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## APPENDIX A

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Public Participation Materials






**Big Arbor Vitae Lake  
Association**

**Big Arbor Vitae Lake  
Management Planning Project  
Kick-off Meeting**  
June 4, 2011

**Tim Hoyman &  
Dan Cibulka**  
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## ***Presentation Outline***

- Onterra, LLC
- Why Create a Management Plan?
- Elements of a Lake Management Planning Project
  - Data & Information
  - Planning Process



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## ***Onterra, LLC***


- Founded in 2005
- Staff
  - Four full-time ecologists
  - One part-time ecologist
  - One field technician
  - Two summer interns
- Services
  - Science and planning
- Philosophy
  - Promote realistic planning
  - Assist, not direct



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## ***Why create a lake management plan?***

- To create a better understanding of lake's positive and negative attributes.
- To discover ways to minimize the negative attributes and maximize the positive attributes.
- To foster realistic expectations and dispel myths.
- To create a snapshot of the lake for future reference and planning.



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## ***Elements of an Effective Lake Management Planning Project***

### **Data and Information Gathering** *Environmental & Sociological* **Planning Process** *Brings it all together*



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## ***Data and information gathering***

- Study Components
  - Water Quality Analysis
  - Watershed Assessment
  - Aquatic Plant Surveys
  - Fisheries Data Integration
  - Stakeholder Survey
  - Shoreline Assessment



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## ***Water Quality Analysis***

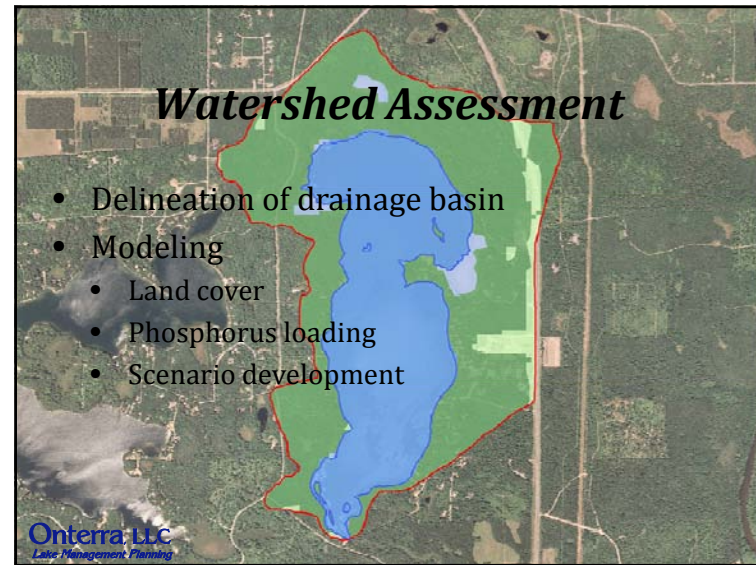
- General water chemistry (current & historic)
  - Citizens Lake Monitoring Network
- Nutrient analysis
  - Lake trophic state (Eutrophication)
  - Limiting plant nutrient
- Supporting data for watershed modeling



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## ***Watershed Assessment***

- Delineation of drainage basin
- Modeling
  - Land cover
  - Phosphorus loading
  - Scenario development



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## *Aquatic Plant Surveys*

- Concerned with both native and non-native plants
- Multiple surveys used in assessment
  - Curly-leaf pondweed survey
  - Point-intercept survey
  - Plant community mapping
  - Volunteer survey findings

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## Non-native Aquatic Plants

### Curly-leaf Pondweed



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## Non-native Aquatic Plants

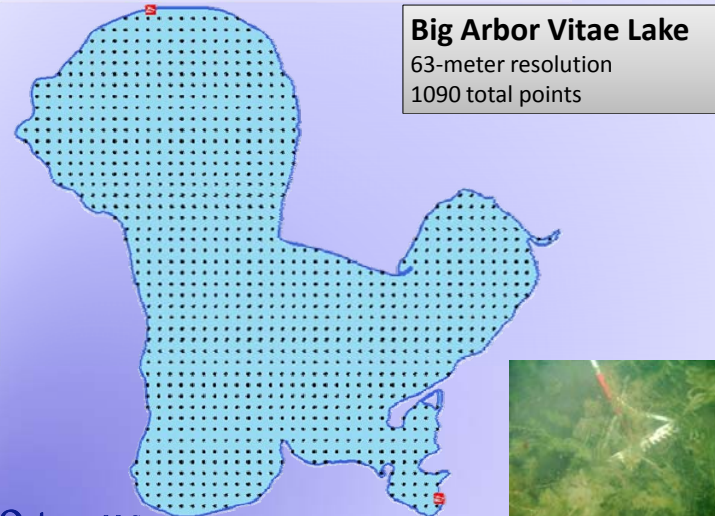
### Eurasian Water Milfoil



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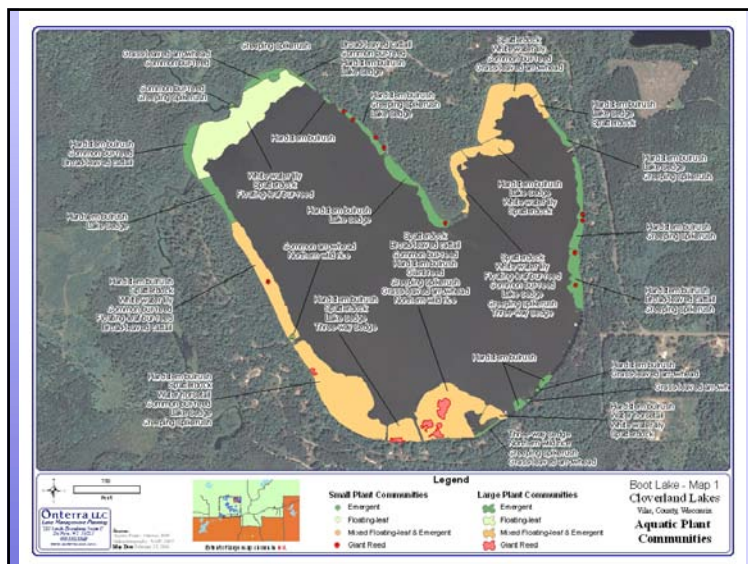
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63-meter resolution  
1090 total points



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## Fisheries Data Integration

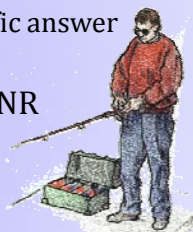
- No fish sampling completed
- Assemble data from WDNR, USGS, USFWS, & GLIFWC
- Fish survey results summaries (if available)
- Use information in planning as applicable



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## Stakeholder Survey

- Standard survey used as base
  - Planning committee potentially develops additional questions and options
  - Must not lead respondent to specific answer through a “loaded” question
- Survey must be approved by WDNR



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## Shoreland Assessment

- Shoreland area is important for buffering runoff and provides valuable habitat for aquatic and terrestrial wildlife.
- It does not look at lake shoreline on a property-by-property basis.
- Assessment ranks shoreland area from shoreline back 35 feet

Urbanized



Natural



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## Planning Process

### Planning Committee Meetings

Study Results (including a stakeholder survey)  
Conclusions & Initial Recommendations

Management Goals  
Management Actions  
Timeframe  
Facilitator(s)



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*Implementation Plan*

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# Thank You

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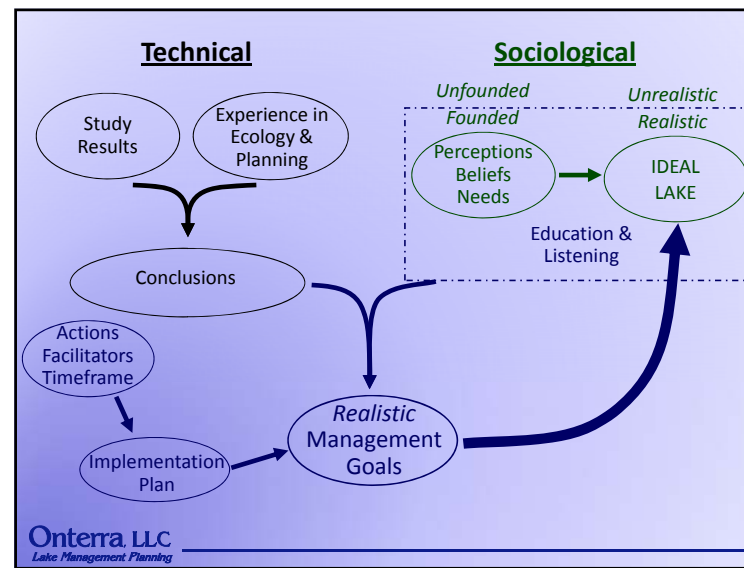

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# The Planning Process

...it's not as easy as you may think.



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**Big Arbor Vitae Lake Management Planning Project**  
*Planning Meeting I*  
 November 1, 2012

**Brenton Butterfield, Dan Cibulka, & Tim Hoyman**  
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## Presentation Outline

- **Lake Management Planning Project Overview**
- **Study Results**
  - Water Quality
  - Watershed
  - Aquatic Plants
  - Fishery
- **“Big Picture”**
- **Stakeholder Survey**



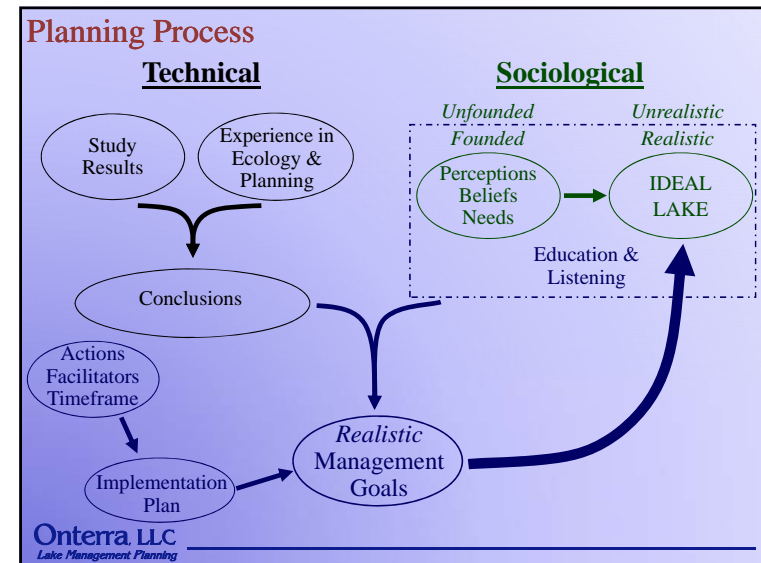
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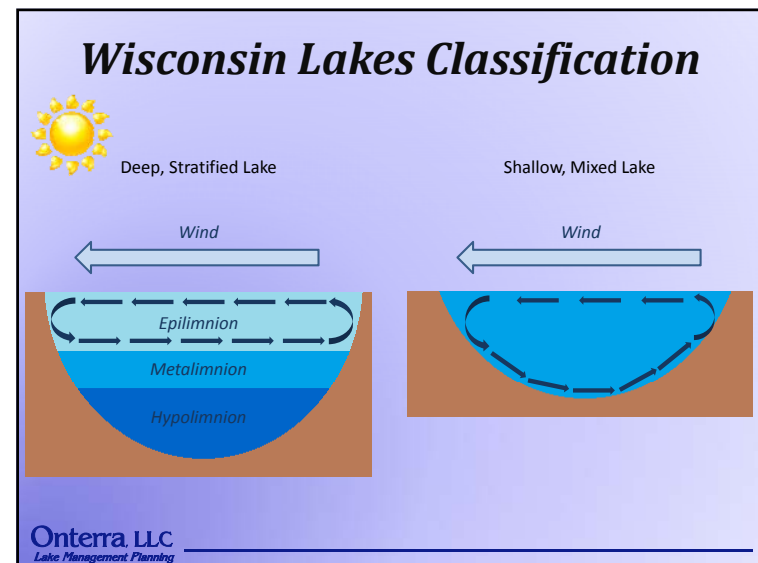
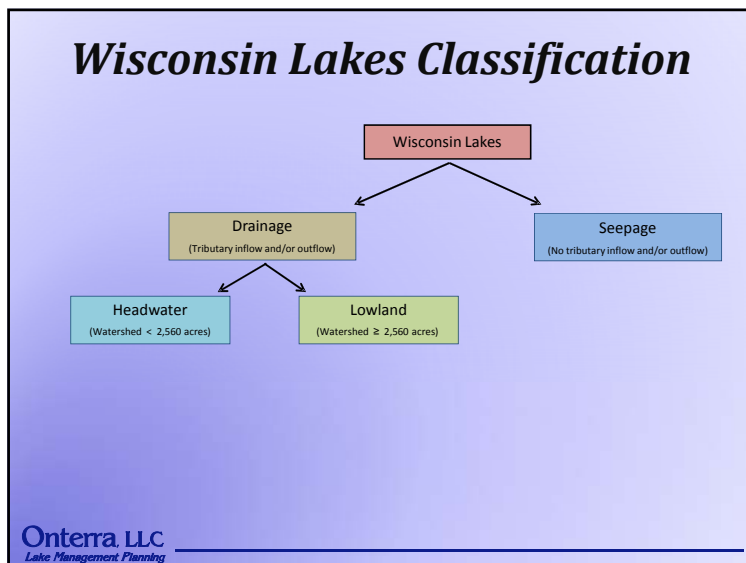
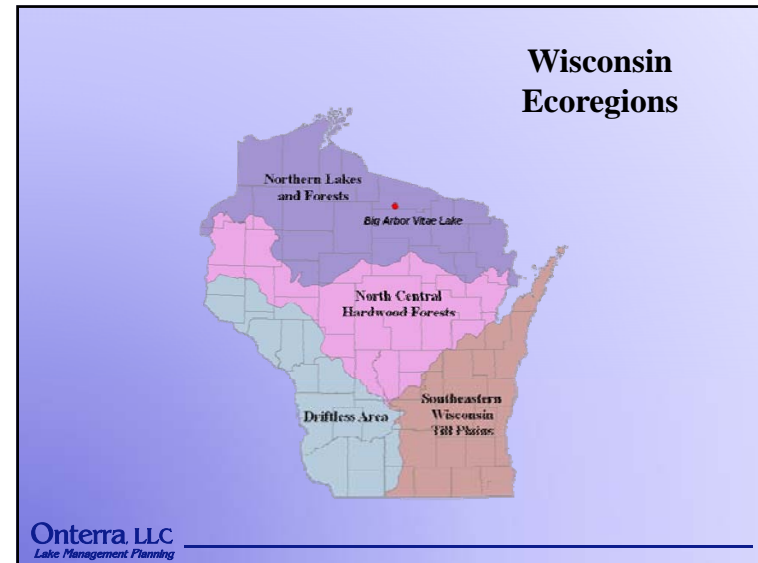
## Study and Plan Goals

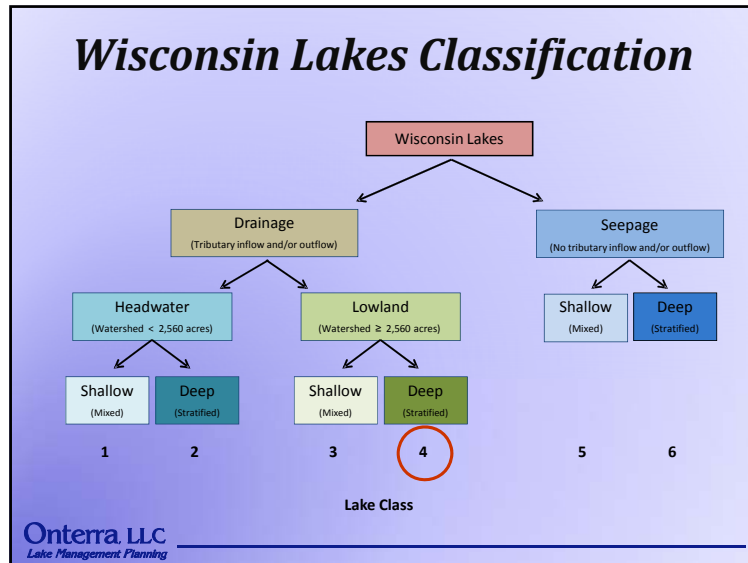
- Collect & Analyze Data
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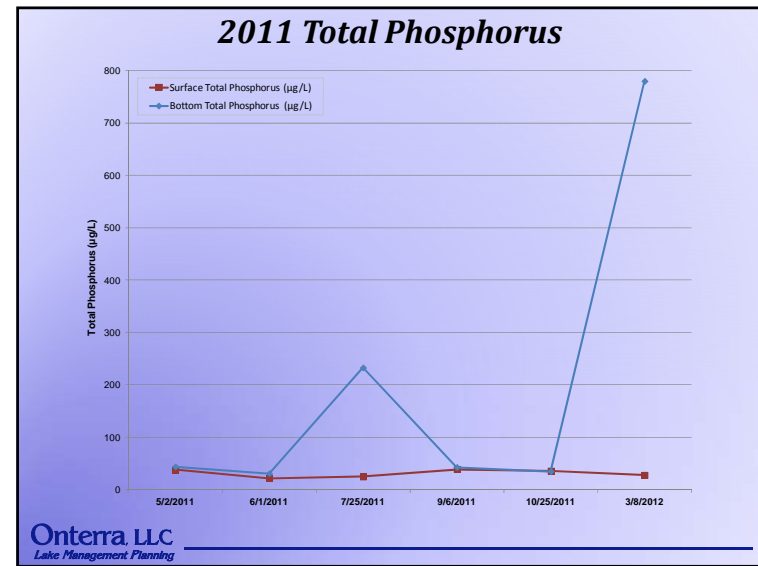
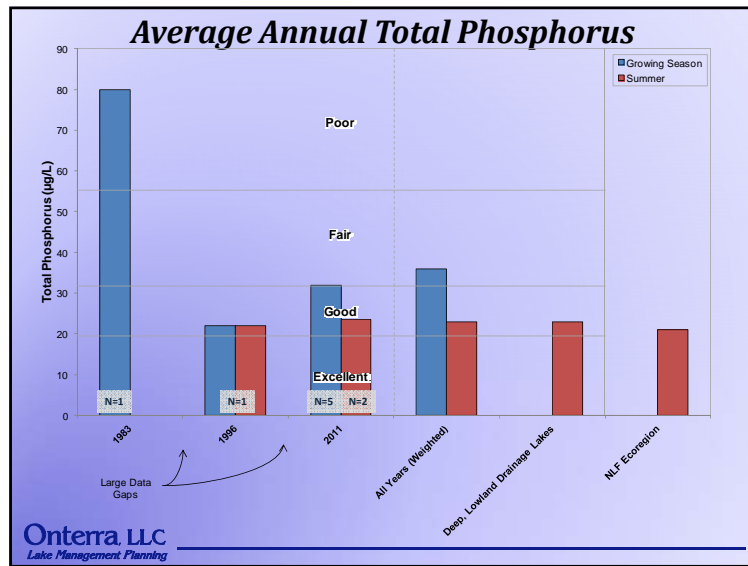


