

**WISCONSIN LAND+WATER
2022 OUTSTANDING SUPERVISOR AWARD
NOMINATION FORM**

Please print or type:

NAME: Larry Sommer

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- 1) Give a brief biographical sketch of nominee.

Larry Sommer grew up on a dairy farm in Southeastern Wisconsin on the shore of Lake Michigan in Sheboygan County. He owned and operated 24 general merchandise stores in three states with over 2400 employees.

He has been a member of three different Lions clubs for over 50 years and has designed and managed construction of several public pavilions.

Upon retirement, Larry moved permanently to northern Wisconsin and became involved in local government and community organizations.

- 2) List at least three (3) specific efforts/accomplishments of the nominee which go beyond normal professional service of his/her elected position to the local LCC, area association, WI Land+Water or NACD.

Road project on Lake Lucerne Drive: With heavy rainfall and high water levels adjacent to the Lake Lucerne Boat Landing, water had overflowed the town road. Larry, acting as a Town of Lincoln supervisor, spearheaded the project to raise the level of the road and prevent flooding. With his leadership, the road project was completed in four days and traffic flow resumed.

Harbor Lane Habitat Restoration Project: Several properties were being flooded by high water in the Harbor Lane area on Lake Lucerne. Larry surveyed the area and found the culverts under Harbor Lane were plugged and damaged. He supervised the removal of the damaged culverts and the outlet creek was allowed to leave Lake Lucerne. After removing the damaged culverts and suggested a small park be created for people to enjoy the outlet creek. Presently, the project has been submitted to the Town Board and grant funding has been applied for.

Nomination to Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition (WRISC) Board of Directors and Lumberjack Resource Conservation & Development Council: In the Spring of 2021, Larry was elected to the WRISC Board of Directors. The Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition (WRISC), as a multi-partner organization representing five counties in two states, is dedicated to the management of invasive species on our lands and waters through cooperation, education, prevention, and control.

Additionally, Larry was recently promoted to Vice President of Lumberjack Resource & Development Council. Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) is a rural development program focusing on conservation, development and the use of area natural resources to improve social, economic, and environmental conditions for area citizens.

3) List any other specific reasons why the nominee should be given this award.

- Town of Lincoln Supervisor (10 years)
- Lake Lucerne Association (President 10 years)
- Forest County LCC member for (8 years)
- Forest County Supervisor for 2 years
- Volunteer/representative for Environmental Day for 6 years
- Lions Club member and president for over 50 years
- Forest County Forest and Recreation Committee Member for 4 years
- Forest County Dept of Aging Committee member