

Untangling A Knotty Problem

Grand Rapids — May 5, 2021 — A JOURNEY OF A THOUSAND MILES... ...begins with a single step. So does a journey of 9 MILLION miles! That's how much fishing line has been recycled by the Berkley company of Spirit Lake, Iowa. Imagine all that line littering our shores, tangling and killing fish and wildlife! One step that we can each take to prevent this is to dispose of fishing line properly. It's easy when you use these nifty receptacles, built by Itasca Waters members Perry Loegering and Dick Sandberg.

In partnership with local, state, and federal agencies, these have been installed at several public fishing piers in Itasca County. The governing bodies of these locations have generously agreed to provide the personnel to monitor the units and empty them as needed. You'll find receptacles in Grand Rapids at Crystal Lake, Forest Lake, Grand Rapids Area Library riverfront and Sylvan Bay; in Cohasset at the Mississippi River and Tioga Beach; at Trout Lake in Coleraine; at Winnie, Pokegama, and Mud Lake dams; at Coon Lake and Lake of the Isles in Scenic State Park.

Itasca Waters is a local non-profit organization of volunteers, dedicated to preserving the health of area lakes and rivers. Through peaceful education and the promotion of good stewardship of this precious resource, their efforts help to make Itasca County a terrific place to live, work, and play. To learn more about Itasca Waters, visit www.itascawaters.org.



Receptacle installed at Forest Lake 4/30/21



Perry Loegering fastening



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