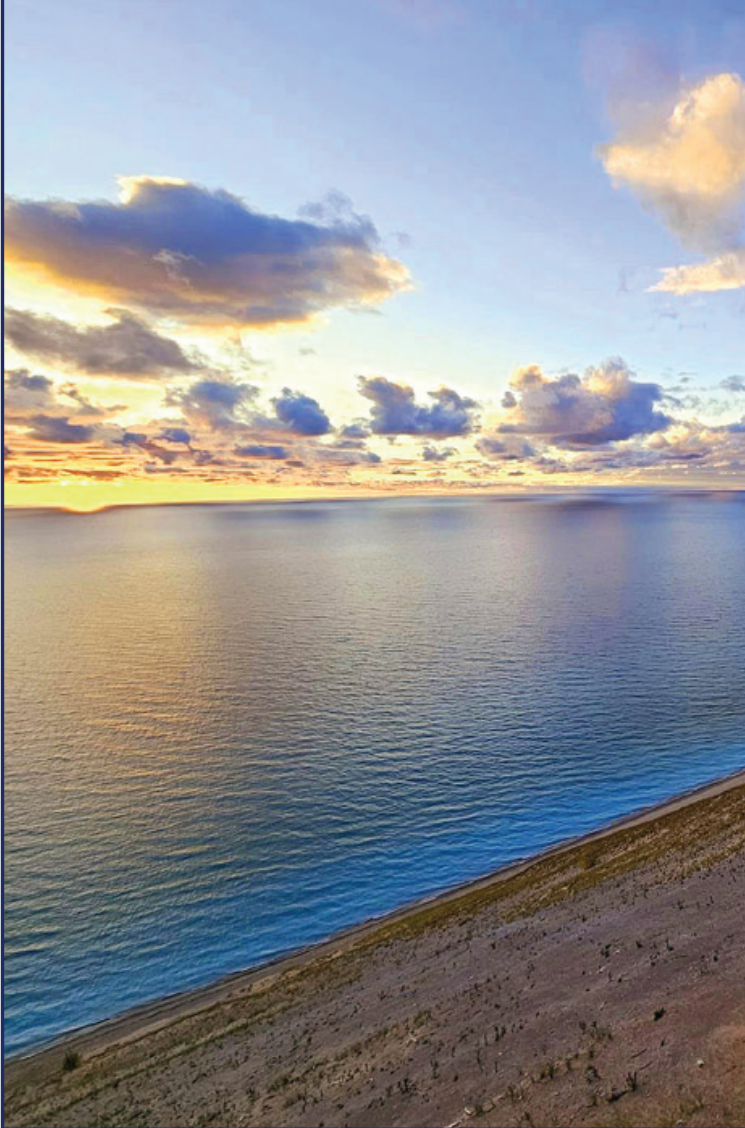
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Picture by Andrew Grettenberger

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Picture by Deb Simons



Please check your preferred membership option below:

- I am donating \$20 to cover annual dues only.
- I am donating \$100 to be allocated as outlined on the opposite page of this letter.
- I am donating \$20 in annual dues, as well as an additional \$_____ which I wish to be allocated as follows:

\$_____ to the Legal Fund

\$_____ to the General Fund

Please make checks payable to Save Our Shoreline and mail them, along with this form to:

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