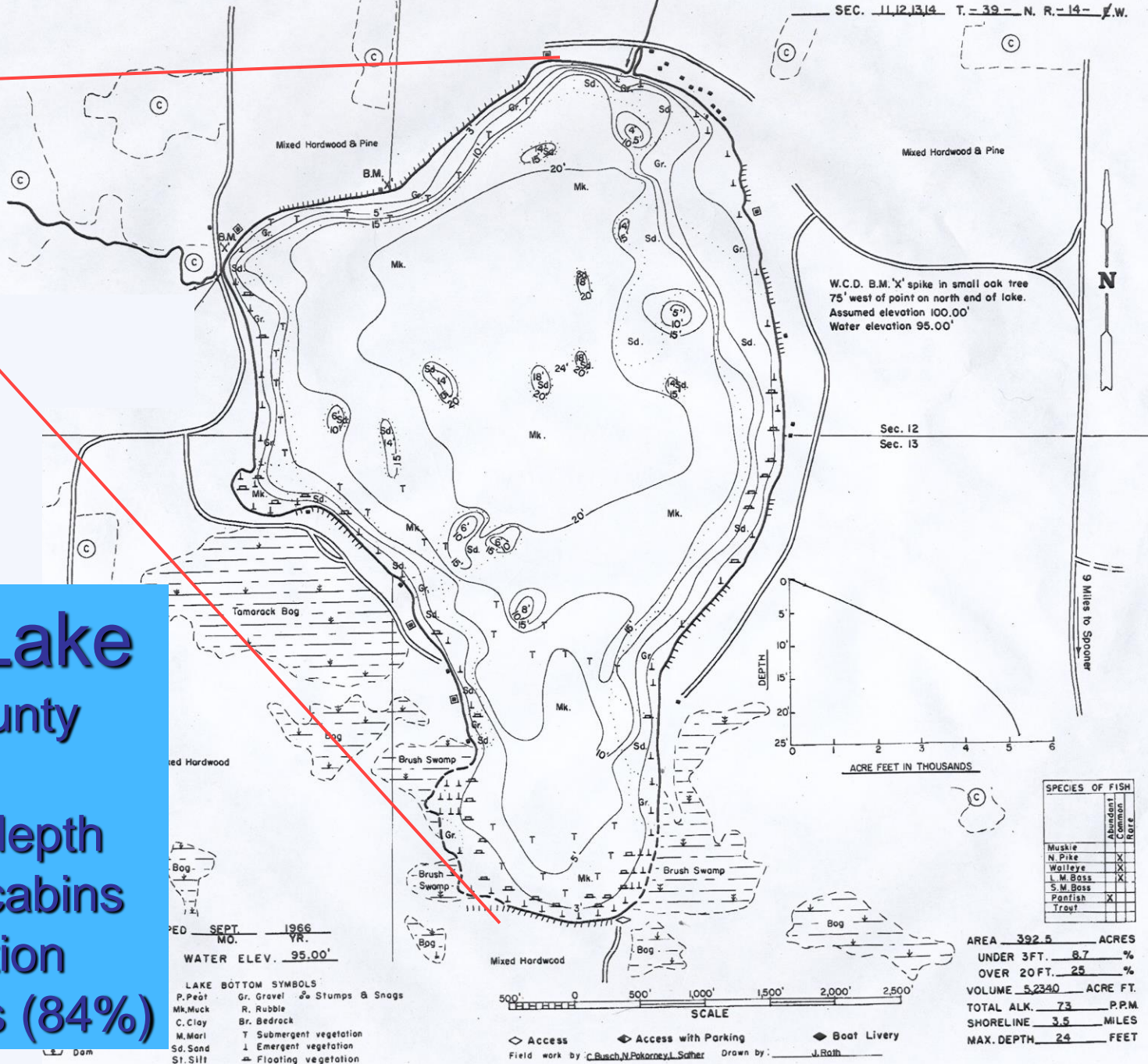


Lake Associations CAN Make a Difference: An example from Lipsett Lake in northwestern Wisconsin