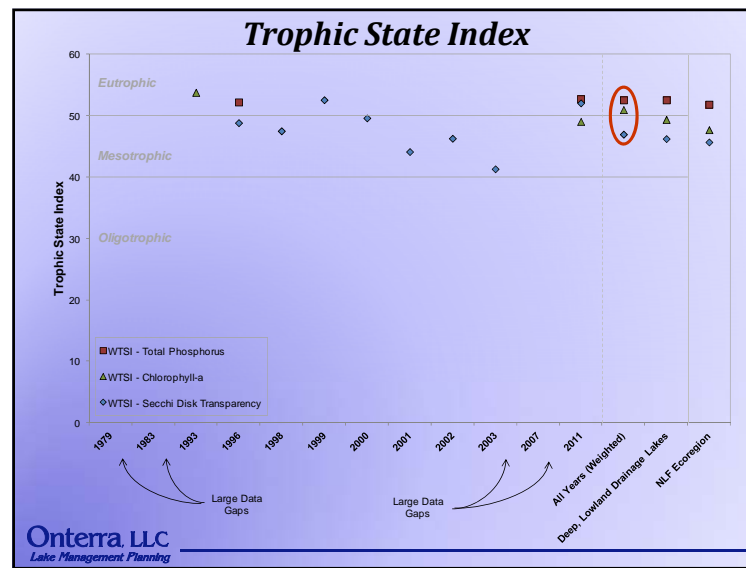
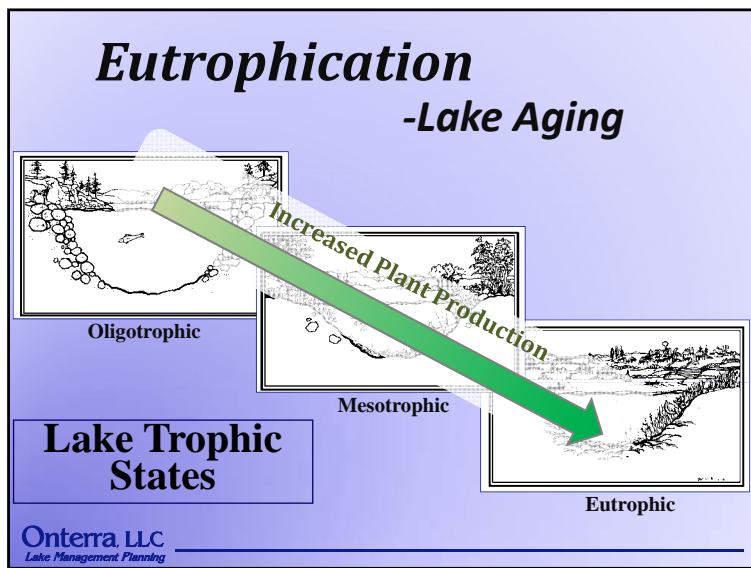
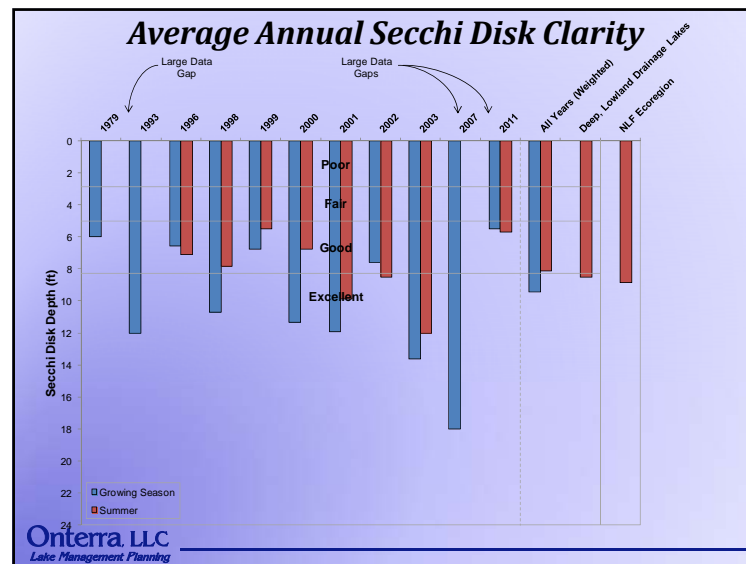
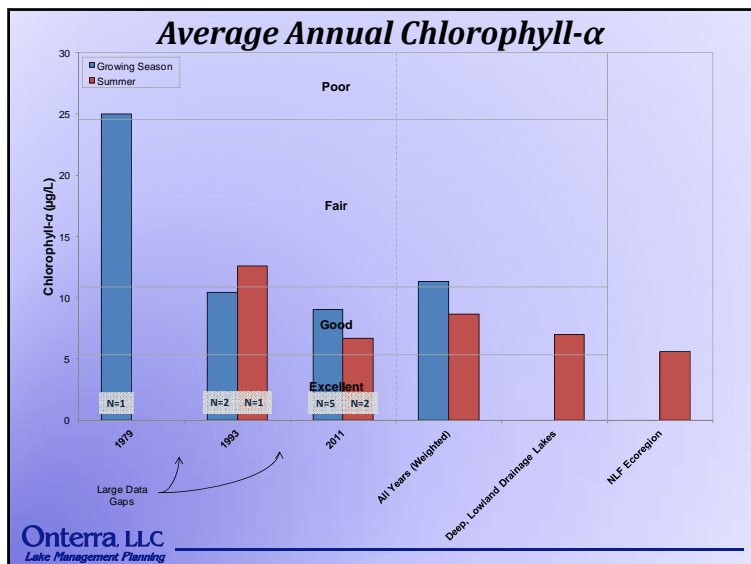


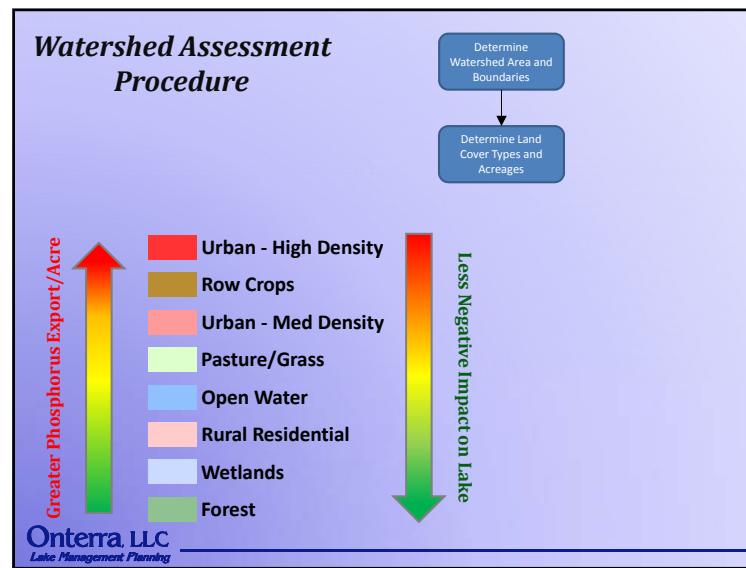
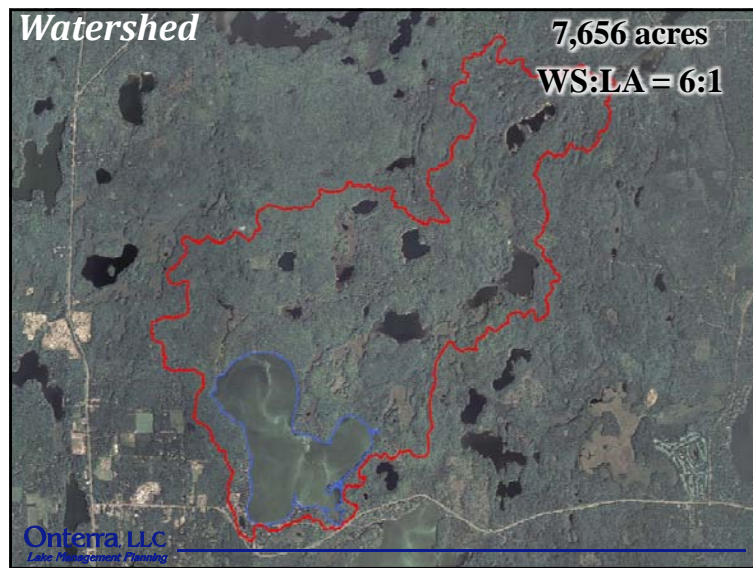
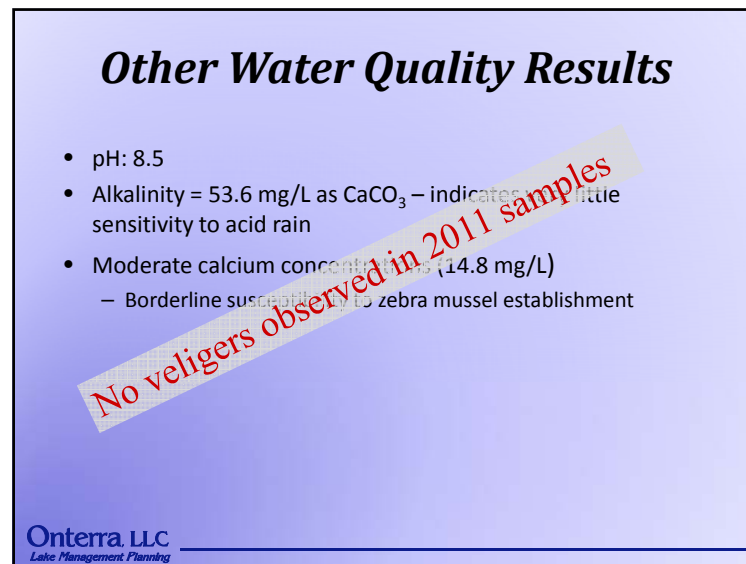
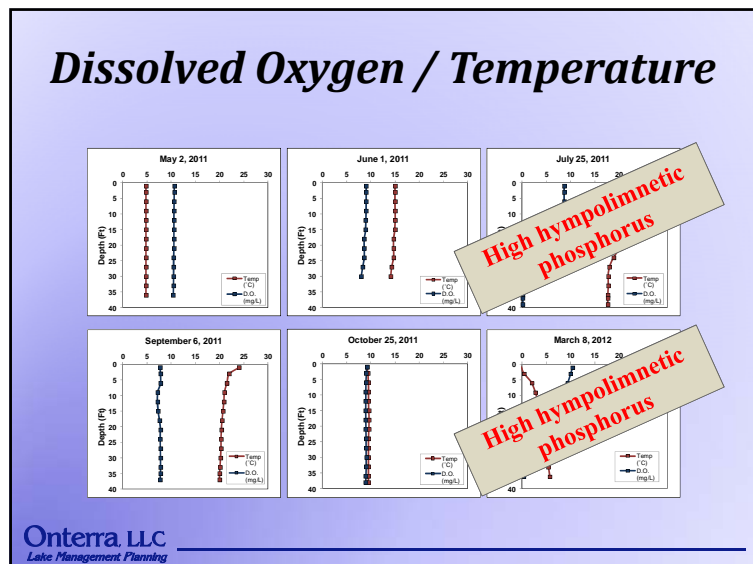
### Water Quality

- ↑ **Phosphorus (Limiting Plant Nutrient)**  
 Nitrogen:Phosphorus = 20:1
- ↑ **Chlorophyll-*a* (Algal Abundance)**  
 Low to moderate abundance  
 - Seasonal variation
- ↓ **Water Clarity (Secchi Disk)**  
 High Water Clarity  
 - Seasonal variation

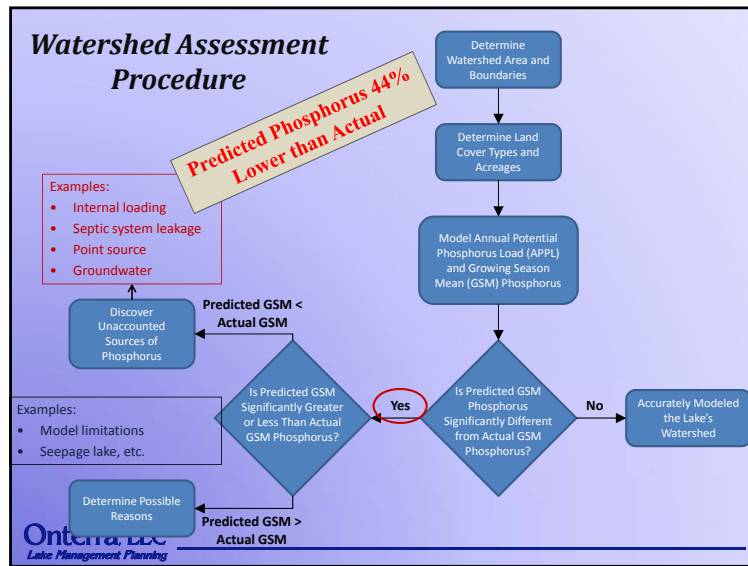
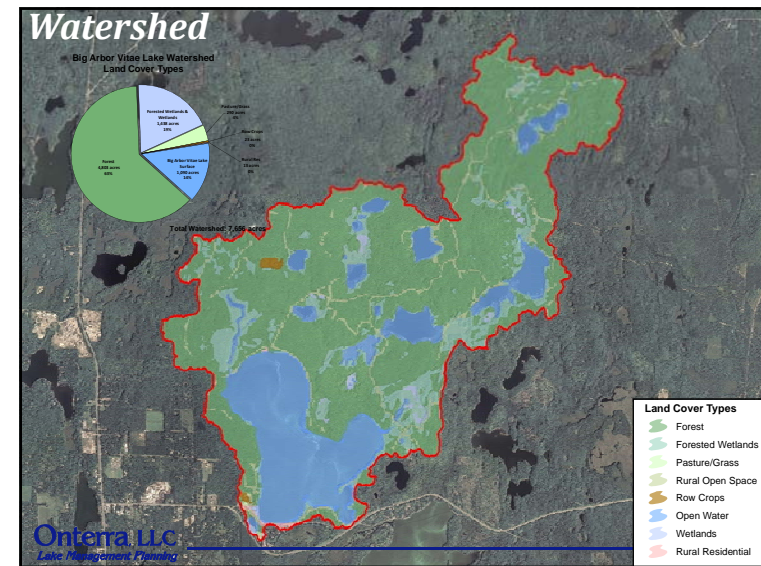
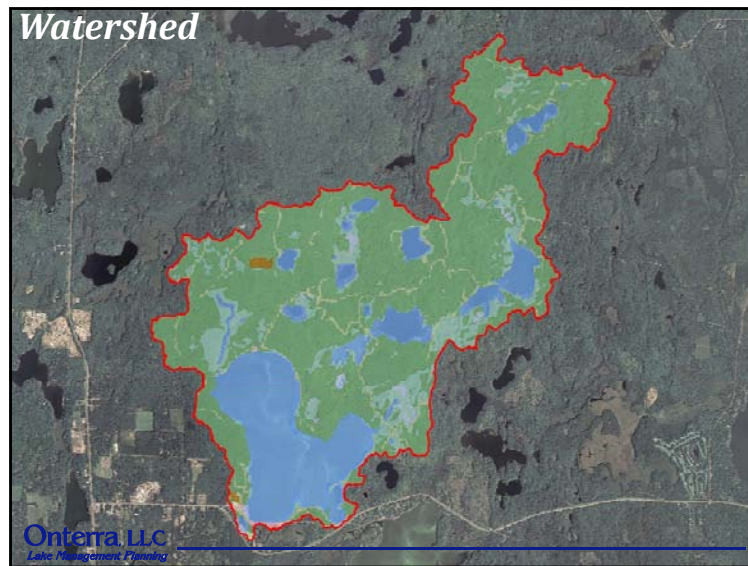
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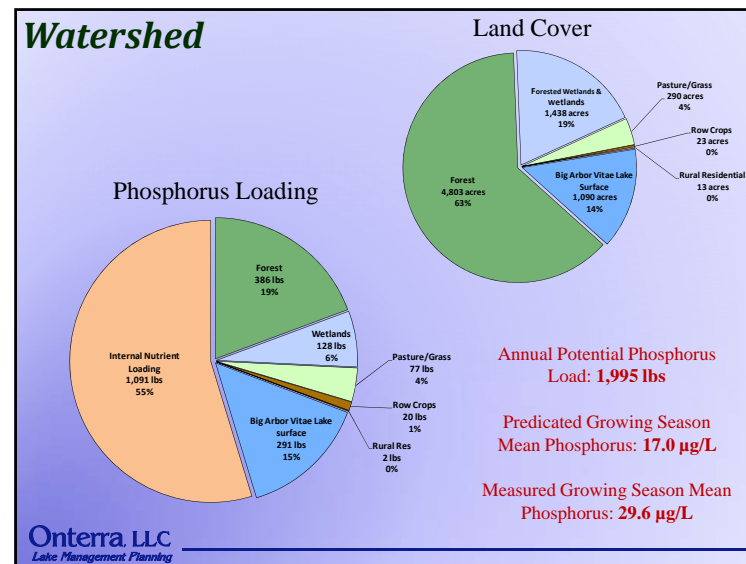
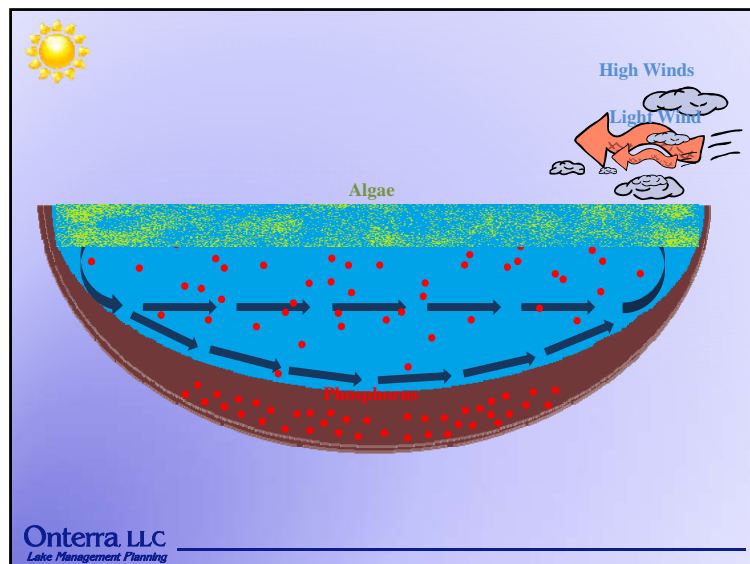






**Discrepancy between WiLMS watershed modeling predicted phosphorus and 2011 field measurements**

- **Unaccounted source(s) of phosphorus**
  - ~~Curly leaf pondweed die-off?~~
  - ~~Point source input?~~
  - Septic system inputs? **Possible, but not probable...**
  - Ground water inputs? **Not likely...**
  - Internal loading from bottom sediments? **✓**
    - Development of anoxic hypolimnion in July and March
    - Hypolimnetic phosphorus greater than 200 µg/L
    - Osgood Index value of 2.6; polymictic lake



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**Urbanized**

➔

**Natural**

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## Shoreline Assessment Category Descriptions

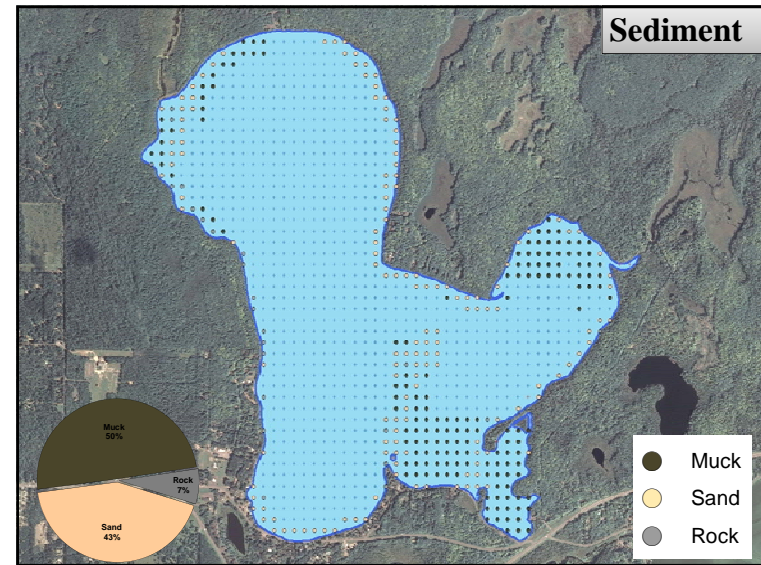
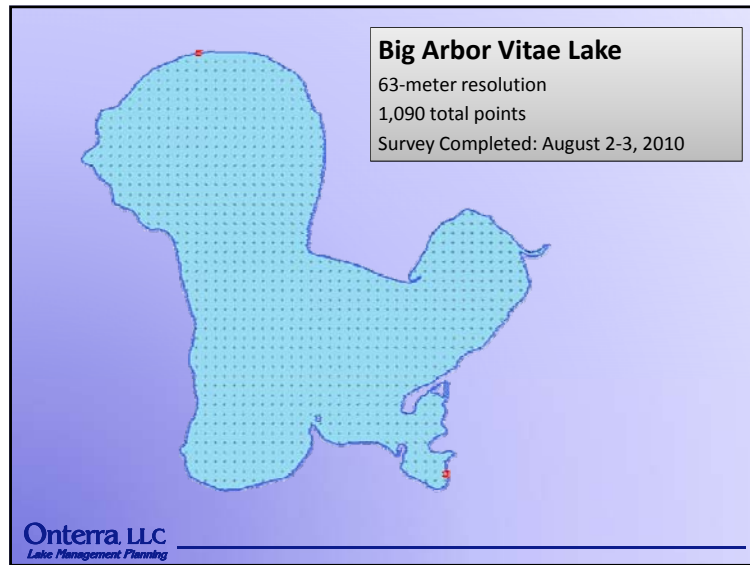
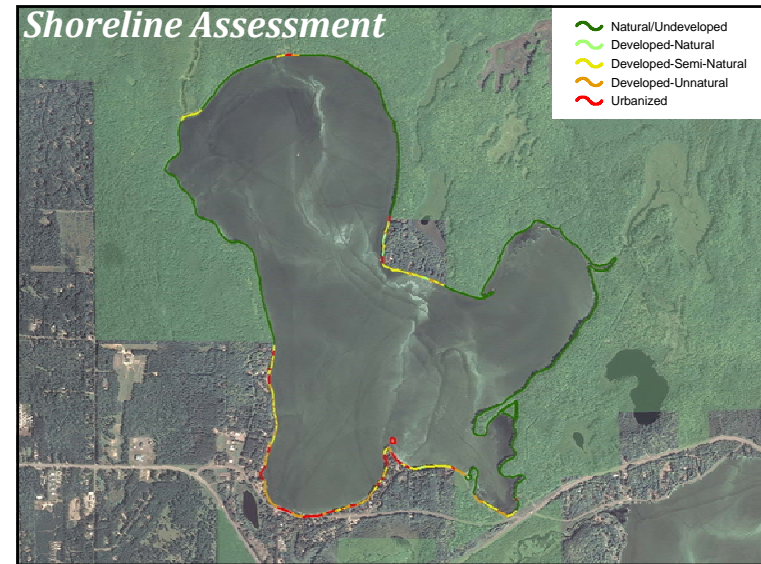
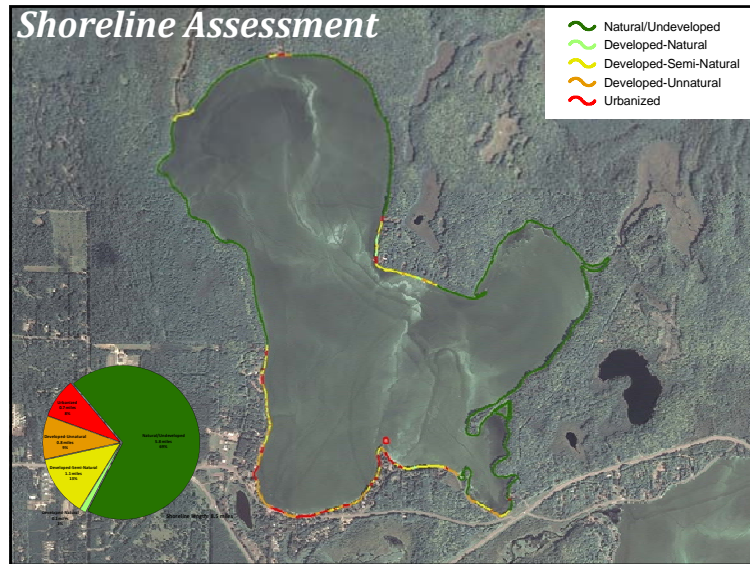
More Natural Habitat ➔

