

DEAR FRIENDS,

As we are near the end of another amazing year, I have recently taken time to reflect on what truly defines our organization and the work we do. In the past, my year-end messages have often focused on equipment upgrades, milestones, or statistics. This year, however, I want to highlight what lies at the heart of our success — **our people and the hard work.**

Your support is not only an investment in our mission or the tangible outcomes we achieve; it is an investment in **the individuals who make it all possible.** What truly sets us apart is the relentless work ethic and dedication of our team. When you stand beside them, you witness firsthand the commitment and determination that drive us to **continually exceed expectations.**

We are much more than the number of pounds of debris removed or the number of trees planted. Our true impact lies in the daily effort, teamwork, and perseverance that bring those results to life. Over the years, I have had the privilege of working with many outstanding crews, but this year's team stands out as the most cohesive and hardworking we have ever had.

This year has brought both accomplishments and challenges. So far in 2025, we removed **295,878 pounds of garbage** from our waterways, planted/distributed **175,789 trees**, and educated **1,415 students.** However, we also faced an unexpected setback when our tugboat sank overnight while docked, due to an unknown crack in the hull. Though the damage was substantial and repairs are ongoing, **our morale has remained strong.**

On behalf of myself and our entire team, thank you for taking the time to read this letter and your consideration of donation to further support our hard work. The more we have the more we can do, and as I always say, **"no matter how you choose to contribute, you're always in the boat with us."**

Sincerely,



Chad Pregracke
Founder & President
Living Lands & Waters





SINCE 1998...



MILLION POUNDS

14,021,024 POUNDS | 137,159 VOLUNTEERS

30,233 STUDENTS | 2,321,009 TREES

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