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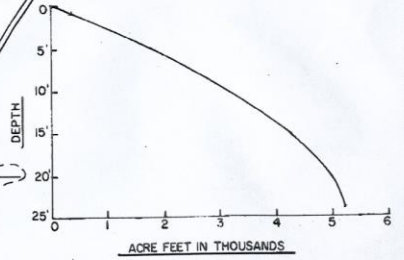
Robert W. Baker

Lipsett lake Association and the University of
Wisconsin-River Falls



W.C.D. B.M. 'X' spike in small oak tree
 75' west of point on north end of lake.
 Assumed elevation 100.00'
 Water elevation 95.00'

Sec. 12
 Sec. 13

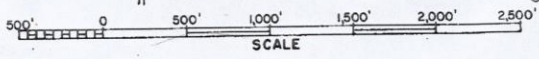


9 Miles to Spooner

Lipsett Lake
 •Burnett County
 •393 acres
 •27 ft max. depth
 •95 homes/cabins
 •80 association members (84%)

ED SEPT 1966
 MO. YR.
 WATER ELEV. 95.00'

LAKE BOTTOM SYMBOLS
 P. Peat Gr. Gravel & Stumps & Snags
 Mk. Muck R. Rubble
 C. Clay Br. Bedrock
 M. Marl T Submergent vegetation
 Sd. Sand ↓ Emergent vegetation
 St. Silt ↗ Floating vegetation



Access Access with Parking Boat Livery
 Field work by C. Busch, N. Pokorney, L. Sather Drawn by J. Rath

SPECIES OF FISH		
	Abundant	Common
Muskie		
N. Pike	X	
Walleye	X	
L. M. Bass	X	
S. M. Bass		
Panfish	X	
Trout		

AREA 392.5 ACRES
 UNDER 3FT. 8.7 %
 OVER 20FT. 25 %
 VOLUME 5,2340 ACRE FT.
 TOTAL ALK. 73 P.P.M.
 SHORELINE 3.5 MILES
 MAX. DEPTH 24 FEET



Lipsett Lake

- Eutrophic stratified drainage lake
- Water clarity fair with Secchi visibility of 6 to 9 ft.
- In 1911 an inlet channel was dug by a cranberry operation north of the lake
- Two invasive species of aquatic plants
 - ❖ Curly-leaf pondweed (June)
 - ❖ Purple loosestrife (August)

Lipsett Lake looking southeast



Public Access

Outlet

Inlet

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STOP AQUATIC
HITCHHIKERS!

LIPSETT LAKE ASSOCIATION

HELP KEEP OUR LAKE HEALTHY AND CLEAN

- * **INSPECT** your boat, trailer & equipment
 - * **REMOVE** visible aquatic plants, animals & mud
 - * **DRAIN** water from livewells, bilge, motor, bait buckets & transom well
 - * **EMPTY** bait buckets into trash
 - * **DRY** boat and equipment for 5 days before transferring to a new lake
- Or
- * **RINSE** boat, tackle and trailers with hot and/or high-pressure water
 - * **REPORT** questionable species to attendant or DNR

**THIS LAKE IS MONITORED AND
VIOLATORS WILL BE FINED**



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Photo provided by Erin Henegar, University of Wisconsin-Extension Lakes

Clean Boats, Clean Waters Watercraft Inspection Summary



Photo provided by UW-Extension Lakes

- 130 Boats Inspected
- 261 People Contacted
- 264 Hours Monitoring

- 64% Boats leaving water with vegetation
- 80% Boats where prevention steps were taken
- 81% Boats leaving landing without vegetation
- 16% Boats last used in infested water body