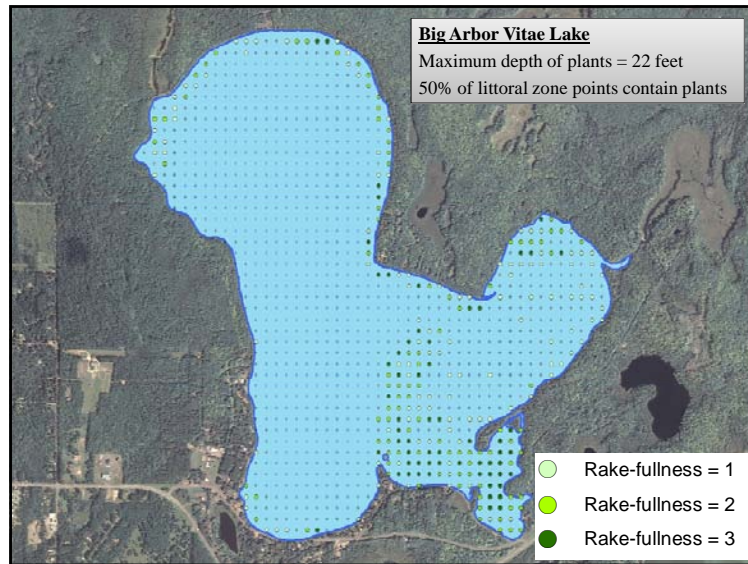
Urbanized	Developed-Unnatural	Developed-Semi-Natural	Developed-Natural	Natural/Undeveloped

➔ Greater Need for Restoration

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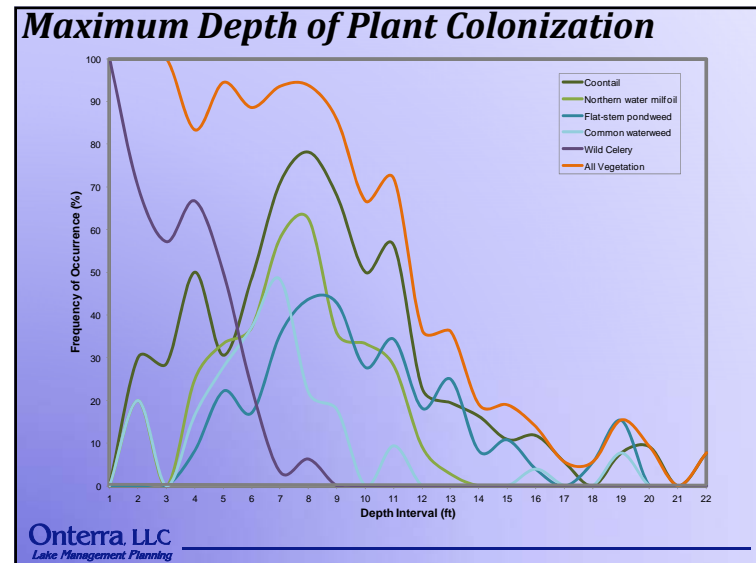
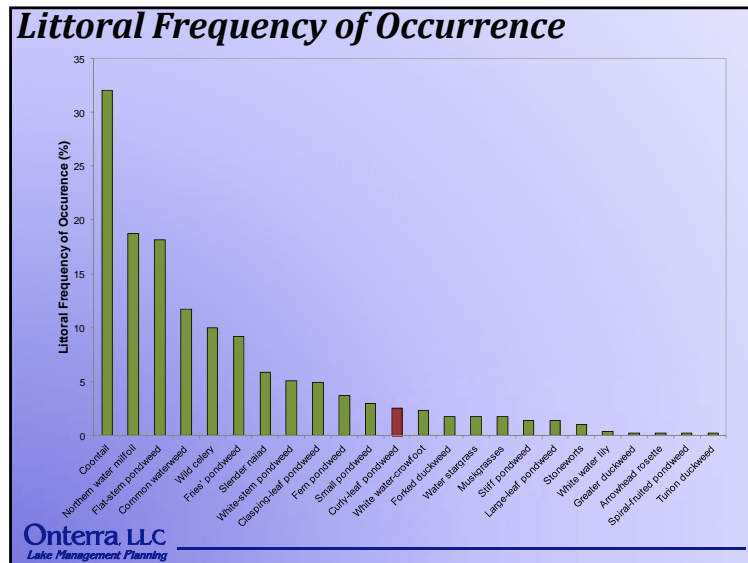


### Species List

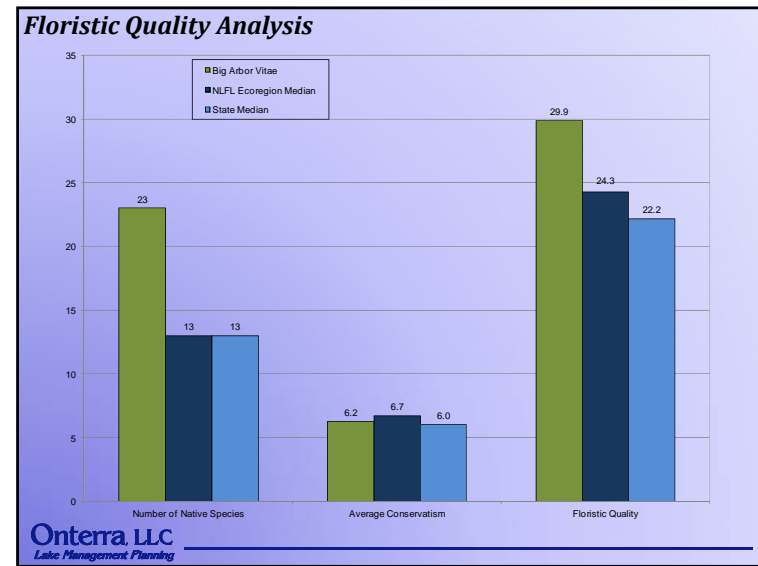
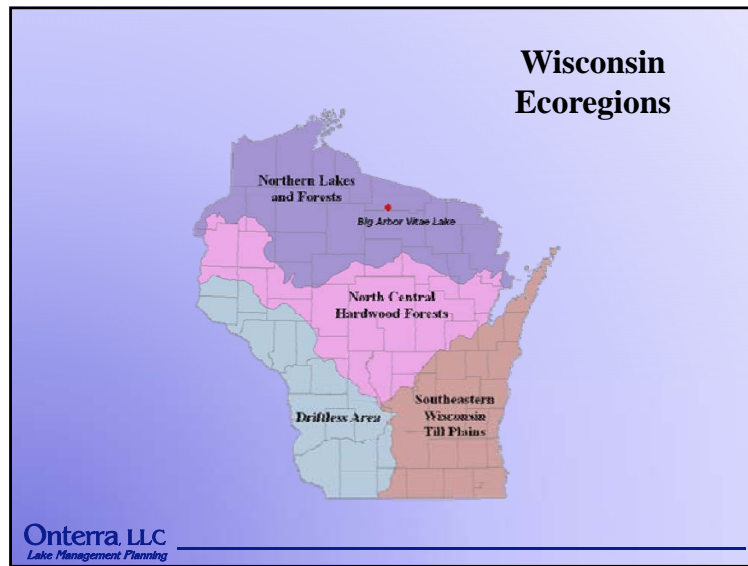
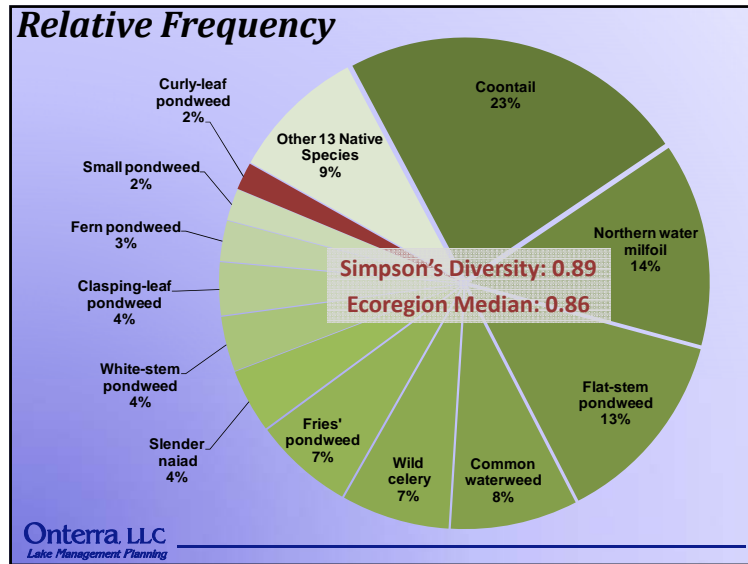
- 31 Native Species
- 2 Non-native Species
  - Curly-leaf pondweed
  - Reed canary grass
- Avg. Conservatism: 6.2

Life Form	Scientific Name	Common Name	Coefficient of Conservatism (c)	2011 (Onterra)
Emergent	<i>Carex palustris</i>	Water sedge	5	I
	<i>Carex comosa</i>	Bristly sedge	5	I
	<i>Carex crinita</i>	Fringed sedge	6	I
	<i>Iris versicolor</i>	Northern blue flag	8	I
	<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	Reed canary grass	Exotic	I
FL	<i>Najas variegata</i>	Spatterdock	6	I
	<i>Hymphaea odorata</i>	White water lily	6	X
FL/E	<i>Sparganium angustifolium</i>	Narrow-leaf bur-reed	9	I
		<i>Cyperus</i> spp.	Muskgrasses	7
Submergent	<i>Ceratophyllum demersum</i>	Coontail	3	X
	<i>Elodea canadensis</i>	Common waterweed	3	X
	<i>Heteranthera dubia</i>	Water stargrass	6	X
	<i>Myriophyllum sibiricum</i>	Northern water milfoil	7	X
	<i>Najas flexilis</i>	Slender naiad	6	X
	<i>Najas</i> sp.	Stoneworts	7	X
	<i>Potamogeton amplifolius</i>	Large-leaf pondweed	7	X
	<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>	Curly-leaf pondweed	Exotic	X
	<i>Potamogeton terrestis</i>	Fines pondweed	8	X
	<i>Potamogeton prelongus</i>	White-stem pondweed	8	X
	<i>Potamogeton pectinatus</i>	Small pondweed	7	X
	<i>Potamogeton richardsonii</i>	Clasping-leaf pondweed	5	X
	<i>Potamogeton robbinsii</i>	Fern pondweed	8	X
	<i>Potamogeton spiralis</i>	Spiral-ribbed pondweed	8	X
	<i>Potamogeton strictifolius</i>	Stiff pondweed	8	X
<i>Potamogeton zosteriformis</i>	Flat-stem pondweed	6	X	
<i>Ranunculus aquatilis</i>	White water-crowfoot	8	X	
<i>Sagittaria</i> sp. (rossette)	Arrowhead rosette	N/A	X	
<i>Stuckenia pectinata</i>	Sago pondweed	3	I	
<i>Vallisneria spiralis</i>	Wild celery	6	X	
S/E	<i>Sagittaria cuneata</i>	Arrow-leaved arrowhead	7	I
FF	<i>Lemna turionifera</i>	Turion duckweed	2	X
	<i>Lemna troulxii</i>	Forked duckweed	6	X
	<i>Spirodela polytriza</i>	Greater duckweed	5	X

FL = Floating Leaf; FL/E = Floating Leaf and Emergent; S/E = Submergent and Emergent; FF = Free Floating  
 X = Located on rake during point-intercept survey; I = Incidental Species










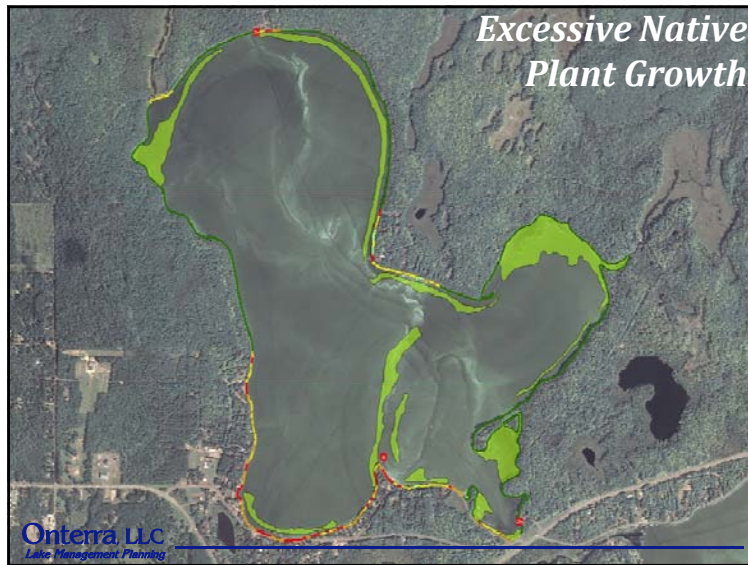


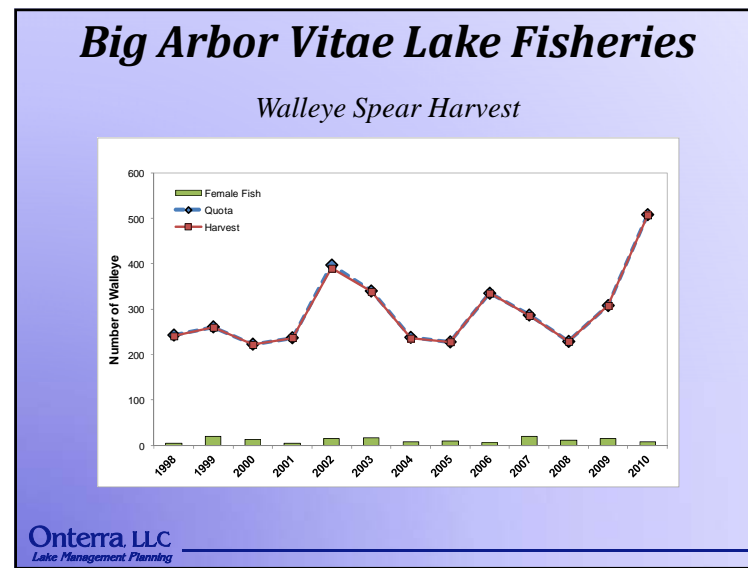
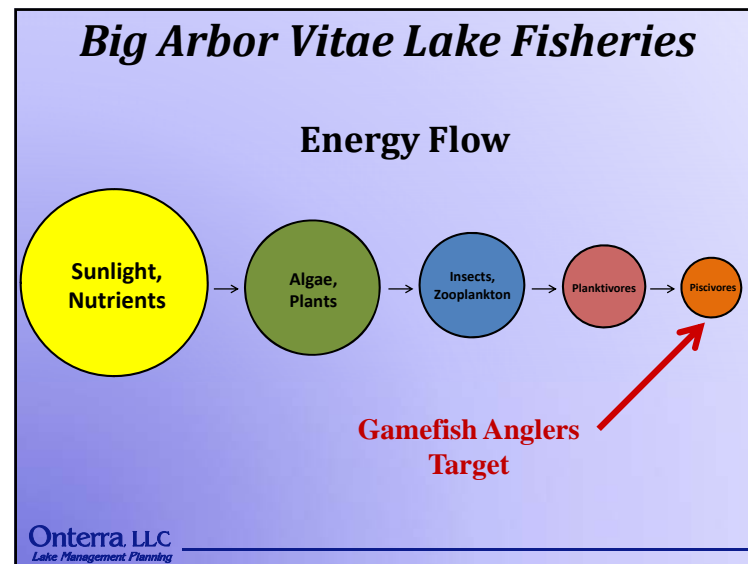
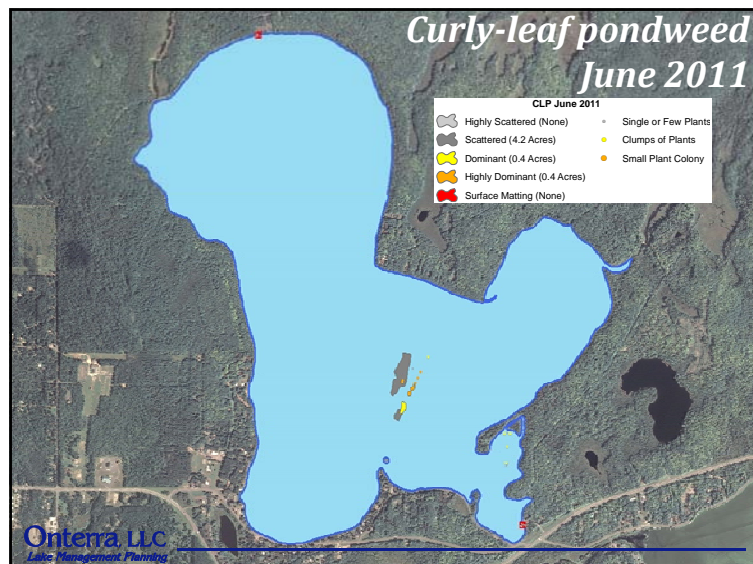
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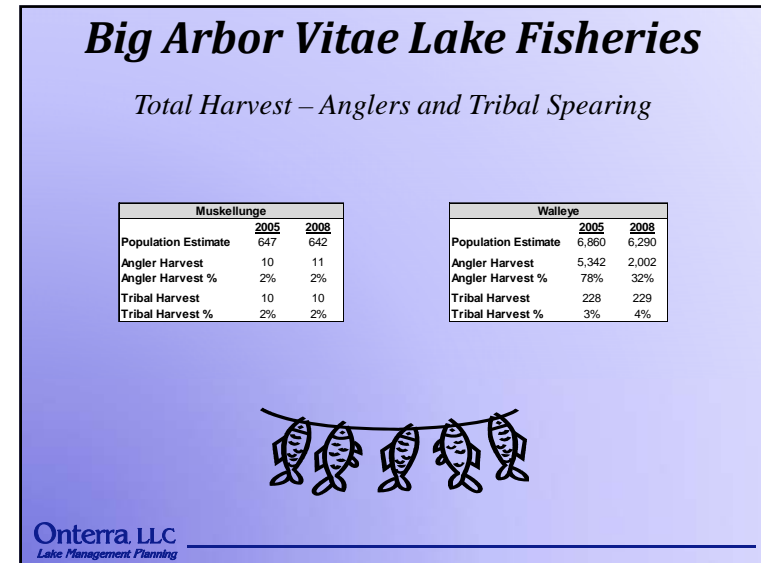
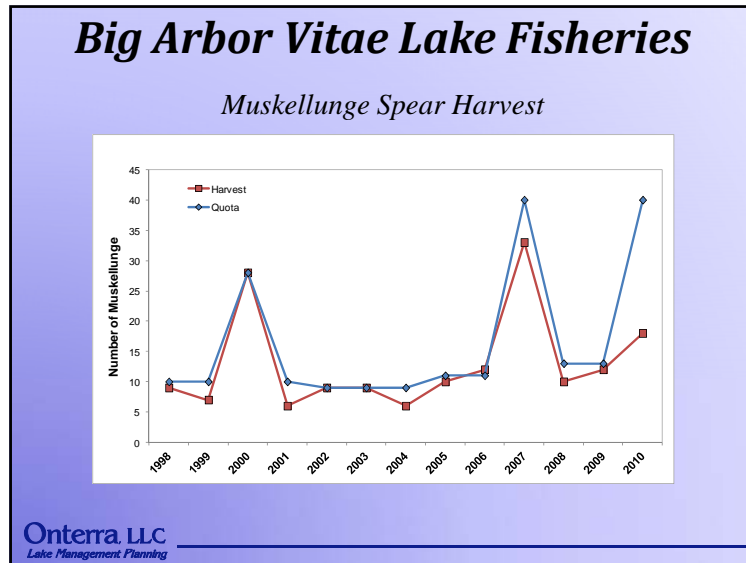
- Additional survey conducted August 29, 2012
- Assessed areas indicated by BAVLA to hold excessive plant growth
  - Excessive growth conditions observed
    - Northern water milfoil
    - Coontail



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- ## Conclusions
- Water quality is fair
    - Limited historic data
    - Lake is naturally productive, but internal loading likely a significant source of phosphorus leading to algae blooms
  - Overall watershed is in great condition
    - Land cover exports minimal phosphorus
    - Shoreland habitat mostly natural
  - Aquatic plant community
    - Based upon standard analysis, native community is of high quality
    - Lake has relatively low diverse plant community, but is expected in this type of system
    - Curly-leaf pondweed may present future threat to ecosystem

- ## Conclusions continued
- Fisheries
    - Lake’s high productivity helps with producing high fish biomass
    - High plant abundance within bays is beneficial to fishery as they provide valuable structural habitat
    - Considerable pressure?



