

Minnesota Lakes & Rivers Advocates

Please note that Big Sand Lake Association is a member of Minnesota Lakes & Rivers, this is provided as information, and to additionally provide contact information should you wish to join and support them in their efforts.

We have seen increases as high as 110% without any improvements or changes to the property.

Minnesota lakes and Rivers Advocates has a long track record of success. We are working this Legislative Session for some property tax relief. We need your support to continue our work.

High Property Taxes on Lakeshore are Bad for Minnesota:

- These increases do not reflect an increased ability to pay,
- They do not reflect an increased use of services,
- They are forcing the sale and subdivision of property, further distorting an already unrealistic market,
- In some cases these property taxes are confiscatory, forcing families to sell properties that have been in a family for generations.

High property tax pressure on lakeshore is bad for lakes, it is bad for families and it is bad for local communities.

Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates is working this legislative session for a solution for these pandemic induced property tax increases, and I am writing you today to ask you to join us.

If you believe that Minnesota lakeshore property taxes need some reform. [CLICK HERE: https://mnlakesandrivers.org/join/](https://mnlakesandrivers.org/join/), and join MLR today.

We formed in 1993 to address property tax pressure on Minnesota's sensitive lakeshore properties. We have experience and we get results. When we started, the tax rate on a cabin property was 2.25%. Today it is the same as a homestead, 1%.

In recent years we have also successfully lobbied for:

- Secured an estimated 6% reduction on the State General Tax cabin owners must pay.
- Included shoreline property in the Sustainable Forestry Incentive Act, which provides a per acre payment for property enrolled in the program, and the Managed Forest Class 2c, which lowers the base tax rate from 1% to 0.65%.

Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates is the only organization working to lower property tax pressure on lakeshore property in Minnesota. We recognize that in Minnesota, lakes are where friends and families gather to make the memories that bind us together and create those bonds of place.

Escalating property taxes threaten this unique heritage.

We have identified your lake as an area of particular property tax pressure, and so we are reaching out. Now, while the Legislature is in session, is the time to act. We want to increase our media outreach so people understand the problem, our lobbying on politicians, our organizing of direct communication to leverage action on property taxes this session.

Despite the recent snow storms, it will be open water season soon. Join MLR so that the good times at the lake continue.

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