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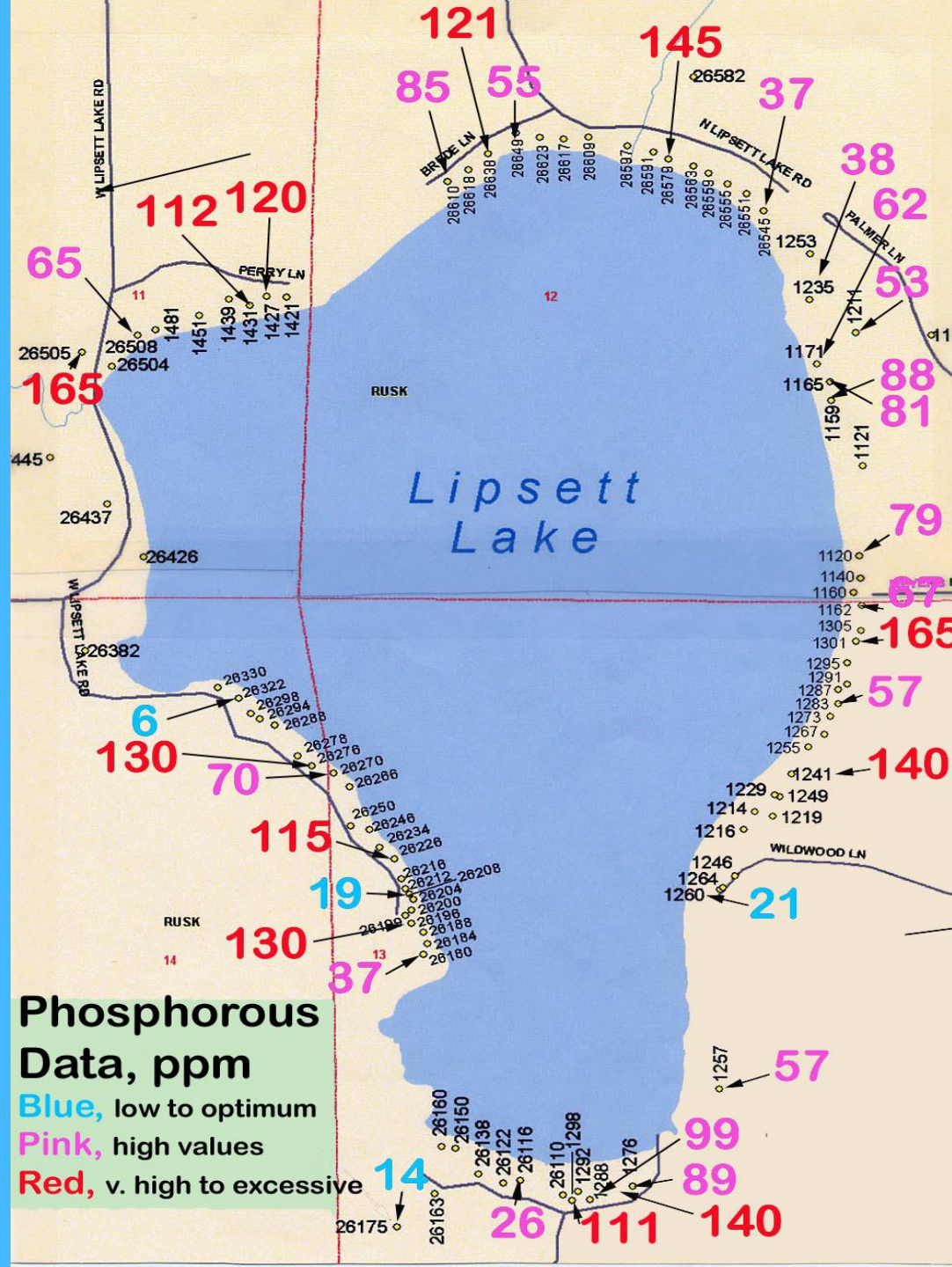
