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If you would like to apply for a grant, please complete the following questionnaire.

Q1. Are you a business located in Cumberland, Wisconsin, or the surrounding area?

Yes

Q2. Are you the owner or authorized representative for the company?

Yes

If not owner, position at business: - President of the BOD

Please enter the following information about the business

Q3. Business Name

Beaver Dame Lake Management District

Q4.

Field label	Response
Address1	PO BOX 232
Address2	
City	Cumberland
Zip Code	54829
State	WI
Phone	618-521-7674
Email	tcschroeder@centurytel.net

Q5. Website

beaverdamlake.org

Please enter the following applicant information

Q6.

Field label	Response
First Name	Tom
Last Name	Schroeder

Q7. Phone Number

6185217674

Q8. Please enter your email if different from business email

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Q9. Please tell us about your business. Please be as specific as possible. If the form does not have enough space, please email additional pages to info@50peoplewhocare.org

Please include things like; type of business, number of employees, local suppliers used, what makes you unique or essential to our community.

The Beaver Dam Lake Management District (BDLMD) is responsible for preserving and protecting the 1163-acre chain-of-lakes that surrounds our community, which makes us the "Island City" and includes a very focal aspect of Downtown Cumberland; Library Lake. The BDLMD has approximately 437 homes/cabins, as well as all the homes, and businesses in the City of Cumberland that make up the Lake District. The Lake provides year-round activities, and draws thousands of visitors and summer dwellers to our community each year. The Lake has 6 public boat landings, as well as Tourist Park with its picnic, play, and beach areas, and Eagle Point Park and Campground that provides recreational opportunities for all ages. It is the deepest lake in Barron County, and the sixth deepest in Wisconsin. It is the third leg of the three elements that keeps Cumberland a viable community; good governance and schools, solid business and industry, and the Lake that surrounds and supports us in so many ways.

Q10. What is the plan for using the grant money (How will it be used)?

Phase 1: Storm Water Outfalls

The Library Lake Restoration Project began in 2010, with the goal of restoring Library Lake to its former condition as a beautiful, fully navigable/fishable body of water in the very heart of Downtown Cumberland, enhancing 'The Island City's' attraction and charm.

At the start of discussions, the Wisconsin DNR required that the 11 storm water outfalls directly entering the Lake be addressed (Phase 1) before dredging (Phase 2) could even be considered. The Library Lake-Lake Management Plan was approved by the WDNR, Barron County, and the City of Cumberland in January 2010. The agreed-upon plan provided a roadmap for restoring Library Lake to its original ecologic and aesthetic value to our community.

Phase 1/ Projects 1-5 have since been completed over the last 14 years, primarily utilizing grant funding for a total outside investment of \$1,597,993. These are:

1. 2014 Neurer Pond: Grants of \$245,108

- Stormwater basin and native vegetation enhance Beaver Dam and Library Lake water quality.

2. 2016 Northeast Wetland: Grants of \$267,300

- Stormwater treatment and wildlife habitat improve the health of Library Lake.

3. 2018 Southwest Wetland: Grants of \$271,198 + land donation

- Wetland system filters surface runoff, protecting local wetlands and lakes.

4. 2021 Southeast Stormwater Pond: Grants of \$478,200

- Stormwater pond captures and treats runoff before flowing into Library Lake.

5. 2023 Southeast Stormwater Park: Grants of \$336,187

- Stormwater treatment chain includes bioretention basins and an iron-enhanced sand filter for water quality.

Total WDNR Grants Investment to Date: \$1,597,993

Total Investment to Date with Required BDLMD Match Funds: \$2,077,390.90

These completed projects have led to the long-awaited dredging permits being attained, and the BDLMD now stands ready to proceed with the next phase of the plan for which funds are being raised.

Phase 2: Dredging & Restoration

If successful, the 50 People Who Care grant monies would be used to help fund Phase 2 of the Library Lake Restoration Project which entails dredging and removing approximately 1000 dump trucks-worth of accumulated sludge and cattails from the North and Southeast shore areas to provide better boat access to Downtown Cumberland, improve fish spawning habitat, create new fishing opportunities, and enhance shoreline health. Clearing the channel under the Grove Street Bridge will further open the Lake to all boat traffic (including pontoons), especially during Main Street (Hwy 63) construction/closure next summer (2025). Dredging is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2024 at a cost of \$550,000. A match pledge of \$200,000 has already been secured.

Phase 3: Future Park + Recreation Space

Completion of Phase 2 dredging will then unlock outside grant funding opportunities for Phase 3, an anticipated Park + Recreation Space which could include boat docks, fishing piers, trailheads for bike/walking/ATV/snowmobile trail(s) access, trail amenities (e.g. restrooms, benches, lighting, kiosks), canoe/kayak launches, and day-use picnic areas. This aesthetic focal point of the Downtown area would also increase lake, ATV, snowmobile, and tourist activity year-round.

We feel this multi-phased plan demonstrates the magnitude and importance of the project for our community, and our commitment and diligence to seeing it through.

Q11. Projected benefit of plan execution (e.g. viability of business, growth/expansion of business, impact on the community, etc...)

The benefits from the Library Lake Restoration Project are endless, but to name a few:

- Improve the overall health of the Beaver Dam Lake ecosystem (water quality, reduce algae growth, removal of invasive cattails and purple loosestrife species, etc.)
- Beautify and increase attraction to “The Island City”.
- Improve fish spawning habitat and provide new fishing opportunities.
- Improve shoreline health and wildlife habitat.
- Increase lake access to Downtown Cumberland, especially during Summer 2025 Main Street (Hwy 63) construction/closure.
- Create a highly-visible, eco-friendly green space in Downtown Cumberland to stop, stroll, play, and relax. (In the parlance of ‘Placemaking’ = “increase stickiness”).
- Provide improved ATV and snowmobile access for year-round enjoyment.
- Enhance Cumberland aesthetics and ‘brand’, enticing vacationers and passers-by to stop, shop, and enjoy.
- Provide and promote increased access to the Lake for all.
- Promote community pride.