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April 1, 2019

WLA Board of Directors Dear WLA Members,

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The Walloon Lake Association (WLA) has a proud history of protection of the lake and service to membership which dates back to 1910. Now in 2019 we are poised to take a momentous step which we believe will increase our ability to serve and further safeguard this lake we all love.

After many months of study, we are recommending that we unite with our partner organization, the Walloon Lake Trust and Conservancy (WLTC).

As you may know from our newsletter and other communications, these merger discussions with the WLTC have taken place for the past nine months. A transition team, consisting of the current officers and past presidents of both organizations, has been working assiduously since last June to resolve the various legal, financial and administrative issues of the merger. We concluded that combining our organizations will enhance communication, provide streamlined governance and support stronger, better aligned programs.

Throughout this process the members of the WLA and WLTC boards have been fully apprised and have approved the many documents produced by the transition team; on March 8, after a final legal review was completed, both boards unanimously approved the merger. Now the process comes to you, the full membership of the WLA, as you are asked to vote on the merger.

It is critically important that all WLA members exercise their right to vote! Before we ask you to vote, however, we want to provide every opportunity possible for you to become fully informed on the merger. Enclosed in this mailing you will find a fact sheet which answers the most commonly asked questions about the merger. Additional information may be found on our website at www.walloon.org/membership/wla-wltc-merger/. Next, a “virtual town meeting” will be held on Friday, April 26 at 1:30 PM. This meeting may be accessed by computer using the link <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/861967517> or via conference call at 1 (872) 240-3212, Access Code: 861-967-517. Finally a live town hall meeting will be held on Friday, May 10 at 3:00 PM in the Talcott Center in Walloon Lake Village.

After you feel you are fully informed, please use any one of these three methods of voting:

- Sign and return the enclosed proxy to the WLA office by **May 15**;
- Vote on line by **May 15**;
- Return the paper ballot that will be distributed at the **May 10** meeting.

Voting is limited to one voter per membership or household. Because voting can occur in any of three different ways, we ask that you sign your proxy or ballot so that we may ensure there is no duplication. All votes must be received by the WLA office by **May 15** at noon.

Your vote is critical as we need to have a quorum to ensure that the process is official. Please do not hesitate to contact the office at 231-535-6112 or email me if you have any questions about the process. We appreciate your continued support of the WLA and of this process.

Sincerely,

Lauren Macintyre
President

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