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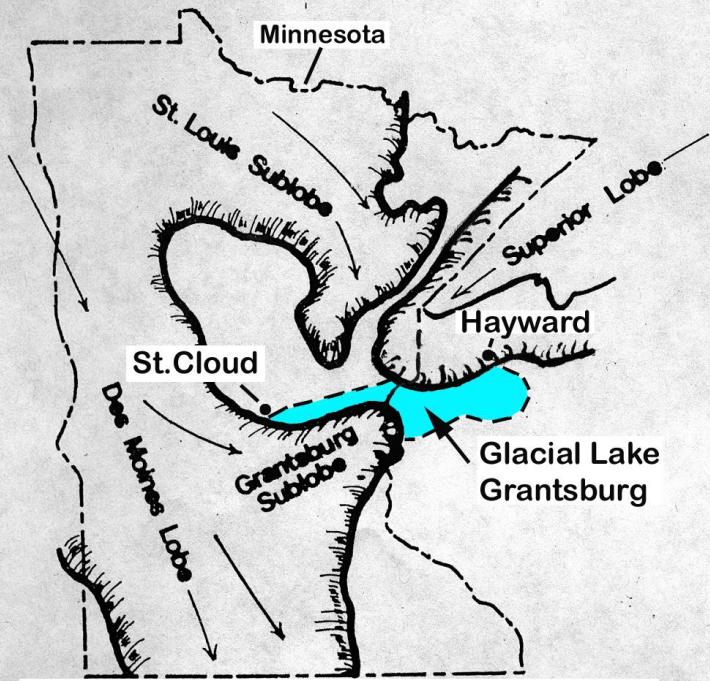


