

# Sandstone Flowage Association Overview

- The purpose of this association as stated in its bylaws is "To preserve and protect Sandstone Flowage and its surroundings and to enhance the water quality, fishery, boating safety and aesthetic value of Sandstone Flowage for today and future generations"
- This non-profit, tax exempt Association was formed in July 2002. In two years we had 113 members. 1/2 of the members do not have a permanent residence in the Crivitz area. We do a lot of surveys by mail to keep everyone informed and involved in decisions that impact the value & health of this Flowage. All members receive a copy of our general meeting minutes whether they attend or not. All members receive a detailed directory/map of Flowage owners each year. The general membership approves all large projects. **With the strength of a group we can best protect our interests.**
- Our young organization has already had some big successes. We planned & coordinated, the biggest group for owner paid gypsy moth spraying in Wisconsin. By 2006 we had placed 23 8'x8'x4' log fish cribs for fish habitat. We represented the stated interests of members, resulting in no new Sandstone ordinances, when this issue came up in 2005. We obtained & shared the results of a DNR fish survey. Our work with the DNR encouraged them to stock walleyes here starting in 2006. We have had speaker's present information from fish surveys & property values to federal issues with dam regulations resulting in "run of river." Due to member concerns about aquatic plants, often called "weeds." we applied for & **received a DNR grant** to evaluate this situation & to offer remedial options. Considerable work has been done regarding this ongoing issue.
- Our Association does not require that you own property on the Sandstone Flowage in order to be a member. This open membership policy also makes the Association eligible for State and Federal grants. (It should be noted that grants can range from shore land protection to controlling aquatic plants.)
- We have two membership meetings a year. These start with a social hour to meet your neighbors, dinner & a short meeting. These are held on Saturday evening of Memorial Day weekend & the last Saturday of September.
- Membership fees: as of 2008, \$10 for one and \$20 for two voting members. There is a limit of two memberships per property/household. Two voting memberships is the most common. One year membership covers the period from the Memorial Day weekend meeting to the next.