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### Stakeholder Survey Response Charts and Comments



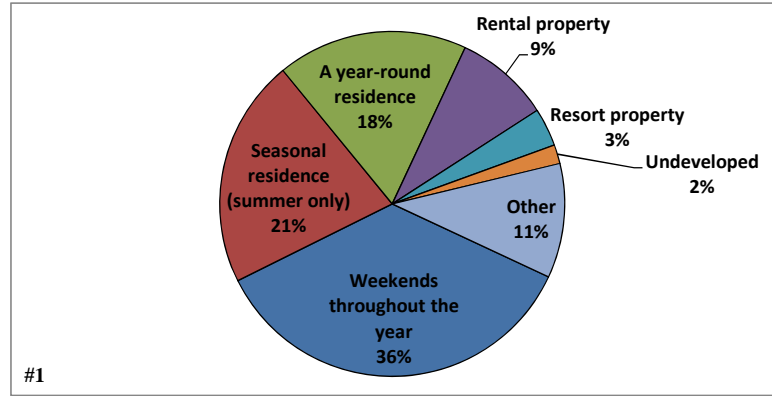


Returned Surveys	52
Sent Surveys	110
<b>Response Rate (%)</b>	<b>47.3</b>

**BIG ARBOR VITAE LAKE PROPERTY**

**#1 What type of property do you own on Big Arbor Vitae Lake?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
Weekends throughout the year	20	35.1
Seasonal residence (summer only)	12	21.1
A year-round residence	10	17.5
Rental property	5	8.8
Resort property	2	3.5
Undeveloped	1	1.8
Other	6	10.5
I do not live on the lake	1	1.8
	<b>57</b>	<b>100.0</b>

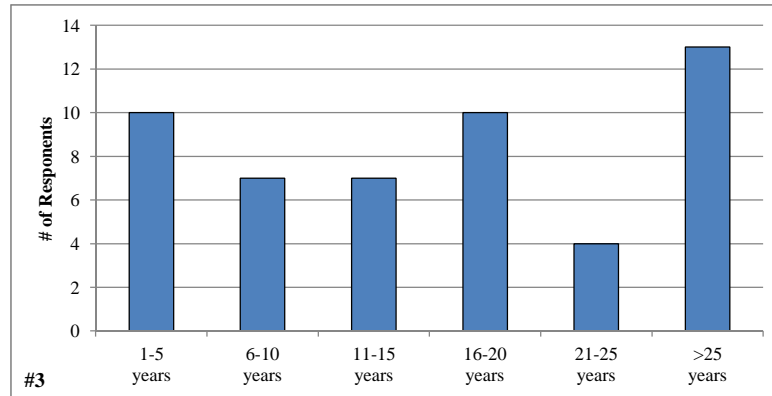


**#2 How many days each year is your property used by you or others?**

Answered Question	51
Average	105.3
Standard deviation	99.7

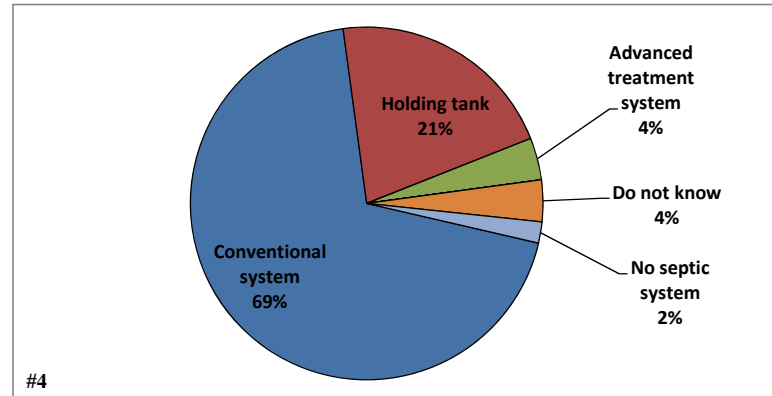
**#3 How long have you owned your property on Big Arbor Vitae Lake?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
1-5 years	10	19.6
6-10 years	7	13.7
11-15 years	7	13.7
16-20 years	10	19.6
21-25 years	4	7.8
>25 years	13	25.5
	<b>51</b>	<b>100.0</b>



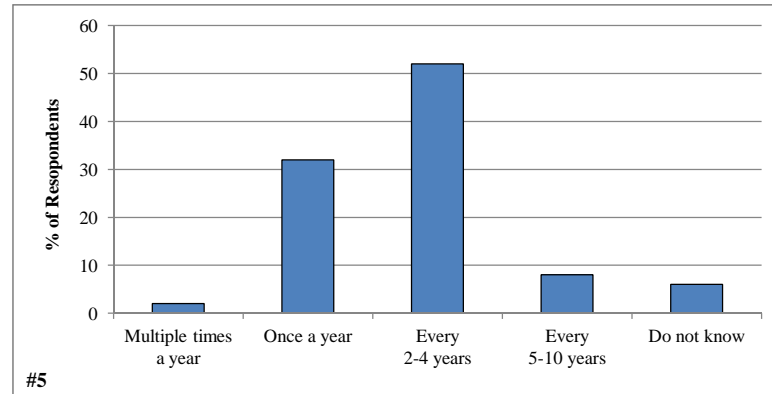
**#4 What type of septic system does your property utilize?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
Conventional system	36	69.2
Holding tank	11	21.2
Advanced treatment system	2	3.8
Mound	0	0.0
Municipal sewer	0	0.0
Do not know	2	3.8
No septic system	1	1.9
	<b>52</b>	<b>100.0</b>



**#5 How often is the septic tank on your property pumped?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
Multiple times a year	1	2.0
Once a year	16	32.0
Every 2-4 years	26	52.0
Every 5-10 years	4	8.0
Do not know	3	6.0
	<b>50</b>	<b>100.0</b>



**RECREATIONAL USE ON BIG ARBOR VITAE LAKE**

**#6 How many years ago did you first visit Big Arbor Vitae Lake?**

Answered Question	52
Average	26.1
Standard deviation	16.6

**#8 For how many years have you fished Big Arbor Vitae Lake?**

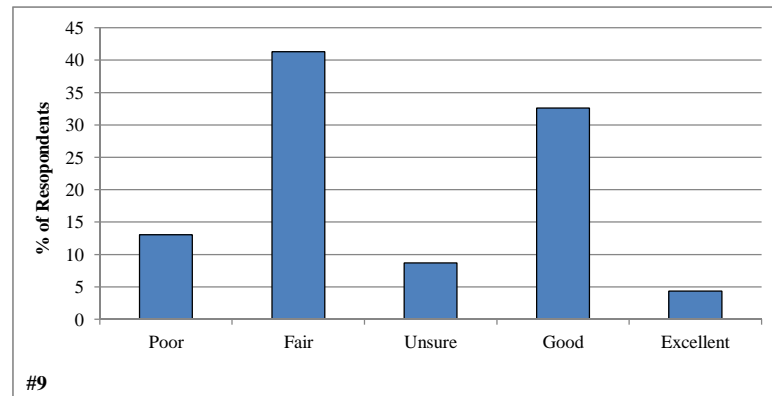
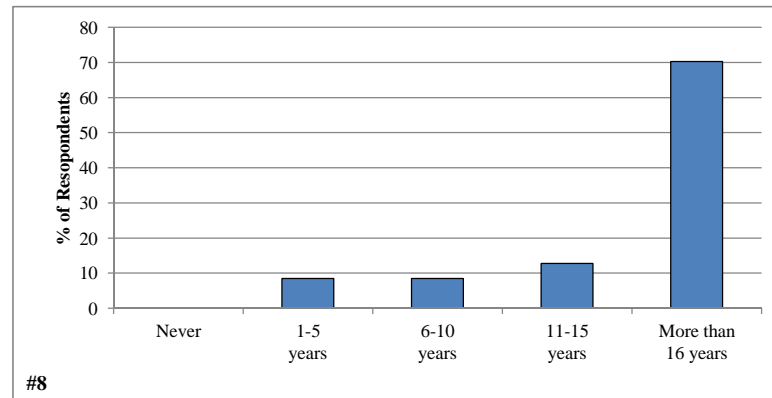
	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
Never	0	0.0
1-5 years	4	8.5
6-10 years	4	8.5
11-15 years	6	12.8
More than 16 years	33	70.2
	<b>47</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**#9 How would you describe the current quality of fishing on Big Arbor Vitae Lake?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
Poor	6	13.0
Fair	19	41.3
Unsure	4	8.7
Good	15	32.6
Excellent	2	4.3
	<b>46</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**#7 Have you personally fished on Big Arbor Vitae Lake?**

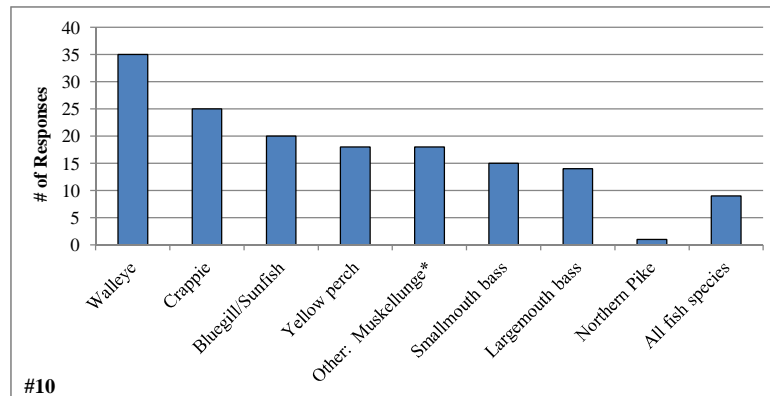
	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
Yes	47	92.2
No	4	7.8
	<b>51</b>	<b>100.0</b>



**#10 What species of fish do you like to catch on Big Arbor Vitae Lake?**

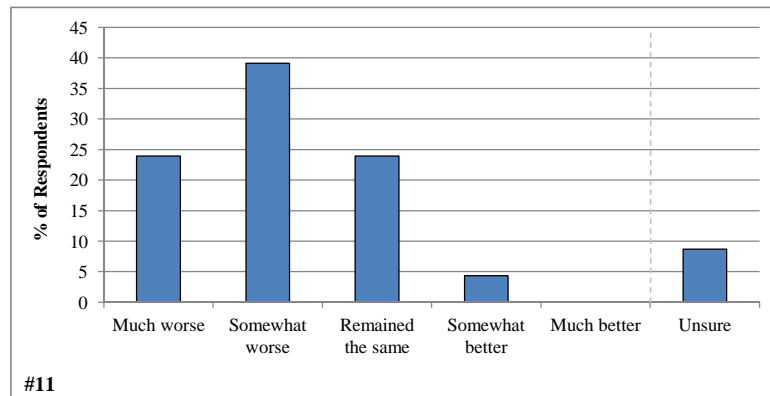
	<b>Total</b>
Walleye	35
Crappie	25
Bluegill/Sunfish	20
Yellow perch	18
Other: Muskellunge*	18
Smallmouth bass	15
Largemouth bass	14
Northern Pike	1
All fish species	9

*\*18 occurrences of Muskellunge noted in comments section*



**#11 How has the quality of fishing changed since you started fishing on the lake?**

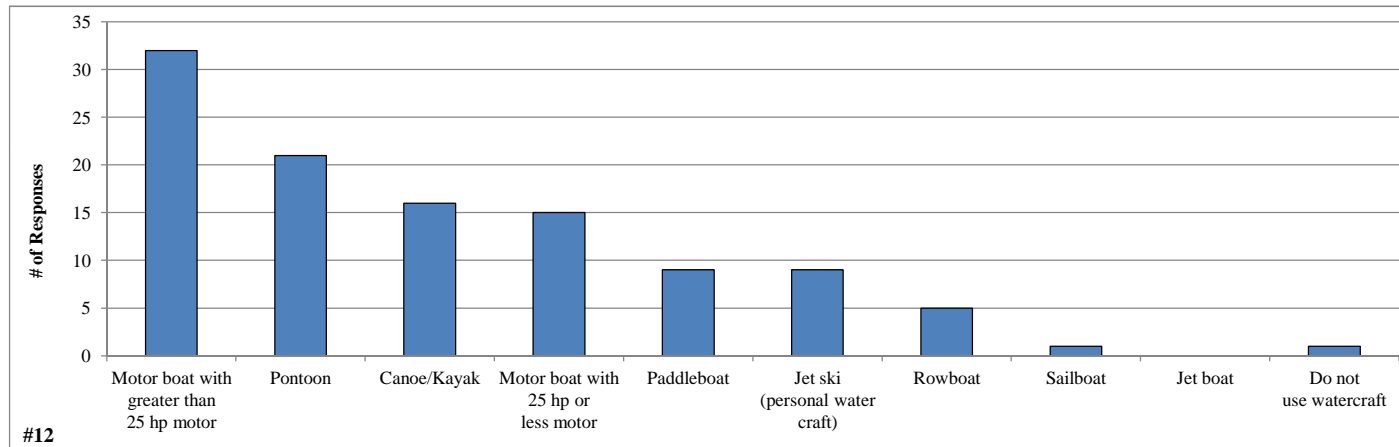
	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
Much worse	11	23.9
Somewhat worse	18	39.1
Remained the Same	11	23.9
Somewhat better	2	4.3
Much better	0	0.0
Unsure	4	8.7
	<b>46</b>	<b>100.0</b>





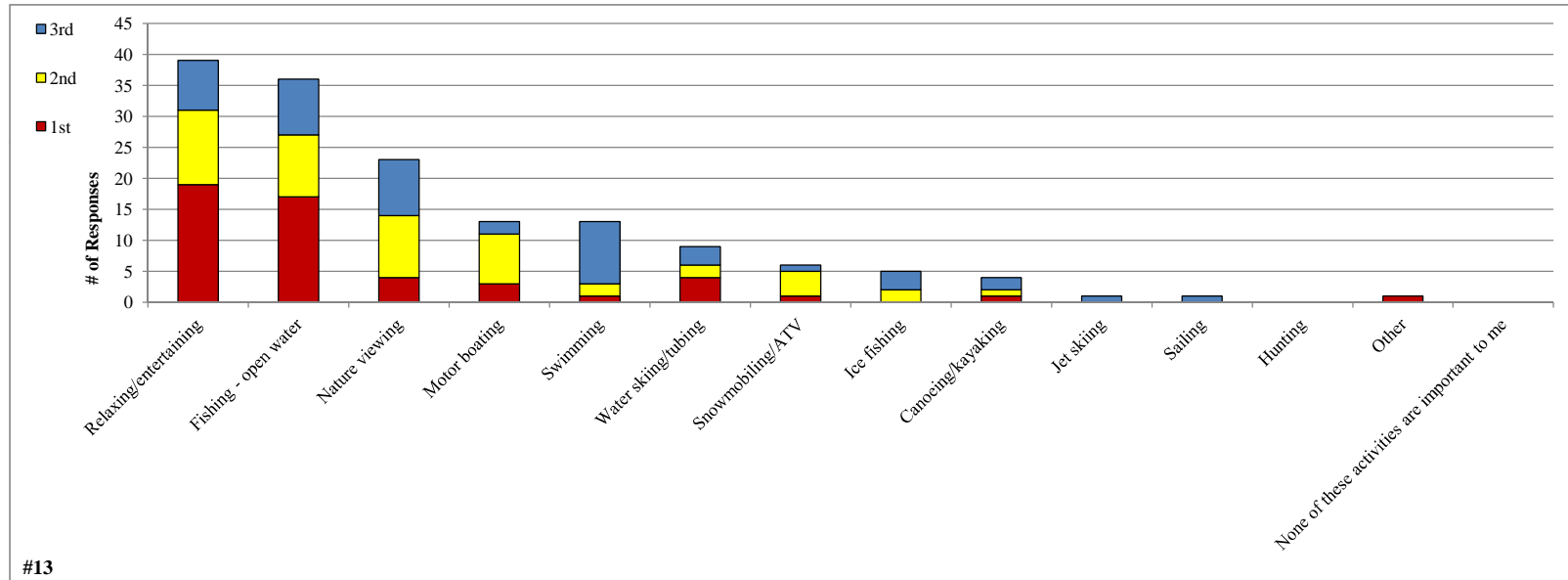
**#12 What types of watercraft do you currently use on the lake?**

	<u>Total</u>
Motor boat with greater than 25 hp motor	32
Pontoon	21
Canoe/Kayak	16
Motor boat with 25 hp or less motor	15
Paddleboat	9
Jet ski (personal water craft)	9
Rowboat	5
Sailboat	1
Jet boat	0
Do not use watercraft	<u>1</u>



**#13 Please rank up to three activities that are important reasons for owning your property on or near the lake.**

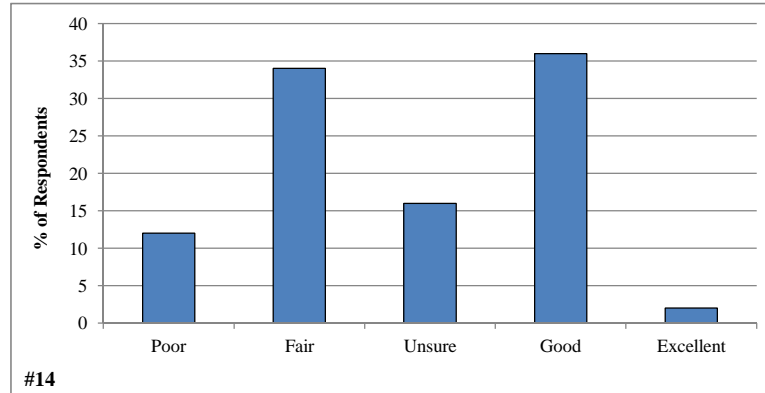
	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<i>% ranked</i>
Relaxing/entertaining	19	12	8	25.8
Fishing - open water	17	10	9	23.8
Nature viewing	4	10	9	15.2
Motor boating	3	8	2	8.6
Swimming	1	2	10	8.6
Water skiing/tubing	4	2	3	6.0
Snowmobiling/ATV	1	4	1	4.0
Ice fishing	0	2	3	3.3
Canoeing/kayaking	1	1	2	2.6
Jet skiing	0	0	1	0.7
Sailing	0	0	1	0.7
Hunting	0	0	0	0.0
Other	1	0	0	0.7
None of these activities are important to me	0	0	0	0.0
	51	51	49	100.0



**BIG ARBOR VITAE LAKE CURRENT AND HISTORIC CONDITION, HEALTH AND MANAGEMENT**

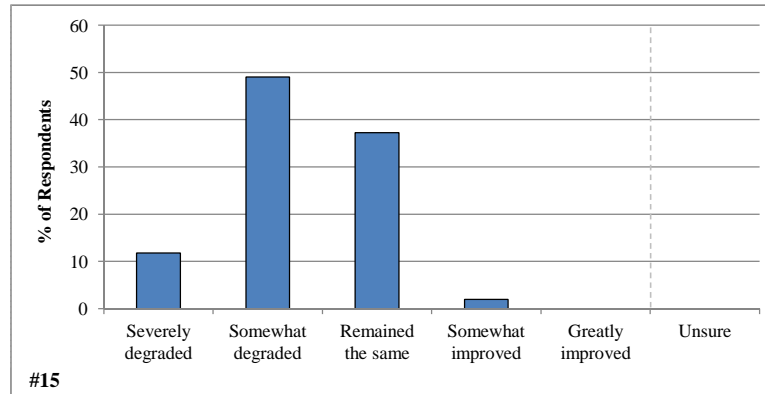
**#14 How would you describe the current water quality of Big Arbor Vitae Lake?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
Poor	6	12.0
Fair	17	34.0
Unsure	8	16.0
Good	18	36.0
Excellent	1	2.0
	<b>50</b>	<b>100.0</b>



**#15 How has the water quality changed in Big Arbor Vitae Lake since you visited the lake?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
Severely degraded	6	11.8
Somewhat degraded	25	49.0
Remained the same	19	37.3
Somewhat improved	1	2.0
Greatly improved	0	0.0
Unsure	0	0.0
	<b>51</b>	<b>100.0</b>



