



## **Vision**

The preservation of Laclu for the enjoyment of future generations.



## **Mission**

Through education and advocacy, effect positive changes in behaviours which impact the environment of Laclu.



## **Goals**

- 🍁 Improve water quality.
- 🍁 Raise the level of awareness on environmental issues affecting Laclu.



## **Objectives**

- 🍁 Implement regular water quality testing for annual comparison.
- 🍁 Gather and interpret applicable environmental regulations.
- 🍁 Identify effective behaviours and practices to meet our stated goals.
- 🍁 Communicate our findings.
- 🍁 Act as a liaison with other associations, agencies and individuals.

## HOUSEHOLD

### Do:

- ✿ Use phosphate free soap, detergents, shampoos, and cleaning products.
- ✿ Look for environmentally friendly products for cleaning indoors and outdoors.

### Don't:

- × Use soaps of any kind in or near the lake (including biodegradable soaps).
- × Pour hazardous or toxic liquids in the drain or in or near the lake.

## WASTE DISPOSAL

### Do:

- ✿ Build your outhouse or septic field 100 feet from shore.
- ✿ Install a grey water pit if you do not have a septic system.
- ✿ Take recyclables, hazardous wastes and garbage to a proper disposal site.
- ✿ Have septic tanks pumped regularly and have systems inspected.

### Don't:

- × Burn petrol products (plastic, asphalt, vinyl, etc) or treated wood.
- × Let grey water (dishwater, laundry, bath or shower water) pour onto the ground or into the lake.
- × Throw garbage, waste materials, fish remains into the lake.

## YARD

### Do:

- ✿ Avoid use of phosphate containing fertilizers.
- ✿ Minimize lawn area.
- ✿ Leave buffer zones of natural plants along the shore to slow run-off (at least 10m or 30ft).
- ✿ Remove invasive plants such as purple loosestrife.
- ✿ Encourage growth of native plants.

### Don't:

- ✗ Use herbicides or fertilizers near the shoreline.

## SHORELINE / DOCKS

### Do:

- ✿ Reduce use of pressure treated wood for waterfront use where possible.
- ✿ Avoid disturbing fish habitat, aquatic plants.
- ✿ Protect wetlands and natural shorelines.
- ✿ Keep shoreline alterations to a minimum.
- ✿ Use caution when filling gas tanks to avoid spills.

### Don't:

- ✗ Cut grass up to the shoreline.