Lakeshore Property Soil
Sampling

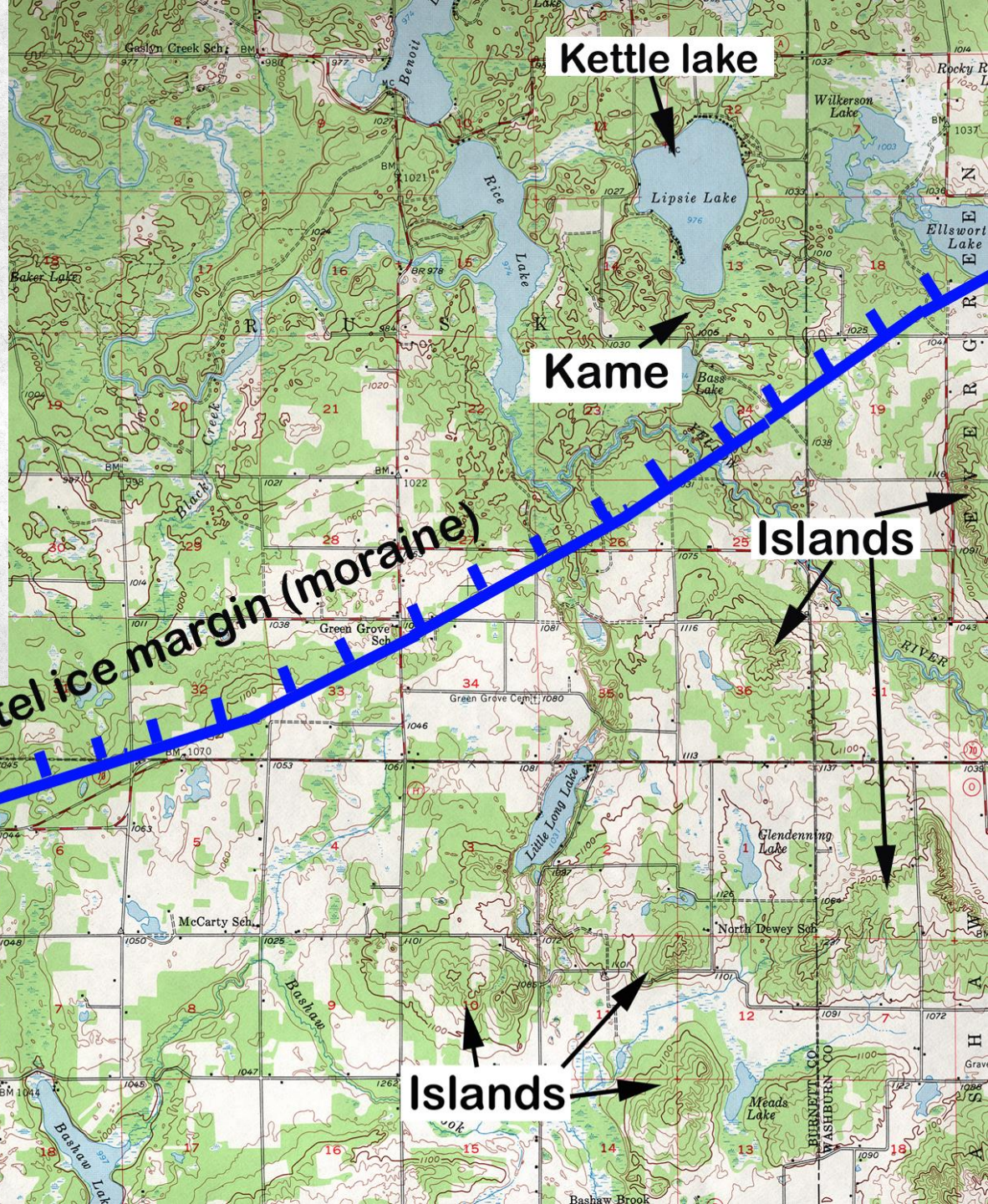
Soil Nutrient Analyses: Phosphorous Data