**#16 Have you ever heard of aquatic invasive species?**

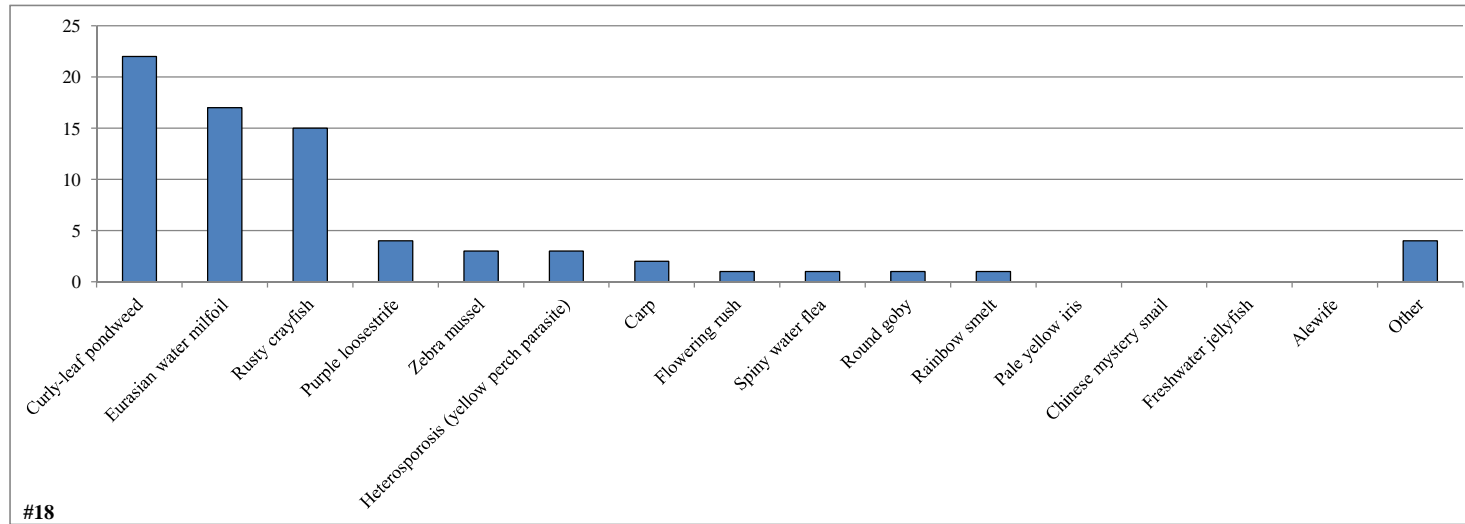
	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
Yes	50	98.0
No	1	2.0
	<b>51</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**#17 Are you aware of aquatic invasive species in the lake?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
Yes	39	79.6
No	10	20.4
	<b>49</b>	<b>100.0</b>

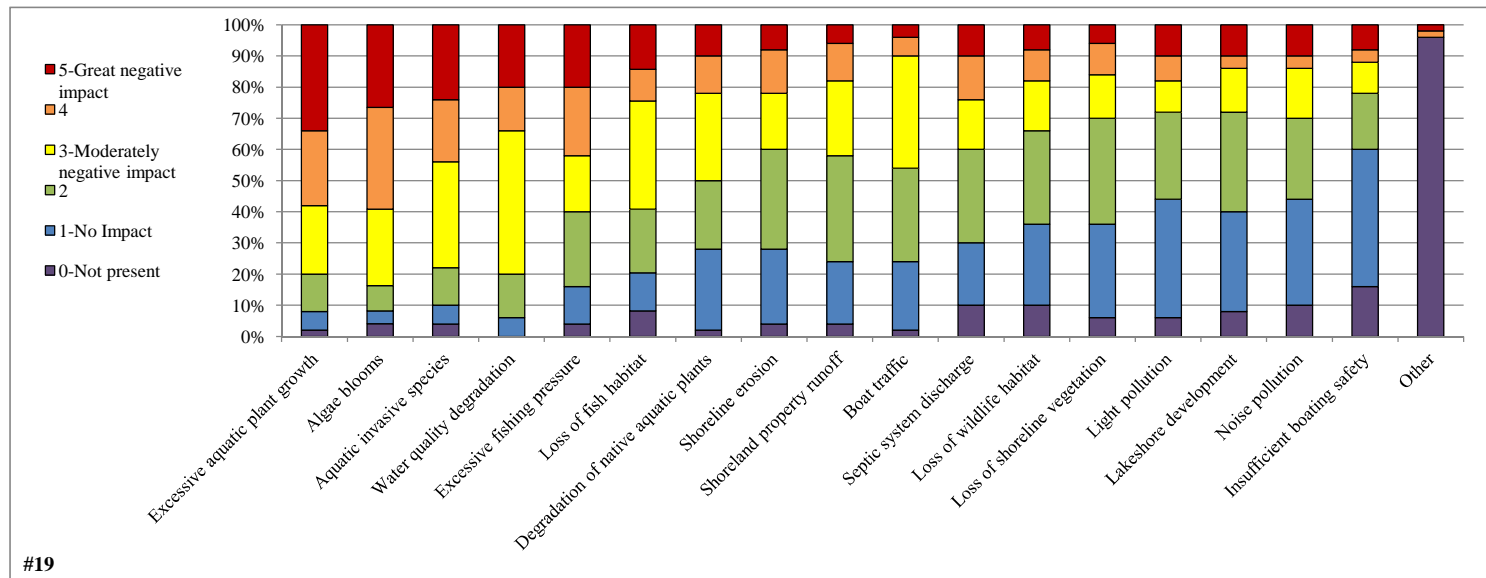
**#18 Which aquatic invasive species are you aware of in the lake?**

	<b>Total</b>
Curly-leaf pondweed	22
Eurasian water milfoil	17
Rusty crayfish	15
Purple loosestrife	4
Zebra mussel	3
Heterosporosis (yellow perch parasite)	3
Carp	2
Flowering rush	1
Spiny water flea	1
Round goby	1
Rainbow smelt	1
Pale yellow iris	0
Chinese mystery snail	0
Freshwater jellyfish	0
Alewife	0
Other	4



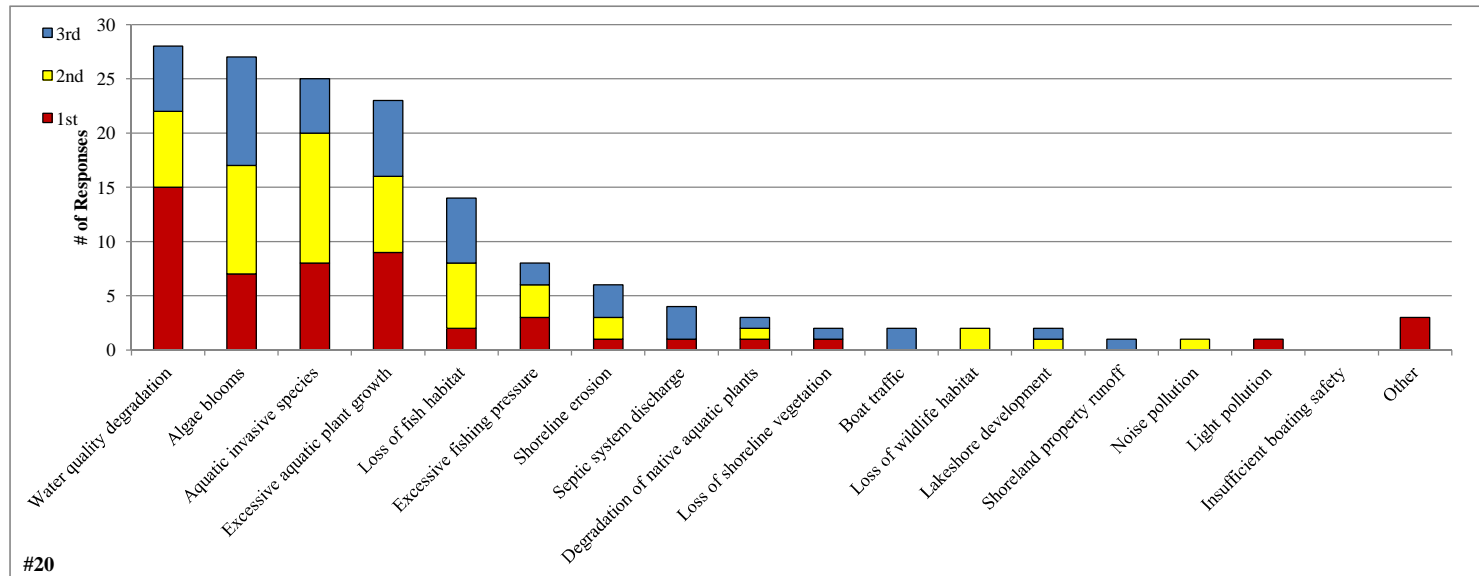
#19 To what level do you believe each of the following factors may be negatively impacting Big Arbor Vitae Lake?

	0-Not present	1-No Impact	2	3-Moderately negative impact	4	5-Great negative impact	Total	Average
Excessive aquatic plant growth	1	3	6	11	12	17	49	3.6
Algae blooms	2	2	4	12	16	13	47	3.6
Aquatic invasive species	2	3	6	17	10	12	48	3.3
Water quality degradation	0	3	7	23	7	10	50	3.3
Excessive fishing pressure	2	6	12	9	11	10	48	3.0
Loss of fish habitat	4	6	10	17	5	7	45	2.7
Degradation of native aquatic plants	1	13	11	14	6	5	49	2.5
Shoreline erosion	2	12	16	9	7	4	48	2.4
Shoreland property runoff	2	10	17	12	6	3	48	2.4
Boat traffic	1	11	15	18	3	2	49	2.3
Septic system discharge	5	10	15	8	7	5	45	2.3
Loss of wildlife habitat	5	13	15	8	5	4	45	2.1
Loss of shoreline vegetation	3	15	17	7	5	3	47	2.1
Light pollution	3	19	14	5	4	5	47	2.1
Lakeshore development	4	16	16	7	2	5	46	2.0
Noise pollution	5	17	13	8	2	5	45	2.0
Insufficient boating safety	8	22	9	5	2	4	42	1.7
Other	48	0	0	0	1	1	2	0.2



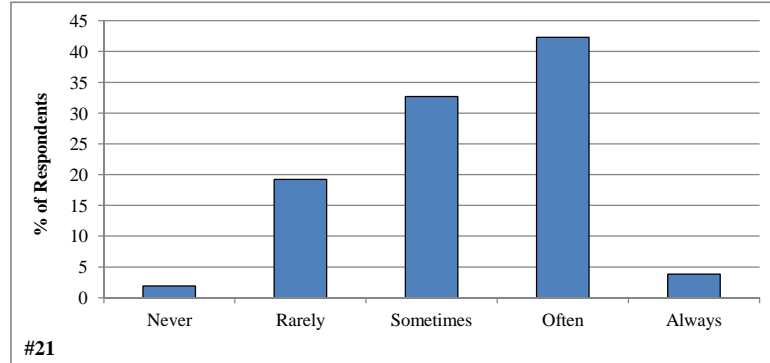
**#20 From the list below, please rank your top three concerns regarding the lake.**

	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<i>% Ranked</i>
Water quality degradation	15	7	6	18.4
Algae blooms	7	10	10	17.8
Aquatic invasive species	8	12	5	16.4
Excessive aquatic plant growth	9	7	7	15.1
Loss of fish habitat	2	6	6	9.2
Excessive fishing pressure	3	3	2	5.3
Shoreline erosion	1	2	3	3.9
Septic system discharge	1	0	3	2.6
Degradation of native aquatic plants	1	1	1	2.0
Loss of shoreline vegetation	1	0	1	1.3
Boat traffic	0	0	2	1.3
Loss of wildlife habitat	0	2	0	1.3
Lakeshore development	0	1	1	1.3
Shoreland property runoff	0	0	1	0.7
Noise pollution	0	1	0	0.7
Light pollution	1	0	0	0.7
Insufficient boating safety	0	0	0	0.0
Other	3	0	0	2.0
	52	52	48	100.0



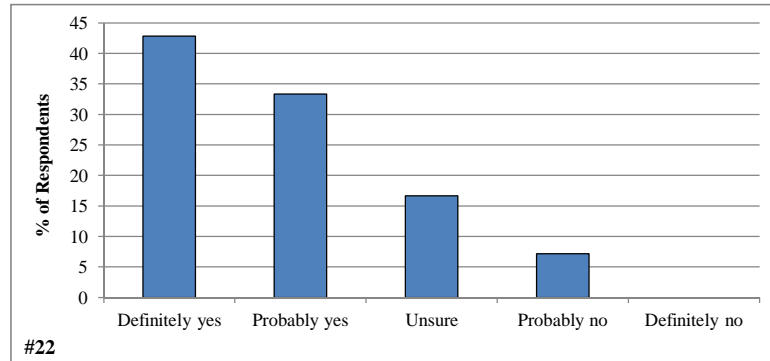
**#21 During open water season how often does aquatic plant growth, including algae, negatively impact your enjoyment of the lake?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
Never	1	1.9
Rarely	10	19.2
Sometimes	17	32.7
Often	22	42.3
Always	2	3.8
	<b>52</b>	<b>100.0</b>



**#22 Considering your answer to the question above, do you believe aquatic plant control is needed on the lake?**

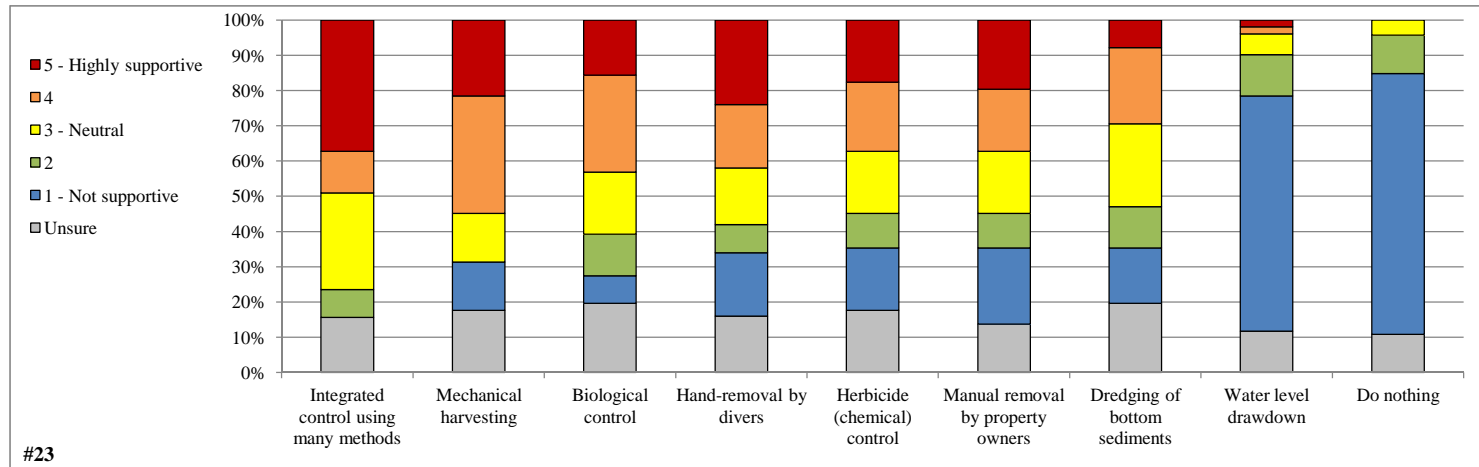
	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
Definitely yes	18	42.9
Probably yes	14	33.3
Unsure	7	16.7
Probably no	3	7.1
Definitely no	0	0.0
	<b>42</b>	<b>100.0</b>





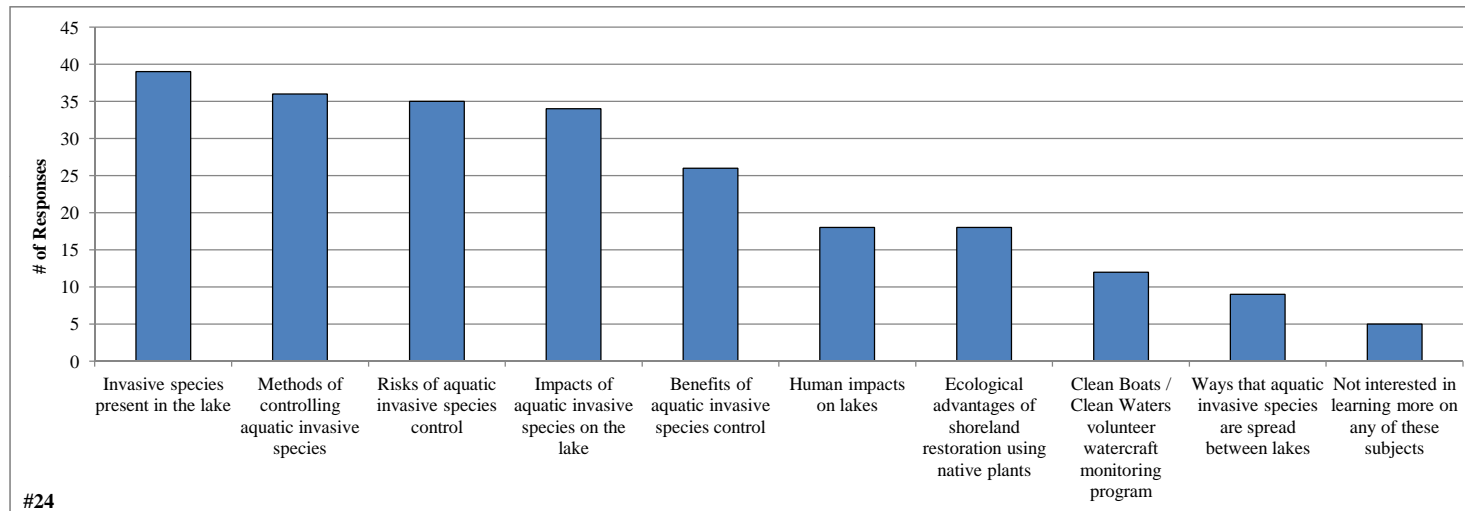
**#23 What is your level of support for the responsible use of the following techniques on the lake?**

	1 - Not supportive	2	3 - Neutral	4	5 - Highly supportive	Unsure	Total	Average
Integrated control using many methods	0	4	14	6	19	8	43	3.8
Mechanical harvesting	7	0	7	17	11	9	42	3.5
Biological control	4	6	9	14	8	10	41	3.3
Hand-removal by divers	9	4	8	9	12	8	42	3.2
Herbicide (chemical) control	9	5	9	10	9	9	42	3.0
Manual removal by property owners	11	5	9	9	10	7	44	3.0
Dredging of bottom sediments	8	6	12	11	4	10	41	2.9
Water level drawdown	34	6	3	1	1	6	45	1.4
Do nothing	34	5	2	0	0	5	41	1.1



**#24 Which of these subjects would you like to learn more about?**

	<u>Total</u>
Invasive species present in the lake	39
Methods of controlling aquatic invasive species	36
Risks of aquatic invasive species control	35
Impacts of aquatic invasive species on the lake	34
Benefits of aquatic invasive species control	26
Human impacts on lakes	18
Ecological advantages of shoreland restoration using native plants	18
Clean Boats / Clean Waters volunteer watercraft monitoring program	12
Ways that aquatic invasive species are spread between lakes	9
Not interested in learning more on any of these subjects	<u>5</u>



**BIG ARBOR VITAE LAKE ASSOCIATION**

**#25 Before receiving this mailing, have you ever heard of the Big Arbor Vitae Lake Association?**

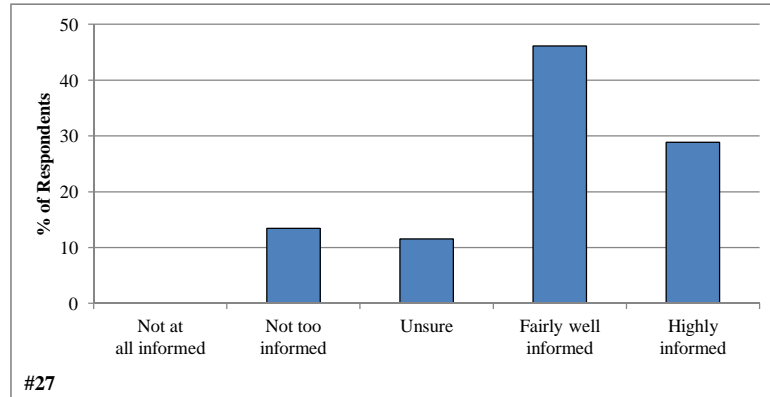
	Total	%
Yes	51	98.1
No	1	1.9
	52	100.0

**#27 How informed has the Big Arbor Vitae Lake Association kept you regarding issues with the lake and its management?**

	Total	%
Not at all informed	0	0.0
Not too informed	7	13.5
Unsure	6	11.5
Fairly well informed	24	46.2
Highly informed	15	28.8
	52	100.0

