



# Spread the Word - Not Invasives

PLiINK 2024 - Progress Report

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- Jeff Berthelette - OFAH

- Openings Available

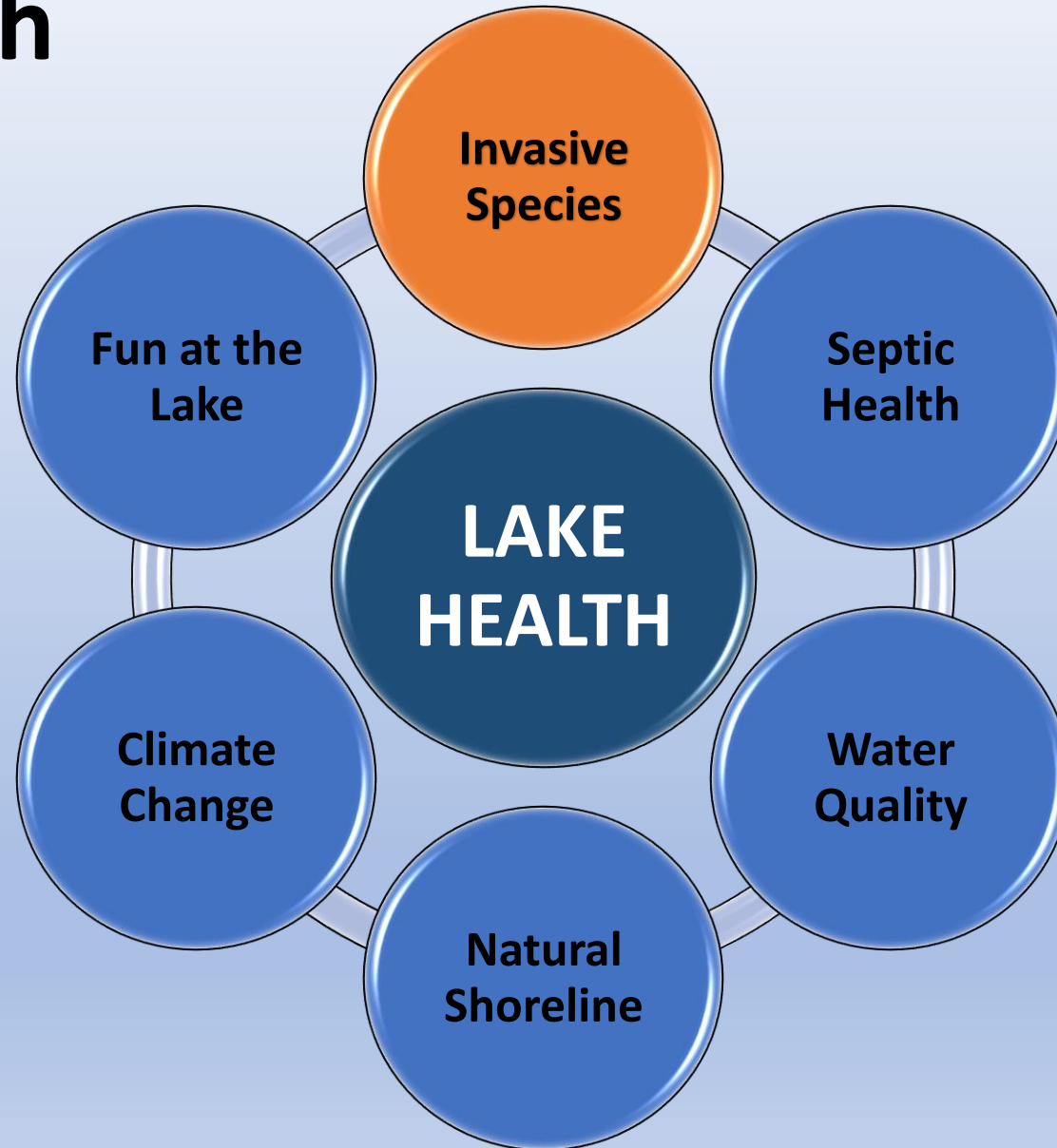
# Local Focus - North Kawartha



- Anstruther Lake
- Big Cedar Lake
- Chandos Lake
- Eels Lake
- Jack Lake
- Julian Lake
- Long/Loucks Lake
- Loon Call Lake
- Raccoon Lake
- Upper Stoney Lake
- Wolf Lake