- 34 Parcels sampled
- 4 (12%) had low levels
- 30 (88%) with high to excessive levels
- \$10-off coupon for phosphorous free fertilizer for all participants
- High phosphorous more likely related to glacial geology than fertilizer overuse





Glacier positions in NW Wisconsin about 14,000 years ago.



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Shoreline Restoration Workshop

- Presented by Cheryl Clemens, Burnett County Conservation
- Hands on; attendees brought photos
- Included site visits to lakeshore properties and recommendations for appropriate plants
- \$50 reimbursement to association members on native plant purchases, paid by grant from Wisconsin DNR



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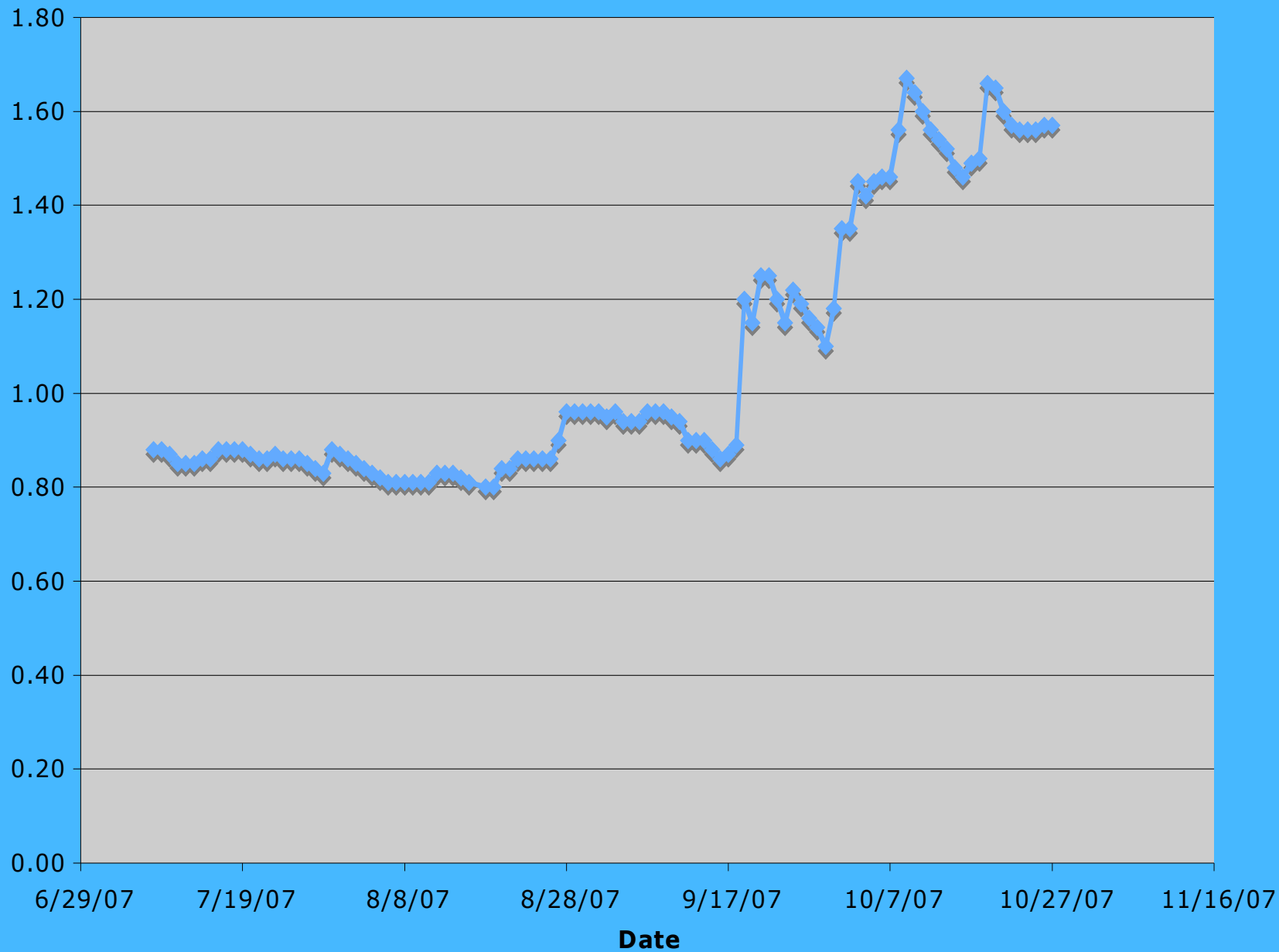
Stage Gauge in Inlet to Lipsett Lake