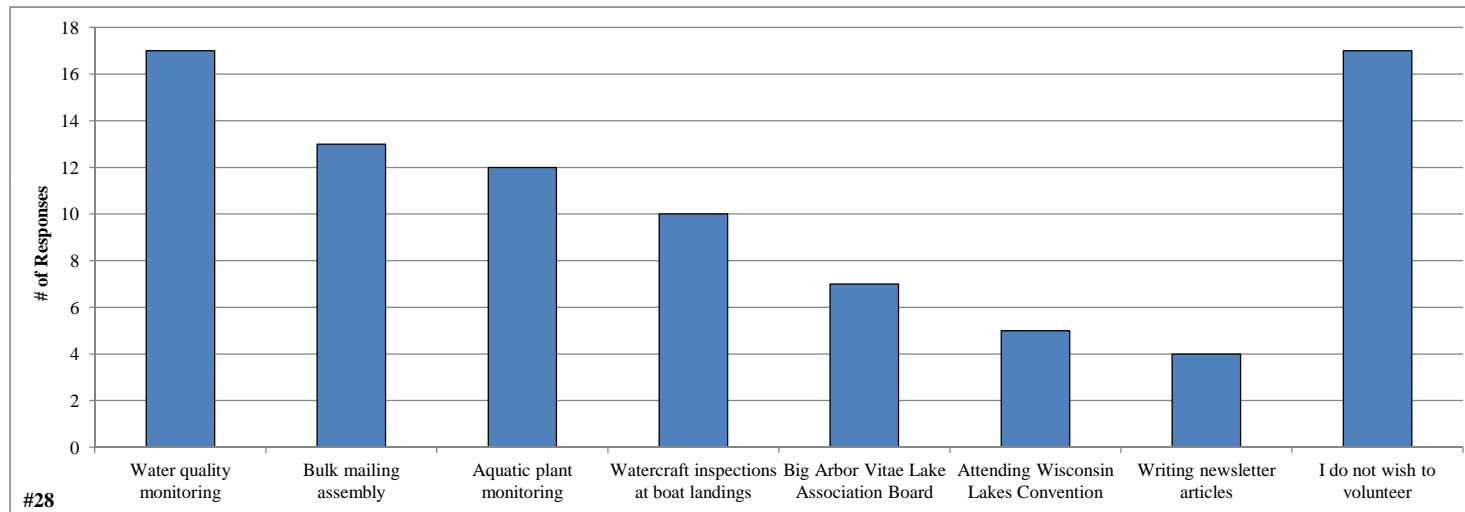
**#26 What is your membership status with the Big Arbor Vitae Lake Association?**

	Total	%
Current member	43	84.3
Former member	0	0.0
Never been a member	8	15.7
	51	100.0



**#28 Please circle the activities you would be willing to participate in if the Big Arbor Vitae Lake Association requires additional assistance.**

	<u>Total</u>
Water quality monitoring	17
Bulk mailing assembly	13
Aquatic plant monitoring	12
Watercraft inspections at boat landings	10
Big Arbor Vitae Lake Association Board	7
Attending Wisconsin Lakes Convention	5
Writing newsletter articles	4
I do not wish to volunteer	17



Survey Number	1g Comment	10h Comment	13m Comment	18p Comment	19r Comment	20r Comment	Other Comments (and Question 29)
1							
2					excessive pier length		
3	come & go throughout the year						
4		muskie			spearing		
5							
6		muskie					have noticed extreme weed & algae bloom the past 5 yrs. Seems to be getting worse. Thanks for all you do in making our lake better.
7		muskie					
8							
9		muskie		weeds			
10							
11	occasional winter weekends	muskie					
12							
13							
14		muskie					loss of fish habitat due to excess fish lost from Indian spearfishing. Lake has gone down since this has been allowed to take excessive fish from our lake with no control.
15		muskie					
16							efforst must be taken soon to 1. reduce/eliminate invasive aquatic plants. 2. & reduce native plants. 3. and reduce algae bloom/improve water quality & clarity to allow snorkeling & diving in the lake.
17					bass population		worried about what seems to be a recent explosion in large mouth bass population and its cause/effect on the ecosystem especially when related to other fish species like walleye.
18							
19							
20	year round vacation home	muskie					
21							
22							It is very important that we continue to increase the knowledge of the threats that may impact our lake. The BAVLA has done a great job getting this effort started. We are a small group of landowners & we will all need to play a role in the BAVLA to keep it moving forward. Getting accurate information out to as many people who use our lake as possible will be important. Education helps all stakeholders take action. Thank you Don & Nancy Wallace, Mary Lou Shepski, Darcy Nicklas & everyone who has put time in thus far. Your efforts are most appreciated.
23							During our time at the lake summer 2011 we noted improvements in water quality and far fewer algae blooms. Since it was relatively cool, wet summer, we are curious as to whether these factors have significant effects. We would find it useful to have a list of lawn care & septic system care practices that are best for the lake. DNR offers lots of info for direct shoreline restoration & care, but what about lawns & gardens near the lake but not on shore!
24		muskie					
25	part time year around						
26	6 months off and on	catch & release					Thanks for asking.
27		muskie					
28							
29	year round condo cottage			some kind of weed			
30							
31							
32			campground				
33		muskie					
34	vacations	muskie					Water seems to get worse every year. The weekend of 9/10 & 11 the water on the bayside by Four Seasons smelled so foul I didn't want to go boating. I couldn't let my dog swim because of the green film on top of the water. I think it is something we need to address. I would like to see fees for people putting boats in at the landings, it should not just be home owners on the lake that pay. I would hate to see shemicias that may endanger eagles, wildlife or fish population.
35							
36	several times during summer				spearing		
37		muskie				spearing	
38							
39							meetings are hard for me to attend because I am usually gone on holiday weekends.
40	6 mo residence						
41	supper club						
42							Thanks for all the work put into this by all the volunteers.
43							
44		muskie		bull head			
45						spearing	main concern is spearing with number of fish being removed. Too many weeds at times.
46				not sure by name	not qualified to respond		
47							
48		muskie					
49							Thank you to the current leaders within the BAVLA. BAVLA needs help & without the association, none of this would be happening. Thank you. To help control lake access, is there any way to close 2 of the 3 boat landings? Perhaps expand the North landing & close the others? Excessive fishing pressure certainly has an impact on the lake, reduced access may help this problem.
50		muskie					
51		muskie					
52		muskie					

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## APPENDIX C

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Water Quality Data





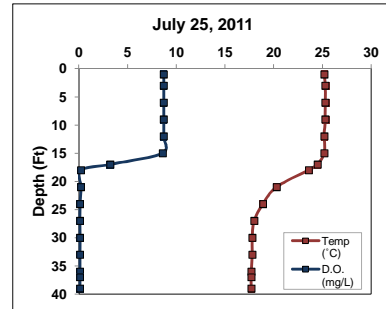


Big Arbor Vitae Lake

Date: 7/25/2011  
Time: 13:05  
Weather: 80°F sunny 25% clouds and windy  
Entry: MMF

Max Depth: 40.0  
BAVLS Depth (ft): 3.0  
BAVLB Depth (ft): 37.0  
Secchi Depth (ft): 6.4

Depth (ft)	Temp (°C)	D.O. (mg/L)	pH	Sp. Cond. (µS/cm)
1	25.2	8.7	9.4	113.0
3	25.3	8.7	9.4	113.0
6	25.3	8.7	9.4	113.0
9	25.3	8.7	9.4	113.0
12	25.2	8.7	9.4	113.0
15	25.2	8.6	9.4	113.0
17	24.5	3.2	8.1	113.0
18	23.6	0.2	7.5	117.0
21	20.3	0.2	7.4	119.0
24	18.9	0.1	7.5	139.0
27	18.0	0.1	7.5	150.0
30	17.8	0.1	7.6	152.0
33	17.8	0.1	7.6	152.0
36	17.7	0.1	7.6	153.0
37	17.7	0.1	7.6	153.0
39	17.7	0.1	7.6	154.0



Parameter	BAVLS	BAVLB
Total P (µg/L)	25.00	233.00
Dissolved P (µg/L)	ND	20.00
Chl-a (µg/L)	8.90	NA
TKN (µg/L)	490.00	1380.00
NO <sub>3</sub> + NO <sub>2</sub> -N (µg/L)	ND	24.00
NH <sub>3</sub> -N (µg/L)	ND	703.00
Total N (µg/L)	490.00	1404.00
Lab Cond. (µS/cm)	113.00	140.00
Lab pH	8.69	7.20
Alkalinity (mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	54.10	67.80
Total Susp. Solids (mg/L)	3.00	13.00
Calcium (mg/L)	NA	NA

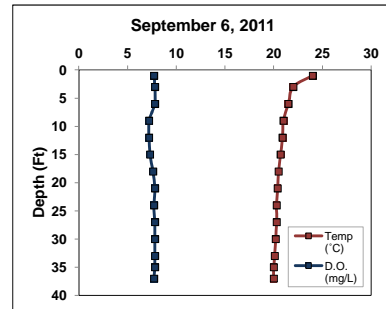
Data collected by TWH and MMF (Onterra)

Big Arbor Vitae Lake

Date: 9/6/2011  
Time: 13:00  
Weather: clear, little wind, 62°  
Entry: TWH

Max Depth: 38  
BAVLS Depth (ft): 3  
BAVLB Depth (ft): 35  
Secchi Depth (ft): 4

Depth (ft)	Temp (°C)	D.O. (mg/L)	pH	Sp. Cond. (µS/cm)
1	24	7.7		
3	22	7.8		
6	21.5	7.8		
9	21	7.2		
12	20.9	7.2		
15	20.7	7.3		
18	20.5	7.6		
21	20.4	7.8		
24	20.3	7.7		
27	20.3	7.8		
30	20.2	7.8		
33	20.1	7.8		
35	20	7.8		
37	20	7.7		



Parameter	BAVLS	BAVLB
Total P (µg/L)	39.00	43.00
Dissolved P (µg/L)	NA	NA
Chl-a (µg/L)	2.22	NA
TKN (µg/L)	NA	NA
NO <sub>3</sub> + NO <sub>2</sub> -N (µg/L)	NA	NA
NH <sub>3</sub> -N (µg/L)	NA	NA
Total N (µg/L)	NA	NA
Lab Cond. (µS/cm)	NA	NA
Lab pH	NA	NA
Alkalinity (mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	NA	NA
Total Susp. Solids (mg/L)	5.00	6.00
Calcium (mg/L)	NA	NA

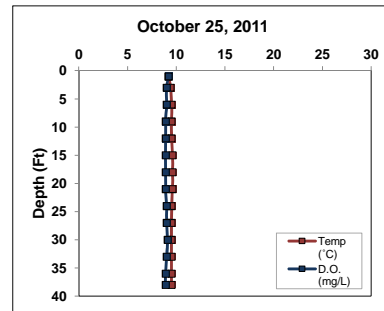
Data collected by TAH and TWH (Onterra) Much algae visible.

Big Arbor Vitae Lake

Date: 10/25/2011  
Time: 11:00  
Weather: 100% clouds, light breeze, 45°F  
Entry: TWH

Max Depth: 38.9  
BAVLS Depth (ft): 3  
BAVLB Depth (ft): 36  
Secchi Depth (ft): 6

Depth (ft)	Temp (°C)	D.O. (mg/L)	pH	Sp. Cond. (µS/cm)
1	9.2	9.2		
3	9.4	9		
6	9.5	9		
9	9.5	8.9		
12	9.5	8.9		
15	9.6	8.9		
18	9.6	8.9		
21	9.6	8.9		
24	9.5	9		
27	9.5	9		
30	9.5	9.1		
33	9.5	9		
36	9.5	8.9		
38	9.5	8.9		



Parameter	BAVLS	BAVLB
Total P (µg/L)	36.00	35.00
Dissolved P (µg/L)	NA	NA
Chl-a (µg/L)	17.80	NA
TKN (µg/L)	NA	NA
NO <sub>3</sub> + NO <sub>2</sub> -N (µg/L)	NA	NA
NH <sub>3</sub> -N (µg/L)	NA	NA
Total N (µg/L)	NA	NA
Lab Cond. (µS/cm)	NA	NA
Lab pH	NA	NA
Alkalinity (mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	NA	NA
Total Susp. Solids (mg/L)	5.00	5.00
Calcium (mg/L)	NA	NA

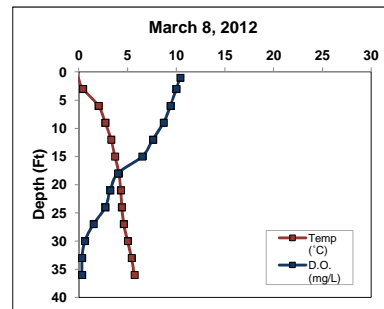
Data collected by TWH (Onterra)

Big Arbor Vitae Lake

Date: 3/8/2012  
Time: 11:00  
Weather: sunny, 40's  
Entry: TWH

Max Depth: 37.7  
BAVLS Depth (ft): 3  
BAVLB Depth (ft): 34  
Secchi Depth (ft): 17.2

Depth (ft)	Temp (°C)	D.O. (mg/L)	pH	Sp. Cond. (µS/cm)
1	-0.1	10.4	7.9	115
3	0.4	10	7.9	115
6	2	9.4	7.9	113
9	2.7	8.7	7.9	113
12	3.3	7.6	7.8	113
15	3.7	6.5	7.8	115
18	4.1	4	7.7	117
21	4.3	3.2	7.7	122
24	4.4	2.7	7.7	125
27	4.6	1.5	7.6	131
30	5	0.6	7.6	153
33	5.4	0.3	7.7	183
36	5.7	0.3	7.9	213



Parameter	BAVLS	BAVLB
Total P (µg/L)	28.00	780.00
Dissolved P (µg/L)	7.00	63.00
Chl-a (µg/L)	NA	NA
TKN (µg/L)	290.00	1780.00
NO <sub>3</sub> + NO <sub>2</sub> -N (µg/L)	66.00	ND
NH <sub>3</sub> -N (µg/L)	37.00	1320.00
Total N (µg/L)	356.00	1780.00
Lab Cond. (µS/cm)	NA	NA
Lab pH	NA	NA
Alkalinity (mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	NA	NA
Total Susp. Solids (mg/L)	ND	13.00
Calcium (mg/L)	NA	NA

Data collected by TAH and TWH (Onterra) Ice depth: 1.7ft

**Water Quality Data**

2010 Parameter	Surface		Bottom	
	Count	Mean	Count	Mean
Secchi Depth (feet)	6	7.4	NA	NA
Total P (µg/L)	6	31.3	6	194.3
Dissolved P (µg/L)	3	7.0	3	41.5
Chl a (µg/L)	5	9.0	0	NA
TKN (µg/L)	3	273.0	3	1065.3
NO3+NO2-N (µg/L)	3	66.0	3	24.0
NH3-N (µg/L)	3	37.0	3	1011.5
Total N (µg/L)	3	295.0	3	1073.3
Lab Cond. (µS/cm)	2	113.5	2	127.0
Lab pH	2	8.2	2	7.5
Alkal (mg/l CaCO3)	2	53.9	2	60.8
Total Susp Sol (mg/l)	6	4.2	6	8.0
Calcium (µg/L)	1	14.8	0	NA

**Wisconsin Trophic State Index (WTSI)**

Year	TP	Chl-a	Secchi
1979			
1983			
1993		53.8	
1996	52.2		48.8
1998			47.5
1999			52.6
2000			49.6
2001			44.1
2002			46.3
2003			41.3
2007			
2011	52.7	49.0	52.0
All Years (Weighted)	52.5	51.0	46.9
ep, Lowland Drainage Lakes	52.5	49.4	46.2
NLF Ecoregion	51.8	47.7	45.7

Year	Secchi (feet)				Chlorophyll-a (µg/L)				Total Phosphorus (µg/L)			
	Growing Season		Summer		Growing Season		Summer		Growing Season		Summer	
	Count	Mean	Count	Mean	Count	Mean	Count	Mean	Count	Mean	Count	Mean
1979	1	6.0	0		1	25.0	0					
1983									1	80.0	0.0	
1993	1	12.0	0		2	10.4	1	12.6	1	25.0	0.0	
1996	4	6.6	2	7.1					1	22.0	1.0	22.0
1998	6	10.7	4	7.8								
1999	7	6.8	2	5.5								
2000	7	11.3	2	6.8								
2001	6	11.9	4	9.9								
2002	5	7.6	3	8.5								
2003	4	13.6	2	12.0								
2007	1	18.0	0									
2011	5	5.5	2	5.7	5	9.0	2	6.7	5	32.0	2.0	23.5
All Years (Weighted)		9.5		8.1		11.4		8.7		35.9		23.0
Deep, Lowland Drainage Lakes				8.5				7.0				23.0
NLF Ecoregion				8.9				5.6				21.0

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## APPENDIX D

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2012 WDNR Sediment Core Report

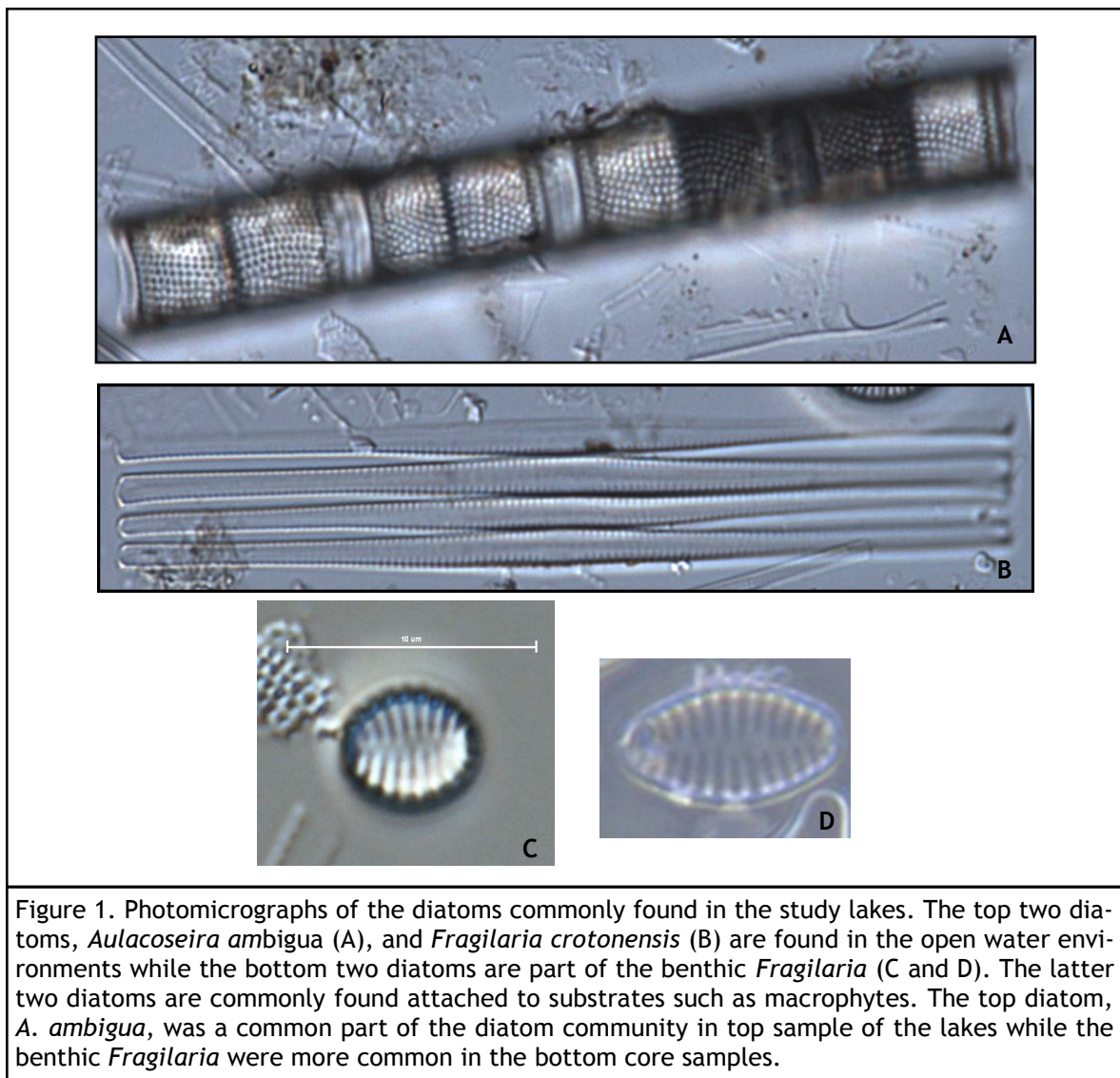




## RESULTS OF SEDIMENT CORES TAKEN FROM BIG AND LITTLE ARBOR VITAE LAKES, VILAS COUNTY, WISCONSIN

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Aquatic organisms are good indicators of a lake's water quality because they are in direct contact with the water and are strongly affected by the chemical composition of their surroundings. Most indicator groups grow rapidly and are short lived so the community composition responds rapidly to changing environmental conditions. One of the most useful organisms for paleolimnological analysis are diatoms. These are a type of algae which possess siliceous cell walls, which enables them to be highly resistant to degradation and are usually abundant, diverse, and well-preserved in sediments. They are especially useful, as they are ecologically diverse. Diatom species have unique features as shown in Figure 1, which enable



them to be readily identified. Certain taxa are usually found under nutrient poor conditions while others are more common under elevated nutrient levels. Some species float in the open water areas while others grow attached to objects such as aquatic plants or the lake bottom.

