



# Flowage Preservation Alliance

**December 2014**

The Holiday season is here, and with it, our property tax bills. You have noticed that our new Lake District tax assessment has been added to the tax bill. The tax collected on behalf of the Lake District is automatically deposited into the District's bank account at Headwaters State Bank. For any questions you can call George Holloway, Treasurer of the Lake District at 715-547-6048 or [gsholloway@earthlink.net](mailto:gsholloway@earthlink.net).

Just to repeat the example given previously: "If your property is assessed at \$100,000, your *maximum* Lake District tax would be \$250." At this year's Annual Meeting we voted ourselves at the maximum rate. This is not permanent. You will vote at every Annual Meeting on the amount of the tax levy for the coming year. A large amount is needed early in the project to re-engineer the dam. This amount will hopefully level off as we progress. And it also depends on our ability to raise funds through other means, such as grants, aids, and contributions.

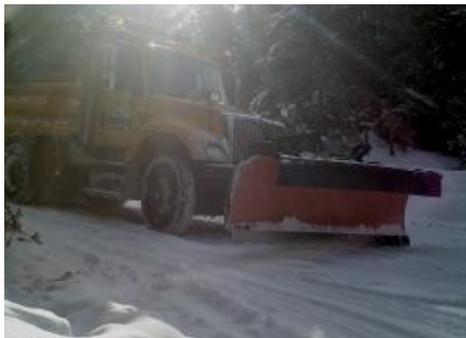
At the Lake District Board Meeting on December 6th, Andrea Chaffee gave a presentation of the types of large dam grants that she has volunteered to apply for, as well as fund-raising efforts on the more local level (raffles, events, etc.) We are fortunate that Andrea has volunteered her talents as a grant-writer and fund-raiser.

Also at the December 6th meeting, Bob Senechalle reported on a recent meeting with the State of Wisconsin DNR dam safety engineers, which he attended along with Karl Jennrich and the Vilas County Attorney. The DNR has taken the position that the original dam permit is still valid, and can be transferred to the Lake District along with the flowage easements, as long as the dam is brought up to modern standards. This is great news, and reduces the number of "hoops" we need to jump through, as we work to re-engineer a permitted dam.

Karl Jennrich reported that he will be starting the bidding process for an engineering firm to begin work on the dam project. Hopefully 2015 will see our efforts of the past five years come together. The light at the end of the tunnel will be a legal dam which the Lake District property owners control.

Don't forget that there will be elections for both the Lake District and the Flowage Preservation Alliance next July. It's not too soon to think about becoming involved. Three FPA Board positions will be elected in July, and one Lake District Commissioner position. Please call or email me or any one of the Board Members if you are interested.

**Dues reminder:** 2015 dues (\$10) can be mailed at any time to the address below. If you missed your 2014 dues, just send \$20. Thanks!!!



**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!!**



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