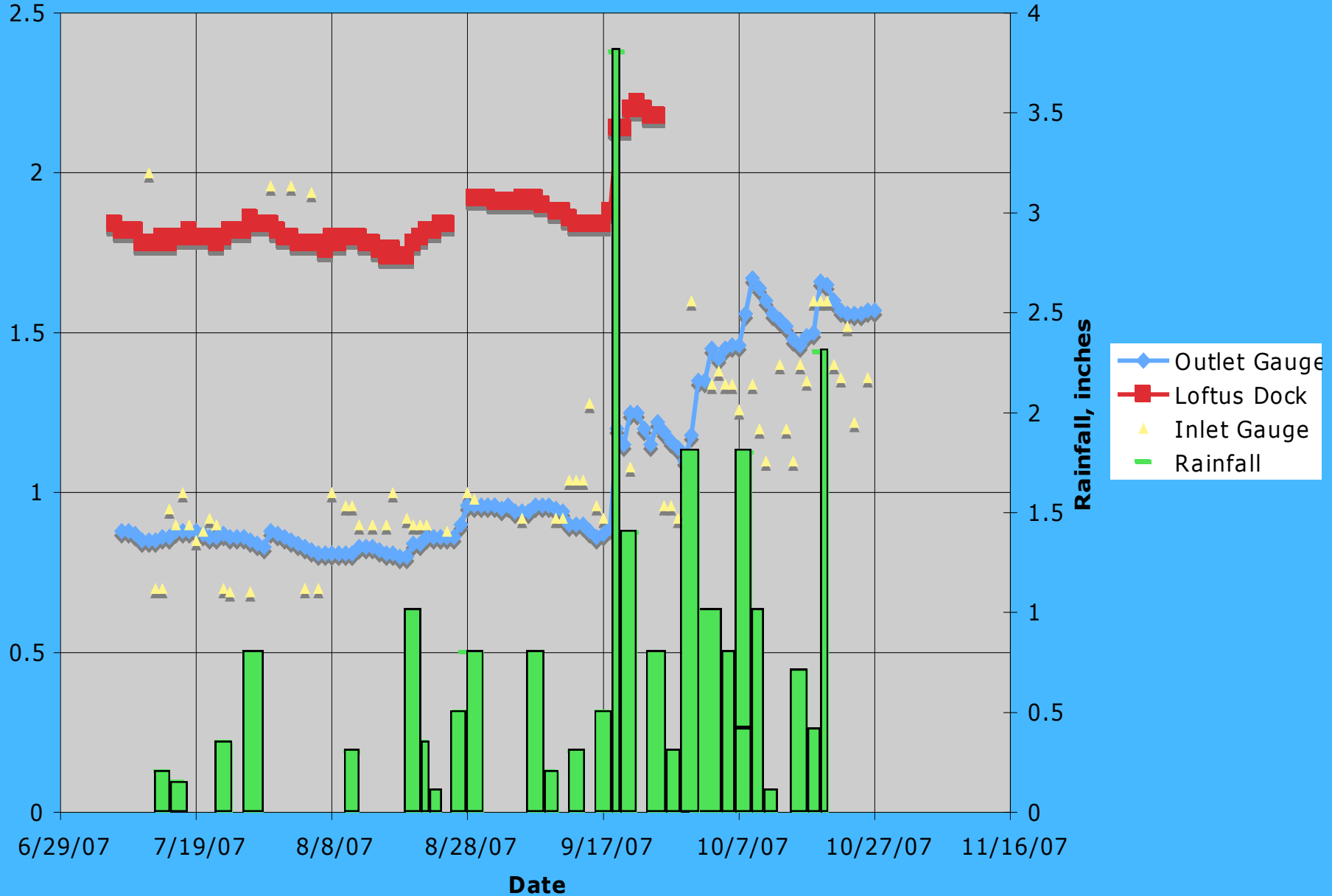
Citizen involvement at its best: Gauge readings on 112 consecutive days