By determining changes in the diatom community it is possible to determine water quality changes that have occurred in the lake. The diatom community provides information about changes in nutrient concentrations, water clarity, and pH conditions as well as alterations in the aquatic plant (macrophyte) community.

On 19 September 2012 sediment cores were collected near the deep areas of Big Arbor Vitae (N45.93201° W89.65263°) and Little Arbor Vitae (N45.91312° W89.61984°) lakes using a gravity corer. The water depth in Big Arbor Vitae was 28 feet and 21 feet in Little Arbor Vitae. The length of the Big Arbor Vitae core was 46.5 cm and the length of the Little Arbor Vitae core was 45 cm. It is assumed that the upper sample represents present conditions while the deeper sample is indicative of water quality conditions at least 100 years ago. In the Big Arbor Vitae core the upper 20 cm was brown in color with scattered black particles while the bottom half of the core was a uniform brown color. In the Little Arbor Vitae core, the upper 19 cm was dark brown in color while the bottom portion of the core was medium brown in color.

## Results

In both Big and Little Arbor Vitae lakes the diatom community in the bottom samples (bottom portion of the sediment cores) was dominated by benthic diatoms (Figures 2 and 3). The dominant taxa were of the genus *Fragilaria*, which have recently been split into various other genera. The dominant species were *Staurosira construens* and *Staurosirella pinnata*. Both of these taxa are common in many lakes. These are diatoms which grow either on substrates such as macrophytes or on the sediment.

The diatom communities were much different in the top samples. The community was dominated by planktonic diatoms (Figures 2 and 3) which are taxa that float in the open water. The most common species were *Aulacoseira granulata* and *Fragilaria crotonensis*. The latter species is common in lakes with moderate phosphorus levels while *A. granulata* is common in wind swept lakes with elevated phosphorus levels. The shift from benthic to planktonic species is also an indication of increased phosphorus levels. With higher phosphorus concentrations the decreasing water clarity reduces the light available for diatoms that grow on substrates and favors those diatoms that float near the surface.

In many lakes in northern and north central WI there has been an increase in submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV) and only a small increase in phosphorus in recent years. This does not appear to be the case in the Arbor Vitae lakes. The diatom community indicates that in both of these lakes the current phosphorus levels are higher than they were historically.

Diatom assemblages historically have been used as indicators of nutrient changes in a qualitative way. In recent years, ecologically relevant statistical methods have been developed to infer environmental conditions from diatom assemblages. These methods are based on multivariate ordination and weighted averaging regression and calibration. Ecological preferences of diatom species are determined by relating modern limnological variables to sur-

## BIG ARBOR VITAE LAKE

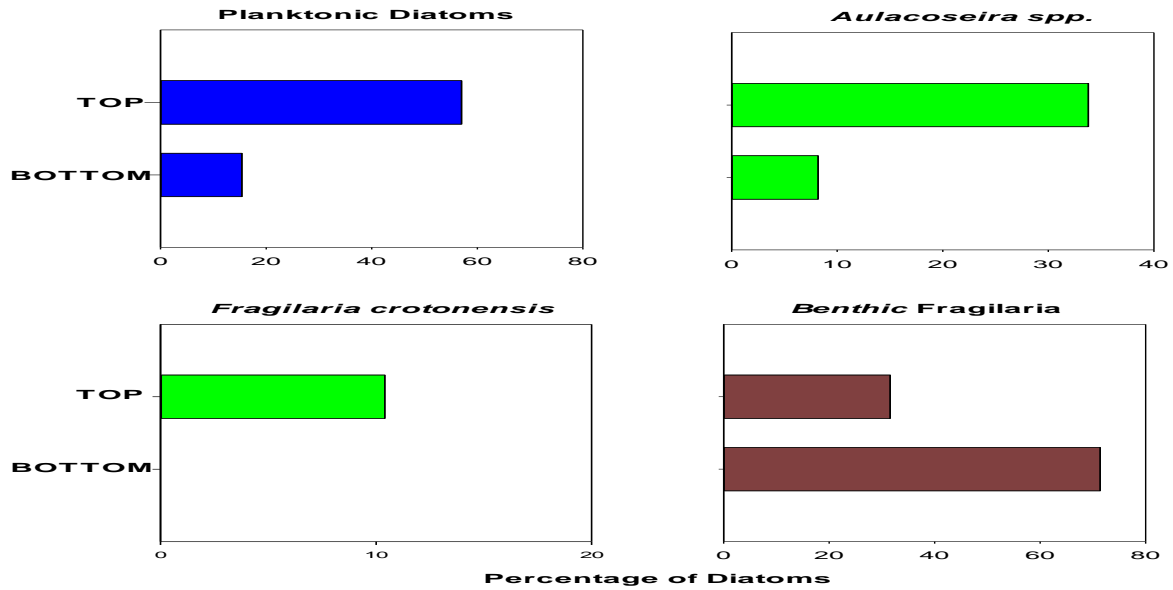


Figure 2. Changes in the abundance of some important diatoms found in the Big Arbor Vitae Lake sediment core. The dominant diatoms at the present time are those that float in the open water. The increase in planktonic diatoms in the top sample compared with the bottom sample, indicates higher phosphorus levels in the top sample.

## LITTLE ARBOR VITAE LAKE

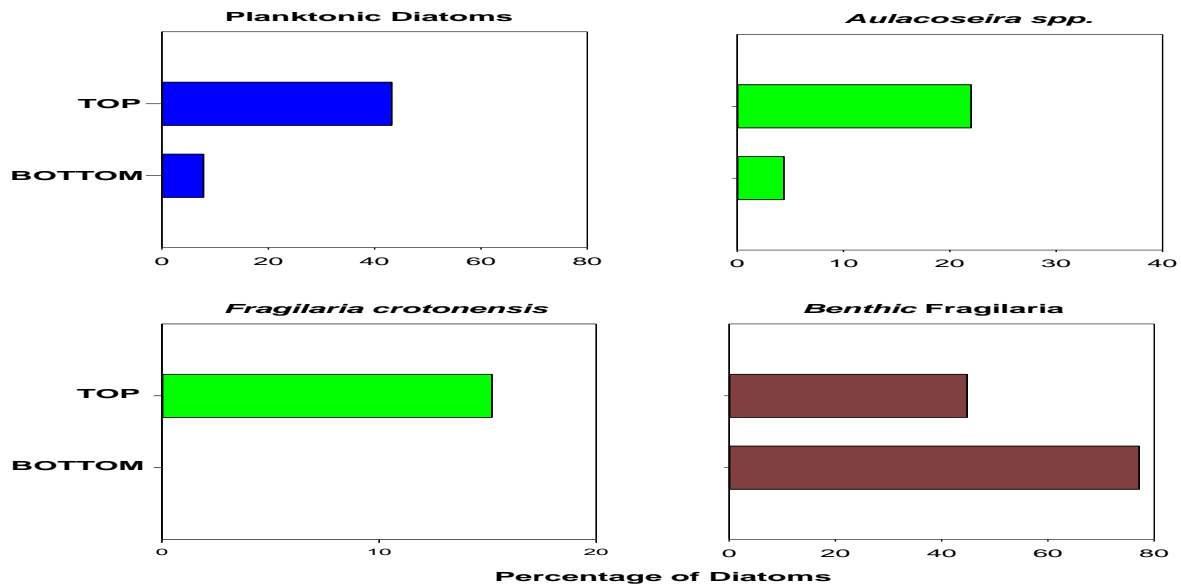


Figure 3. Changes in the abundance of some important diatoms found in the Little Arbor Vitae Lake sediment core. The dominant diatoms at the present time are those that float in the open water. The increase in planktonic diatoms in the top sample compared with the bottom sample, indicates higher phosphorus levels in the top sample.

face sediment diatom assemblages. The species-environment relationships are then used to infer environmental conditions from fossil diatom assemblages found in the sediment core.

Such a model was applied to the diatom communities in the Arbor Vitae lakes. In both lakes the present day phosphorus concentration is significantly higher than it was historically (Table 1). The predicted value for Little Arbor Vitae is similar to the mean summer phosphorus level measured in 2010. Phosphorus concentrations was  $30 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$  until mid-summer and then increased to  $50\text{-}60 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$  later in the summer. The model may be slightly over estimating the historical phosphorus concentration, especially in Little Arbor Vitae Lake because the dominate taxa were benthic *Fragilaria*. These diatoms have a wide tolerance of phosphorus concentrations. Since the model was developed using recently deposited diatom communities there were few lakes that likely had the lower phosphorus concentrations that were more common prior to European settlement.

Table. 1. Mean summer phosphorus concentrations in the Arbor Vitae lakes ( $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ ). The observed value represents the last 5 years in White Ash Lake and 2010 in North White Ash Lake. The concentration for the top and bottom samples were estimated from the diatom community.

	Top	Bottom
Big Arbor Vitae	57	29
Little Arbor Vitae	44	34

In summary, the diatom community indicates that the present day phosphorus concentrations experienced in the Arbor Vitae lakes is significantly higher than it was prior to the arrival of European settlers. Historically the phosphorus concentration was around  $30 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$  in both lakes. Most lakes in this region where the diatom community has been examined in sediment cores do not show this amount of phosphorus increase. This amount of phosphorus increase is more common in southern and central Wisconsin lakes with highly altered landuse in the watershed.

<b>BIG ARBOR VITAE LAKE</b>			
<b>Vilas County</b>			
			Aulacoseira spp. 0.338
			Small Fragilaria 0.200
<b>Top (0-2 cm)</b>			
			Benthic Fragilaria 0.316
			Cyclotella spp. 0.010
			Stephanodiscus spp. 0.066
	<b>COUNT TOTAL</b>		
TAXA	Number	Prop.	
Achnanthes oblongella Østrup	5	0.010	Species Richness 46
Achnanthidium exiguum (Grunow) Czarnecki	1	0.002	Diversity 2.72
Amphora copulata (Kützing) Schoeman et Archibald	2	0.004	
Amphora pediculus (Kützing) Grunow	1	0.002	
Asterionella formosa Hassal	15	0.030	
Aulacoseira ambigua (Grunow) Simonsen	74	0.148	
Aulacoseira granulata (Ehrenberg) Simonsen	88	0.176	
Aulacoseira italica (Ehrenberg) Simonsen	3	0.006	
Aulacoseira sp. 1?	4	0.008	
Caloneis silicula (Ehrenberg) Cleve	4	0.008	
Cocconeis placentula var. lineata (Ehrenberg) Van Heurck	2	0.004	
Cocconeis placentula var. placentula Ehrenberg	3	0.006	
Cocconeis pseudothumensis Reichardt	1	0.002	
Discotella stelligera (Hustedt) Houk et Klee	5	0.010	
Encyonema spp.	1	0.002	
Fragilaria capucina var. mesolepta Rabenhorst	1	0.002	
Fragilaria crotonensis Kitton	22	0.044	
Fragilaria crotonensis var. oregona Sovereign	30	0.060	
Fragilaria vaucheriae (Kützing) Petersen	3	0.006	
Geissleria paludosa (Hustedt) Lange-Bertalot et Metzeltin	1	0.002	
Gomphonema insigne Gregory	1	0.002	
Gomphonema spp.	2	0.004	
Navicula cincta (Ehrenberg) Ralfs	2	0.004	
Navicula harderii Hustedt	2	0.004	
Navicula obdurata Hohn et Hellermann	2	0.004	
Navicula pseudoventralis Hustedt	4	0.008	
Nitzschia amphibia Grunow	1	0.002	
Nitzschia dissipata var. media (Hantzsch) Grunow	1	0.002	
Nitzschia spp.	2	0.004	
Pinnularia subgibba Krammer	1	0.002	
Planothidium frequentissimum (Lange-Bertalot) Lange-Bertalot	3	0.006	
Planothidium joursacense (Héribaud) Lange-Bertalot	1	0.002	
Pseudostaurosira brevistriata (Grunow) Williams et Round	20	0.040	
Sellaphora laevissima (Kützing) Mann	2	0.004	
Sellaphora pupula (Kützing) Mereschkowsky	2	0.004	
Staurosira construens Ehrenberg	32	0.064	
Staurosira construens var. venter (Ehrenberg) Hamilton	7	0.014	
Staurosirella leptostauron var. dubia (Grunow) Edlund	3	0.006	
Staurosirella martyi (Héribaud) Morales et Manoylov	2	0.004	
Staurosirella pinnata (Ehrenberg) Williams et Round	93	0.186	
Staurosirella pinnata var. lancettula (Schumann) Siver et Hamilton	1	0.002	
Stephanodiscus minutulus (Kützing) Cleve et Möller	3	0.006	
Stephanodiscus niagarae Ehrenberg	30	0.060	
Synedra acus Kützing	1	0.002	
Synedra acus var. angustissima (Grunow) Van Heurck	6	0.012	
Tabellaria flocculosa (strain IIIp) sensu Koppen	5	0.010	
unknown pennate	5	0.010	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>1.000</b>	
Planktonic diatoms		0.570	
Nonplanktonic diatoms		0.430	









# E

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### Watershed Analysis WiLMS Results



Big Arbor Vitae Lake  
Watershed Modeling Output (WiLMS)

**Date:** 10/11/2012      **Scenario:** BAV New watershed

Lake Id: Big Abor Vitae

Watershed Id: 0

**Hydrologic and Morphometric Data**

Tributary Drainage Area: 6567.0 acre

Total Unit Runoff: 14.00 in.

Annual Runoff Volume: 7661.5 acre-ft

Lake Surface Area <As>: 1090.0 acre

Lake Volume <V>: 19827.0 acre-ft

Lake Mean Depth <z>: 18.2 ft

Precipitation - Evaporation: 5.5 in.

Hydraulic Loading: 8161.1 acre-ft/year

Areal Water Load <qs>: 7.5 ft/year

Lake Flushing Rate <p>: 0.41 1/year

Water Residence Time: 2.43 year

Observed spring overturn total phosphorus (SPO): 38.0 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

Observed growing season mean phosphorus (GSM): 29.6 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

% NPS Change: 0%

% PS Change: 0%

**NON-POINT SOURCE DATA**

Land Use	Acre (ac)	Low	Most Likely	High	Loading %	Low	Most Likely	High
		Loading (kg/ha-year)				Loading (kg/year)		
Row Crop AG	23.0	0.50	1.00	3.00	2.3	5	9	28
Mixed AG	0.0	0.30	0.80	1.40	0.0	0	0	0
Pasture/Grass	290.0	0.10	0.30	0.50	8.6	12	35	59
HD Urban (1/8 Ac)	0.0	1.00	1.50	2.00	0.0	0	0	0
MD Urban (1/4 Ac)	0.0	0.30	0.50	0.80	0.0	0	0	0
Rural Res (>1 Ac)	13.0	0.05	0.10	0.25	0.1	0	1	1
Wetlands	1438.0	0.10	0.10	0.10	14.2	58	58	58
Forest	4803.0	0.05	0.09	0.18	42.6	97	175	350
Lake Surface	1090.0	0.10	0.30	1.00	32.2	44	132	441

**POINT SOURCE DATA**

Point Sources	Water Load (m <sup>3</sup> /year)	Low (kg/year)	Most Likely (kg/year)	High (kg/year)	Loading %

**SEPTIC TANK DATA**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Most Likely</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Loading %</b>
Septic Tank Output (kg/capita-year)	0.30	0.50	0.80	
# capita-years	0.0			
% Phosphorus Retained by Soil	98.0	90.0	80.0	
Septic Tank Loading (kg/year)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0

**TOTALS DATA**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Most Likely</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Loading %</b>
Total Loading (lb)	476.5	905.0	2066.0	100.0
Total Loading (kg)	216.2	410.5	937.1	100.0
Areal Loading (lb/ac-year)	0.44	0.83	1.90	
Areal Loading (mg/m <sup>2</sup> -year)	49.00	93.06	212.45	
Total PS Loading (lb)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total PS Loading (kg)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total NPS Loading (lb)	379.3	613.3	1093.5	100.0
Total NPS Loading (kg)	172.0	278.2	496.0	100.0

**Phosphorus Prediction and Uncertainty Analysis Module**

Date: 10/11/2012 Scenario: 57

Observed spring overturn total phosphorus (SPO): 38.0 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

Observed growing season mean phosphorus (GSM): 29.6 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

Back calculation for SPO total phosphorus: 0.0 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

Back calculation GSM phosphorus: 0.0 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

% Confidence Range: 70%

Nurenberg Model Input - Est. Gross Int. Loading: 0 kg

<b>Lake Phosphorus Model</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Most Likely</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Predicted</b>	<b>% Dif.</b>
	Total P	Total P	Total P	-Observed	
	(mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	(mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	(mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	(mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	
Walker, 1987 Reservoir	10	19	43	-11	-37
Canfield-Bachmann, 1981 Natural Lake	10	17	30	-13	-44
Canfield-Bachmann, 1981 Artificial Lake	11	17	28	-13	-44
Rechow, 1979 General	3	6	15	-24	-81
Rechow, 1977 Anoxic	14	26	60	-4	-14
Rechow, 1977 water load<50m/year	6	10	24	-20	-68
Rechow, 1977 water load>50m/year	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Walker, 1977 General	10	18	42	-20	-53
Vollenweider, 1982 Combined OECD	9	15	30	-19	-56
Dillon-Rigler-Kirchner	5	10	24	-28	-74
Vollenweider, 1982 Shallow Lake/Res.	7	12	24	-22	-65



Big Arbor Vitae Lake  
Watershed Modeling Output (WiLMS)

Larsen-Mercier, 1976	8	16	36	-22	-58
Nurnberg, 1984 Oxid	6	11	24	-19	-64

Lake Phosphorus Model	Confidence		Parameter Fit?	Back Calculation (kg/year)	Model Type
	Lower Bound	Upper Bound			
Walker, 1987 Reservoir	11	35	Tw	0	GSM
Canfield-Bachmann, 1981 Natural Lake	5	49	FIT	1	GSM
Canfield-Bachmann, 1981 Artificial Lake	5	49	FIT	1	GSM
Rechow, 1979 General	3	12	FIT	0	GSM
Rechow, 1977 Anoxic	16	48	FIT	0	GSM
Rechow, 1977 water load<50m/year	6	19	FIT	0	GSM
Rechow, 1977 water load>50m/year	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Walker, 1977 General	9	36	FIT	0	SPO
Vollenweider, 1982 Combined OECD	8	29	FIT	0	ANN
Dillon-Rigler-Kirchner	6	19	L	0	SPO
Vollenweider, 1982 Shallow Lake/Res.	6	23	FIT	0	ANN
Larsen-Mercier, 1976	10	29	P Pin	0	SPO
Nurnberg, 1984 Oxid	6	21	FIT	0	ANN

**Water and Nutrient Outflow Module**

Date: 10/11/2012 Scenario: 42  
 Average Annual Surface Total Phosphorus: 33.8mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
 Annual Discharge: 8.16E+003 AF => 1.01E+007 m<sup>3</sup>  
 Annual Outflow Loading: 719.6 LB => 326.4 kg



# F

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### Aquatic Plant Survey Data











Point Number	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	DEPTH	SEDIMENT	POL E ROPE	COMMENTS	Potamogeton crispus	Ceratophyllum demersum	Chara spp.	Elodea canadensis	Heteranthera dubia	Lemna trisulca	Lemna turionifera	Myricophyllum sibiricum	Najas flexilis	Nitella sp.	Nymphaea odorata	Potamogeton amplifolius	Potamogeton fresii	Potamogeton praelongus	Potamogeton pusillus	Potamogeton richardsonii	Potamogeton robbinsii	Potamogeton spirillus	Potamogeton strictifolius	Potamogeton zosteriformis	Ranunculus aquatilis	Ranunculus flabellaris	Sagittaria sp. (rosette)	Spirodela polyrrhiza	Vallisneria americana	Filamentous Algae	
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## APPENDIX G

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**Big Arbor Vitae Fish Stocking Records - WDNR**





