

GENERAL FUND

The General Fund is the fund into which your \$50 annual dues are allocated. This fund is *extremely* important, as it allows the flexibility to pay expenses that arise which are not covered by one of the "special funds." This fund covers such items as the administrative costs of operating the LTPO, patrol boat maintenance and storage, buoys, etc. Extra contributions to this fund are greatly appreciated.

FLOTILLA FUND

The Tippy Flotilla, held over the July 4th holiday, has become an institution on our lake as we celebrate our country's Independence Day. In these days and times it is more important than ever to rejoice as a lake community. The Flotilla fills this community need. The number of people waving the parade on from the shore is astounding.

The Flotilla Fund was established in 1998 to help ensure that this fun community tradition continues on our lake. This event is solely supported by voluntary contributions. The Flotilla Fund is used specifically to promote and support the annual Flotilla. A donation to this fund is your vote to continue the tradition.

RIVER—DAM—DREDGING FUND

In 1982 and 2009, the "The 100 Year Flood" took place. There was a great deal of property damage around our lake due to the high waters. LTPO responded to this event by establishing communication with the IDNR. It was determined that contributing factors to the flooding damage was the loss of wetlands and detrimental land draining practices which take a lot of money and time to correct. One of our early projects that would have real impact on our lakes' flooding was the cleaning out of log jams, etc. blocking the Tippecanoe River from the Oswego dam down stream.

The LTPO Board of Directors established the River & Dam Fund in October 1987 to support river and dam maintenance. The intent was to raise funds each year for an annual river clean out as part of a flood control program. This fund is to be solely supported by voluntary contributions. The money given is designated and used specifically to clean out the river to remove silt from behind the dam and help in dam maintenance. Every 10 to 15 years, it is necessary to remove silt buildup from behind the dam so the water flows freely down the river.

LTPO is in the midst of a whole basin, all three lakes, sediment removal/dredging project. We have an IDNR approved plan in place and the project began in 2014. This is as large a project as LTPO has ever undertaken and we will need the help of every member.

FIREWORKS FUND

The annual July 4th Fireworks are a spectacular event! Families and friends board their boats before dusk and venture out onto the lake to watch the display. The excitement builds as the people gather on the shoreline and wait for the fireworks to light up the sky.

Under the direction of the Fireworks Committee, which includes many volunteers, this tradition is carried out each year on Lake Tippecanoe, but it can't happen without your help! The Fireworks Fund is specifically designed to be used only towards putting on a display each year. The amount of voluntary contributions collected is a key factor in dictating the size and length of the show.

LAND ACQUISITION FUND

The Land Acquisition Fund was born in the late 70's when the interest in preserving the wetlands south of the channel between Little Tippy and Big Tippy was strong. In February 1984 the \$100,000 goal had been achieved and matched on a 2 for 1 basis by the Muncie YMCA/Camp Crosley and the 217 acres of wetlands had been purchased. This purchase stopped the efforts of land developers who had been battling for a number of years to secure possession of the wetlands and undertake a drainage program with the purpose of developing the land for housing. Nature and wildlife groups through the nation applauded the uphill battle and success of LTPO.

The purpose of the Land Acquisition Fund is:

- To preserve the remaining wetlands in the Lake Tippecanoe environs
- To protect the quality of lake environment
- To provide flood water storage areas
- To provide habitat for fish, wildlife, and endangered plant species
- To include acquisition of other lands that would be ecological or have historical significance, etc.

The money donated to this fund is designed and is used specifically to pursue said lands. This fund is to be solely supported by voluntary contributions.

PATROL BOAT FUND

LTPO has made an enduring partnership commitment with the Kosciusko County Sheriff's Department to provide boats and personnel to fulfill the lake patrol mission of boater education and lake safety. All residents and users of Lake Tippecanoe have benefited from our patrol efforts with the Sheriff's Department. From time to time, large expenses occur in this commitment such as replacing an aging boat or making a costly repair to one of the aging patrol boats.

In anticipation of these needs, the LTPO Board of Directors established this fund as a source for these large capital expenses. Please make safe boating for you and your family a priority and consider a donation to this fund.

WEED PREVENTION FUND

These donations will be used to support projects on the lake that reduce sediment flow and nutrient loading which drive weed growth; also to educate residents as to preventive measures that can be taken in the proper use of phosphorus free lawn fertilizers, pet waste, septic tank maintenance, and native vegetation. Monies would be used to support the Tippecanoe Watershed Foundation's "Healthy Shoreline Initiative" with incentives for our residents that undertake shoreline projects that prevent nutrients from entering the water column.

WEED TREATMENT FUND

The abundance of aquatic weeds continues to be a problem. LTPO has decided to address this as a lake-wide issue. The plan is for this to be an ongoing, annual program. LTPO will continue to leverage contributed funds from members with those obtained from the IDNR whenever possible. It is important to recognize that the herbicide treatments only last for the season. The benefits from the Weed Treatment expenditures are a clearer and healthier lake for all to enjoy.