If your lake is in North Kawartha but is not listed, please do let us know at [info@pliink.ca](mailto:info@pliink.ca)

# Lake Health



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Prevent Lake Invasives in North Kawartha

**CLEAN - DRAIN - DRY**

# PLiINK - Objective



- Prevent the spread of Lake Invasives in North Kawartha by:
  - Increasing Aquatic Invasive Species Awareness
  - Encouraging the Clean-Drain-Dry Practice

# PLiINK – Events Attended 2024



- PLiINK Awareness Session – April 8<sup>th</sup>
- KLSA – Spring Public Meeting – May 25<sup>th</sup>
- Loon Call Lake Association AGM – June 8<sup>th</sup>
- Eels Lake AGM – June 23<sup>rd</sup>
- OFAH-ISAP CDD Training – May 15<sup>th</sup>
- Hosted Lake Health Seminar – June 8<sup>th</sup>
- Jack’s Lake Fishing Derby – June 15<sup>th</sup>
- Chandos Lake Fishing Derby – June 15<sup>th</sup>
- Upper Stoney Lake Invasives Day – August 14<sup>th</sup>
- Upcoming:
  - Anstruther Lake AGM – August 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Apsley Studio Tour – Sept 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>

- **Co-presented with OFAH/ISAP**
- **450+ attendees**



# PLiINK – Attendee Response



- Lots of curiosity and interest
- Renters were more interested than we had anticipated – a great sign
- Varied by lake: highest in lakes where invasives witnessed
- Biggest question: how do I get rid of them
- Swag was a hit – stickers, games, samples, brochures – Need to bring more



# PLiINK – What's Next



- North Kawartha Environmental Initiatives Grant
  - 50% up to \$10K
  - To Do:
    - Design simple sign (base on PLiINK posters)
    - Work with North Kawartha on estimate for creation and installation (Selwyn may also be interest)
    - Consider accessories (eg. Brushes, tongs, chammies)
    - Solicit lake association for 50% funding
    - Apply per process (see attached)
- PLiINK: October Newsletter
- 2025:
  - Lake Health Seminar
    - Invasives
    - Shorelands
    - Lake Chemistry
  - More/Repeat AGMs & Events
  - Finalize and present grant application



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# Reminder: What You Can Do



- Share AIS/CDD knowledge/expertise
- Join the PLiNK Working Group
- Subscribe at PLiNK.ca <https://pliink.ca/subscribe>
- Present or invite us to present at your AGM (material to be provided)
- Volunteer at Community Events
- Increase your awareness of Invasive Species (EDDMaps, iNaturalist, etc.)
- Practice and Encourage Clean-Drain-Dry when using watercraft
- Host OFAH-ISAP for CDD Demonstrations for your lake – Jeff Berthelette
- Host Invasive Species Experts to check out your lake – Kaleigh Mooney

# PLiINK – Resource Links



- [PLiINK.ca](http://PLiINK.ca)
  - [AIS Overview](#)
  - [Clean-Drain-Dry](#)
- [Organizations:](#)
  - [OFAH-ISAP](#)
  - [EDDMapS](#)
  - [iNaturalist](#)
  - [FishOnLine](#)
  - and [many more](#)
- Other local Lake Health organizations of interest:
  - Shoreline Conservation Initiative for Peterborough County
  - Coalition of Healthy Shorelines (CHS)



# Remember:

## Prevent the Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species



*Upon leaving a body of water:*

### CLEAN

Clean debris from your boat, inside and out ... don't forget your trailer

### DRAIN

Drain all water from your watercraft, ballast, holding tanks, trailer and gear

### DRY

Dry all parts of your watercraft, trailer and gear completely

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