Outlet Water Levels, Lipsett Lake



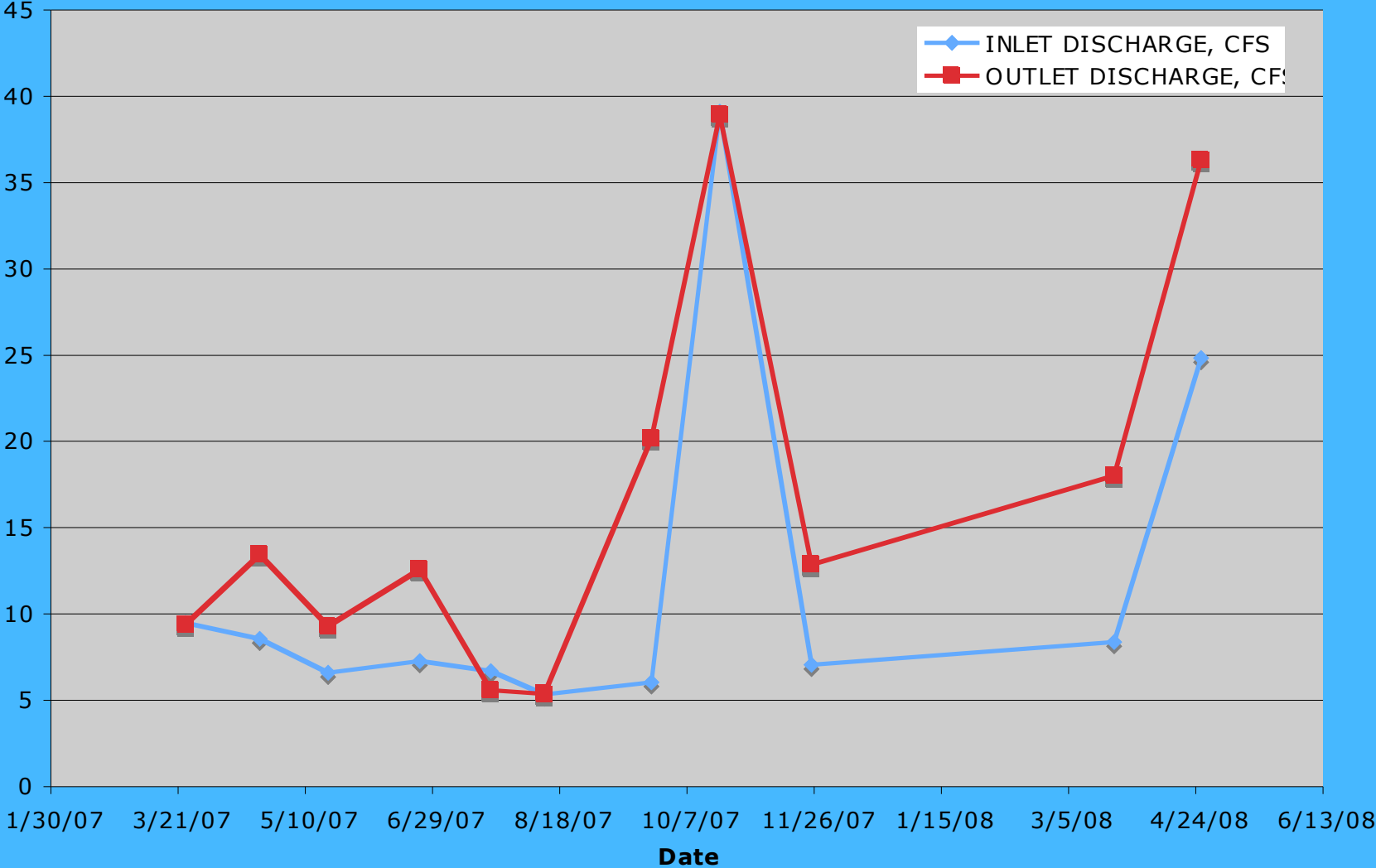
Lake and Stream Levels -- Lipsett Lake, 2007



Velocity Measurements in Outlet Stream



Lipsett Lake Inflow and Outflow Data



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Survey of Aquatic Plants

- Coordinated by Dave Ferris, Burnett County Land and Water Conservation Dept.
- Conducted by Matt Berg, Endangered Resources Services, LLC
- Cost shared with Burnett County Land and Water Conservation Department
- 316 points sampled; 179 sites with vegetation (macrophytes)
- Plants were found on 40.7% of entire lake bottom; 79.6% of the littoral zone
- Simpson Diversity Index of 0.92, very high
- Floristic Quality Index (FQI) of 43.1, which is much higher than the average of 24.3 for the Northern Lakes and Forest Region of Wisconsin

Lake Associations CAN Make a Difference

At Lipsett Lake concerned citizens have:

- ❖ Added a layer of protection from exotic species through the “Clean Boats, Clean Waters” program.
- ❖ Have soil-nutrient data showing fertilizer application near the lake is not needed.
- ❖ Organized a workshop on shoreline preservation.
- ❖ Gathered data on water levels and inflow and outflow discharge, essential for developing a Water Budget for Lipsett Lake.
- ❖ Cost shared a survey of aquatic plants, the first step in developing an Aquatic Plant Management Plan.