

# Flowage Preservation Alliance

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Almost ten years ago, property owners on the Little Tamarack Flowage and adjoining waters were faced with a dilemma. The dam from the 1940's was not considered official, nor did it meet State safety standards.

The Flowage Preservation Alliance was formed to work with Town, County, and State government and agencies to resolve the problem. In 2014 Lake District was formed to take over ownership of the dam, and renovations to the dam were completed in 2016.

The Flowage Preservation Alliance has accomplished its goals, due to hard work by all its members, who voted July 1 at the Annual Meeting to disband. The Lake District will take up the job of maintaining the dam, and continue to keep all property owners and interested parties informed of what's happening on the Little Tamarack Flowage, Baker Lake and Spring Lake. The Board will work through the process of dissolving the Alliance, including un-incorporating, closing accounts, and many other details.



Flowage property owners, family, and friends turned out on Sunday July 2 for a "raft-up" near the dam, celebrating the second year of dam ownership. Vessels including canoes, kayaks, fishing boats, and pontoons anchored together to celebrate what they had accomplished.



## Loon Update

**Spring Lake** Last year, a pair of loons raised two chicks. That's the first time in a long time. This year they did it again. Everyone says loons need a ¼ mile runway to fly, and Spring Lake doesn't seem to be big enough. But after two years of success, maybe the loons never got that memo.....??!! This year's chicks are almost as big as the adults. Must have hatched really early this season.

**The main Flowage** loon pair nested on the bog just off Yanke's and Tuttle's properties, as they did last year. They laid two eggs, and one hatched. The other one was abandoned on the nest. The chick is still a tiny puffball.

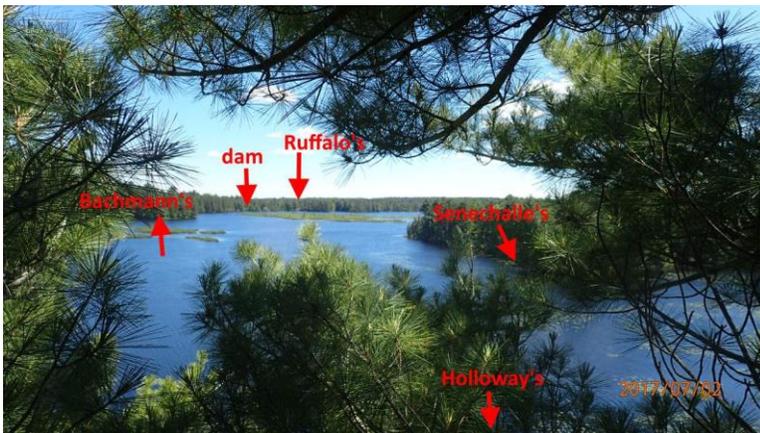
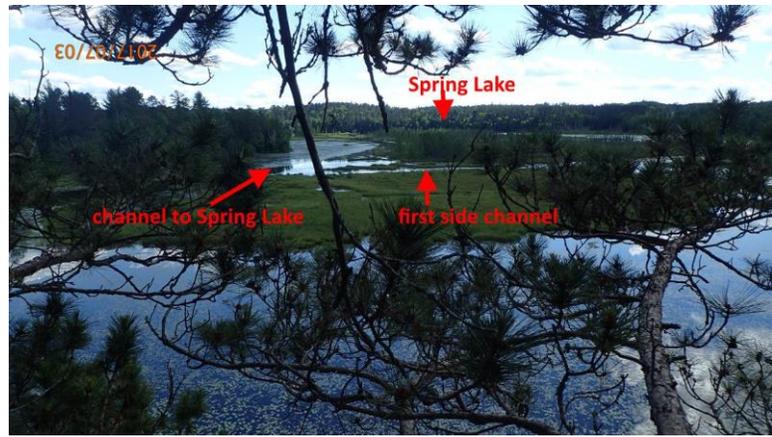
**Baker Lake** - We heard from Mossbruckers that one of the Baker Lake loons was dead, lying next to the nest. They contacted the DNR, and took the loon to them for

a necropsy. There had been two eggs on that nest, so it's really sad. Now there is just one loon adult on Baker Lake, and the two eggs were left on the nest abandoned.

Loons in general have had great success in northern Wisconsin. Our loons come back to all three bodies of water regularly, pointing to a healthy environment on our little chain of lakes.

### View From The Top

Holloway's daughter and son-in-law are tree climbers. They brought their equipment recently and took awesome photos from the tree tops.



**The Board** of the Flowage Preservation Alliance will meet on Saturday, July 8, at 9:30 at the Conover Center, to begin the process of dissolving the corporation. It is an open meeting and all are welcome.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rich Ruffalo".

Rich Ruffalo, President