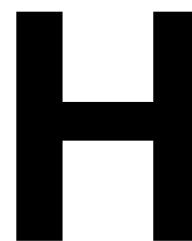
**Big Arbor Vitae Lake WDNR Muskellunge Stocking**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Strain (Stock)</b>	<b>Age Class</b>	<b># Fish Stocked</b>	<b>Avg Fish Length (in)</b>
1972	Muskellunge	Unspecified	Fingerling	2,100	12
1973	Muskellunge	Unspecified	Fingerling	1,198	13
1974	Muskellunge	Unspecified	Fingerling	1,200	9
1977	Muskellunge	Unspecified	Fingerling	1,939	11.8
1979	Muskellunge	Unspecified	Fingerling	1,000	12
1980	Muskellunge	Unspecified	Fingerling	1,000	12
1981	Muskellunge	Unspecified	Fingerling	2,000	12
1982	Muskellunge	Unspecified	Fry	85,050	
1983	Muskellunge	Unspecified	Fingerling	2,084	10.33
1985	Muskellunge	Unspecified	Fry	82,400	1
1986	Muskellunge	Unspecified	Fingerling	1,100	11.33
1988	Muskellunge	Unspecified	Fingerling	1,211	10.4
1989	Muskellunge	Unspecified	Fingerling	2,720	2
1990	Muskellunge	Unspecified	Fingerling	1,000	10.67
1991	Muskellunge	Unspecified	Fingerling	550	11.5
1991	Muskellunge	Unspecified	Fry	180,703	1
1992	Muskellunge	Unspecified	Fingerling	91	11
1992	Muskellunge	Unspecified	Fry	95,500	1
1993	Muskellunge	Unspecified	Fry	148,400	0.4
1994	Muskellunge	Unspecified	Fry	60,000	0.4
1995	Muskellunge	Unspecified	Fry	163,900	0.4
1996	Muskellunge	Unspecified	Fingerling	944	10.2
1996	Muskellunge	Unspecified	Fry	201,900	0.5
1998	Muskellunge	Unspecified	Fry	100,000	0.5
1998	Muskellunge	Unspecified	Large Fingerling	1,167	12.1
1999	Muskellunge	Unspecified	Fry	220,300	0.5
2000	Muskellunge	Unspecified	Fry	136,350	0.5
2000	Muskellunge	Unspecified	Large Fingerling	1,100	10.7
2000	Muskellunge	Unspecified	Small Fingerling	11,688	1.1
2001	Muskellunge	Unspecified	Fry	345,200	0.5
2002	Muskellunge	Unspecified	Large Fingerling	1,090	10.6
2004	Muskellunge	Unspecified	Large Fingerling	1,090	10.25
2006	Muskellunge	Upper Wisconsin River	Large Fingerling	703	10.2
2008	Muskellunge	Upper Wisconsin River	Large Fingerling	1,090	10.4

**Big Arbor Vitae Lake WDNR Walleye Stocking**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Strain (Stock)</b>	<b>Age Class</b>	<b># Fish Stocked</b>	<b>Avg Fish Length (in)</b>
1973	Walleye	Unspecified	Fingerling	25,000	5
1975	Walleye	Unspecified	Fingerling	25,000	3
1979	Walleye	Unspecified	Fingerling	26,740	2
1993	Walleye	Unspecified	Fry	536,000	0.2
1995	Walleye	Unspecified	Fry	1,400,000	0.2





## **APPENDIX H**



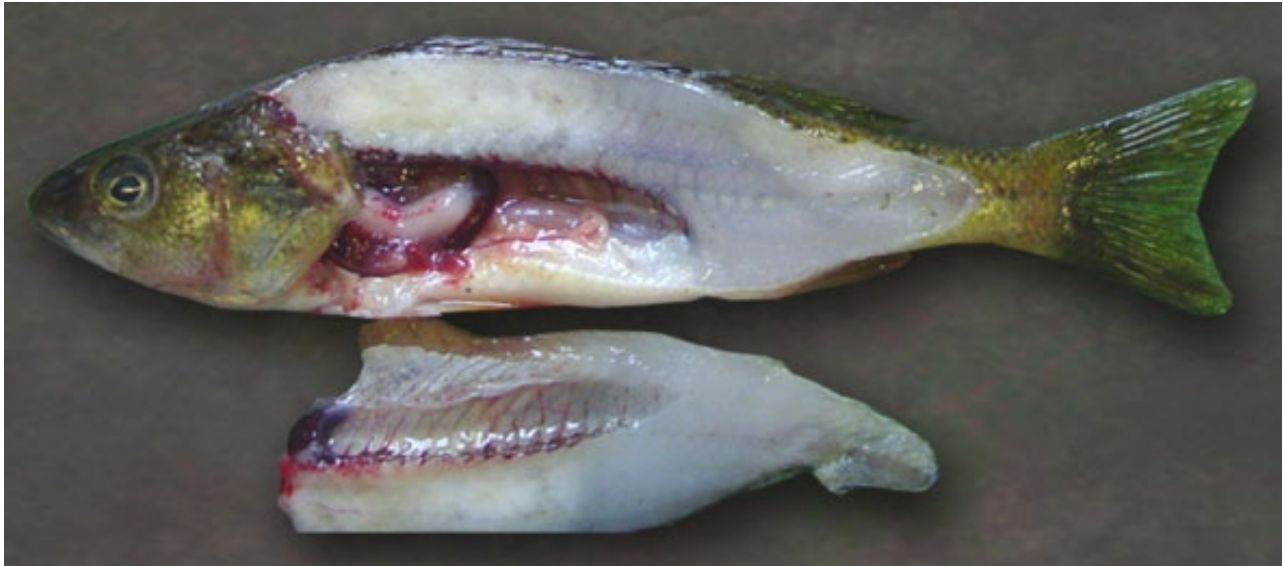
**Great Lakes Fishery Commission: Heterosporis bulletin**



# Heterosporis sp.

# Yellow perch parasite

*Heterosporis sp.* is a parasite of fish that infects muscle cells. Infected fillets have white, opaque areas in the muscle and appear “freezer-burned” or as if the tissue has already been cooked. This parasite was first identified in yellow perch from Catfish Lake in the Eagle River Chain of Lakes (Vilas County) Wisconsin in 2000. Since then, it has been detected in other lakes in Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, and Canadian waters of eastern Lake Ontario. The percent of infected fish in these waters can range from less than 5% to about 30%. Prior to 2000, *Heterosporis sp.* infections were only reported in tank reared aquarium species such as angelfish and cichlids in Europe, bettas in Thailand, and Japanese eels in Taiwan. The source of *Heterosporis* infections in North America is unknown.



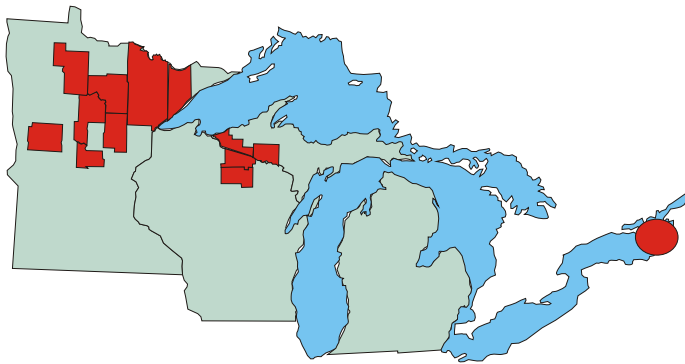
A yellow perch infected with *Heterosporis*. Notice the areas of infection where the muscle is white, opaque and appears freezer-burned or cooked. (Photograph by Dr. Dan Sutherland, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse)

Although the parasite was first observed in yellow perch, natural infections can occur in walleye, northern pike, trout-perch, burbot, pumpkinseed, sculpin and rockbass. Studies at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse have shown other species can be infected under laboratory conditions: rainbow trout, Coho salmon, brook trout, brown trout, lake trout, white suckers, mosquito fish, channel catfish, fathead minnow, and largemouth bass. Bluegill, lake sturgeon, smallmouth bass, and golden shiners were exposed to spores, but did not become infected.

**The *Heterosporis* Life Cycle.** *Heterosporis* is a microsporidan parasite and part of its life cycle includes the formation of spores inside muscle cells. The spores are the infective stage of the parasite. Infection occurs when a fish eats an infected fish, or when a fish is exposed to spores in the water. Spores are released into the water when an infected fish dies and decomposes and can remain infective in water for at least two months at room temperature and up to one year in refrigerated water. Based on lab studies, opaque areas of infection in the muscle are visible to the eye about 5 weeks after a fish becomes infected. Over time, the entire muscle mass of a fish will be filled with spores and the entire fillet will become white and opaque.



## Heterosporis distribution (as of March 2005)



**Lakes where *Heterosporis* infections have been confirmed. (The county is included in parentheses).**

### **Wisconsin**

Catfish (Vilas)  
Eagle River Chain of Lakes (Vilas)  
Big Arbor Vitae (Vilas)  
Lac Vieux Desert (Vilas)  
Robinson (Vilas)  
Big St. Germain (Vilas)  
Echo (Oneida)  
Columbus (Oneida)

### **Michigan**

Lac Vieux Desert (Gogebic)  
Lake Emily (Iron)

### **Ontario**

Eastern waters of Lake Ontario

### **Minnesota**

Mille Lacs (Aitkin)  
Vermillion (St. Louis)  
Leech (Cass)  
Gull (Cass)  
Winnibigosh (Cass)  
Steamboat (Cass)  
Basswood (Lake)  
Clitheral (Ottertail)  
Horsehead (Ottertail)  
Bass (Itasca)  
Sand (Itasca)  
Andrusia (Beltrami)  
Alexander (Morrison)

## **Controlling the spread of *Heterosporis***

Fisheries biologists, anglers, commercial fishermen, bait harvesters and others who are involved with on-the-water activities can take the following precautions to prevent the spread of *Heterosporis* as well as the spread of other aquatic invasive species:

- Do not discard infected fish in a lake or river; place them in the garbage.
- Empty live wells and bilges away from water, in an area where the water will be absorbed into the ground.

Several methods have been found to effectively kill *Heterosporis* spores:

- Thoroughly dry boats, nets and other gear after using them, but before entering a new waterbody. Gear must be completely dry for a minimum of 24 hours for dessication to effectively kill the spores.
- Immerse gear in a chlorine bleach solution for five minutes (3 cups of household bleach in 5 gallons of water). Metal gear may be corroded when immersed in chlorine solutions. After gear has been disinfected, rinse it with clean water to remove residual chlorine. Keep chlorine solutions away from natural waterbodies. Fish and other aquatic life can be killed by trace amounts of chlorine in the water.
- Freezing at -4 °F for 24 hours (home freezer) will also kill the spores.

Until more is known about the susceptibility of other species of fish to infection by *Heterosporis*, fish should not be moved from lakes known to be infected with *Heterosporis* to other waters.

## **Species naturally infected with *Heterosporis*:**

**In Wisconsin:** yellow perch, walleye, pumpkinseed, sculpin, trout-perch, rock bass, and burbot; **In Minnesota:** yellow perch, walleye, and northern pike; **In Michigan:** yellow perch; **In Ontario:** yellow perch, rock bass, and pumpkinseed

***Heterosporis* is not a human health concern** *Heterosporis* infections in the muscle will decrease the quality and change the texture of a fillet. People may choose not to consume infected fish for these reasons. Based on studies at the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, GA., there is no evidence that *Heterosporis* can infect people.



For more information, visit [www.glfsc.org/heterosporis.htm](http://www.glfsc.org/heterosporis.htm)

**Great Lakes Fishery Commission**





# **APPENDIX I**

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**Aquatic Plant Management Strategy – Northern Region WDNR.**



# **AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

**Northern Region WDNR  
Summer, 2007**



# AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

## Northern Region WDNR

### ISSUES

- Protect desirable native aquatic plants.
- Reduce the risk that invasive species replace desirable native aquatic plants.
- Promote “whole lake” management plans
- Limit the number of permits to control native aquatic plants.

### BACKGROUND

As a general rule, the Northern Region has historically taken a protective approach to allow removal of native aquatic plants by harvesting or by chemical herbicide treatment. This approach has prevented lakes in the Northern Wisconsin from large-scale loss of native aquatic plants that represent naturally occurring high quality vegetation. Naturally occurring native plants provide a *diversity of habitat* that *helps maintain water quality*, helps *sustain the fishing* quality known for Northern Wisconsin, supports common lakeshore wildlife from loons to frogs, and helps to provide the *aesthetics* that collectively create the “up-north” appeal of the northwoods lake resources.

In Northern Wisconsin lakes, an inventory of aquatic plants may often find 30 different species or more, whereas a similar survey of a Southern Wisconsin lake may often discover less than half that many species. Historically, similar species diversity was present in Southern Wisconsin, but has been lost gradually over time from stresses brought on by cultural land use changes (such as increased development, and intensive agriculture). Another point to note is that while there may be a greater variety of aquatic vegetation in Northern Wisconsin lakes, the vegetation itself is often *less dense*. This is because northern lakes have not suffered as greatly from nutrients and runoff as have many waters in Southern Wisconsin.

The newest threat to native plants in Northern Wisconsin is from invasive species of aquatic plants. The most common include Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) and CurlyLeaf Pondweed (CLP). These species are described as *opportunistic invaders*. This means that these “invaders” benefit where an opening occurs from removal of plants, and without competition from other plants may successfully become established in a lake. Removal of native vegetation not only diminishes the natural qualities of a lake, it *may increase the risk that an invasive species can successfully invade onto the site where native plants have been removed*. There it may more easily establish itself without the native plants to compete against. This concept is easily observed on land where bared soil is quickly taken over by replacement species (often weeds) that crowd in and establish themselves as new occupants of the site. While not a providing a certain guarantee against invasive plants, protecting and allowing the native plants to remain may reduce the success of an invasive species becoming established on a lake. Once established, the invasive species cause far more inconvenience for all lake users, riparian and others included; can change many of the natural features of a lake; and often lead to *expensive annual control plans*. Native vegetation may cause localized concerns to some users, but as a natural feature of lakes, they generally do not cause harm.

To the extent we can maintain the normal growth of native vegetation, Northern Wisconsin lakes can continue to offer the water resource appeal and benefits they've historically provided. A regional position on removal of aquatic plants that carefully recognizes how native aquatic plants benefit lakes in Northern Region can help prevent a gradual decline in the overall quality and recreational benefits that make these lakes attractive to people and still provide abundant fish, wildlife, and northwoods appeal.

### **GOALS OF STRATEGY:**

1. Preserve native species diversity which, in turn, fosters natural habitat for fish and other aquatic species, from frogs to birds.
2. Prevent openings for invasive species to become established in the absence of the native species.
3. Concentrate on a "whole-lake approach" for control of aquatic plants, thereby fostering systematic documentation of conditions and specific targeting of invasive species as they exist.
4. Prohibit removal of wild rice. WDNR – Northern Region will not issue permits to remove wild rice unless a request is subjected to the full consultation process via the Voigt Tribal Task Force. We intend to discourage applications for removal of this ecologically and culturally important native plant.
5. To be consistent with our WDNR Water Division Goals (work reduction/disinvestment), established in 2005, to "not issue permits for chemical or large scale mechanical control of native aquatic plants – develop general permits as appropriate or inform applicants of exempted activities." This process is similar to work done in other WDNR Regions, although not formalized as such.

### **BASIS OF STRATEGY IN STATE STATUTE AND ADMINISTRATIVE CODE**

**State Statute 23.24 (2)(c)** states:

"The requirements promulgated under par. (a) 4. may specify any of the following:

1. The **quantity** of aquatic plants that may be managed under an aquatic plant management permit.
2. The **species** of aquatic plants that may be managed under an aquatic plant management permit.
3. The **areas** in which aquatic plants may be managed under an aquatic plant management permit.
4. The **methods** that may be used to manage aquatic plants under an aquatic plant management permit.
5. The **times** during which aquatic plants may be managed under an aquatic plant management permit.
6. The **allowable methods** for disposing or using aquatic

plants that are removed or controlled under an aquatic plant management permit.

7. The requirements for plans that the department may require under sub. (3) (b). “

**State Statute 23.24(3)(b)** states:

“The department may require that an application for an aquatic plant management permit contain a plan for the department’s approval as to how the aquatic plants will be introduced, removed, or controlled.”

**Wisconsin Administrative Code NR 109.04(3)(a)** states:

“The department may require that an application for an aquatic plant management permit contain an aquatic plant management plan that describes how the aquatic plants will be introduced, controlled, removed or disposed. Requirements for an aquatic plant management plan shall be made in writing stating the reason for the plan requirement. In deciding whether to require a plan, the department shall consider the potential for effects on protection and development of diverse and stable communities of native aquatic plants, for conflict with goals of other written ecological or lake management plans, for cumulative impacts and effect on the ecological values in the body of water, and the long-term sustainability of beneficial water use activities.”

# AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

## Northern Region WDNR

### APPROACH

1. After January 1, 2009\* no individual permits for control of native aquatic plants will be issued. Treatment of native species may be allowed under the auspices of an approved lake management plan, and only if the plan clearly documents “impairment of navigation” and/or “nuisance conditions”. Until January 1, 2009, individual permits will be issued to previous permit holders, only with adequate documentation of “impairment of navigation” and/or “nuisance conditions”. No new individual permits will be issued during the interim.
2. Control of aquatic plants (if allowed) in documented sensitive areas will follow the conditions specified in the report.
3. Invasive species must be controlled under an approved lake management plan, with two exceptions (these exceptions are designed to allow sufficient time for lake associations to form and subsequently submit an approved lake management plan):
  - a. Newly-discovered infestations. If found on a lake with an approved lake management plan, the invasive species can be controlled via an amendment to the approved plan. If found on a lake without an approved management plan, the invasive species can be controlled under the WDNR’s Rapid Response protocol (see definition), and the lake owners will be encouraged to form a lake association and subsequently submit a lake management plan for WNDNR review and approval.
  - b. Individuals holding past permits for control of *invasive* aquatic plants and/or “mixed stands” of native and invasive species will be allowed to treat via individual permit until January 1, 2009 if “impairment of navigation” and/or “nuisance conditions” is adequately documented, unless there is an approved lake management plan for the lake in question.
4. Control of invasive species or “mixed stands” of invasive and native plants will follow current best management practices approved by the Department and contain an explanation of the strategy to be used. Established stands of invasive plants will generally use a control strategy based on Spring treatment. (typically, a water temperature of less than 60 degrees Fahrenheit, or approximately May 31st, annually).
5. Manual removal (see attached definition) is allowed (Admin. Code NR 109.06).

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\* *Exceptions to the Jan. 1, 2009 deadline will be considered only on a very limited basis and will be intended to address unique situations that do not fall within the intent of this approach.*

# AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

## Northern Region WDNR

### DOCUMENTATION OF IMPAIRED NAVIGATION AND/OR NUISANCE CONDITIONS

Navigation channels can be of two types:

- Common use navigation channel. This is a common navigation route for the general lake user. It often is off shore and connects areas that boaters commonly would navigate to or across, and should be of public benefit.
- Individual riparian access lane. This is an access lane to shore that normally is used by an individual riparian shore owner.

Severe impairment or nuisance will generally mean vegetation grows thickly and forms mats on the water surface. Before issuance of a permit to use a regulated control method, a riparian will be asked to document the problem and show what efforts or adaptations have been made to use the site. (This is currently required in NR 107 and on the application form, but the following helps provide a specific description of what impairments exist from native plants).

**Documentation of *impairment of navigation*** by native plants must include:

- a. Specific locations of navigation routes (preferably with GPS coordinates)
- b. Specific dimensions in length, width, and depth
- c. Specific times when plants cause the problem and how long the problem persists
- d. Adaptations or alternatives that have been considered by the lake shore user to avoid or lessen the problem
- e. The species of plant or plants creating the nuisance (documented with samples or a from a Site inspection)

**Documentation of the *nuisance*** must include:

- a. Specific periods of time when plants cause the problem, e.g. when does the problem start and when does it go away.
- b. Photos of the nuisance are encouraged to help show what uses are limited and to show the severity of the problem.
- c. Examples of specific activities that would normally be done where native plants occur naturally on a site but can not occur because native plants have become a nuisance.

# **AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

## **Northern Region WDNR**

### **DEFINITIONS**

Manual removal:	Removal by hand or hand-held devices without the use or aid of external or auxiliary power. Manual removal cannot exceed 30 ft. in width and can only be done where the shore is being used for a dock or swim raft. The 30 ft. wide removal zone cannot be moved, relocated, or expanded with the intent to gradually increase the area of plants removed. Wild rice may not be removed under this waiver.
Native aquatic plants:	Aquatic plants that are indigenous to the waters of this state.
Invasive aquatic plants:	Non-indigenous species whose introduction causes or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health.
Sensitive area:	Defined under s. NR 107.05(3)(i) (sensitive areas are areas of aquatic vegetation identified by the department as offering critical or unique fish and wildlife habitat, including seasonal or lifestage requirements, or offering water quality or erosion control benefits to the body of water).
Rapid Response protocol:	This is an internal WDNR document designed to provide guidance for grants awarded under NR 198.30 (Early Detection and Rapid Response Projects). These projects are intended to control pioneer infestations of aquatic invasive species before they become established.



## Chapter NR 109

### AQUATIC PLANTS: INTRODUCTION, MANUAL REMOVAL AND MECHANICAL CONTROL REGULATIONS

NR 109.01	Purpose.
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NR 109.09	Plan specifications and approval.
NR 109.10	Other permits.
NR 109.11	Enforcement.

**NR 109.01 Purpose.** The purpose of this chapter is to establish procedures and requirements for the protection and regulation of aquatic plants pursuant to ss. 23.24 and 30.07, Stats. Diverse and stable communities of native aquatic plants are recognized to be a vital and necessary component of a healthy aquatic ecosystem. This chapter establishes procedures and requirements for issuing aquatic plant management permits for introduction of aquatic plants or control of aquatic plants by manual removal, burning, use of mechanical means or plant inhibitors. This chapter identifies other permits issued by the department for aquatic plant management that contain the appropriate conditions as required under this chapter for aquatic plant management, and for which no separate permit is required under this chapter. Introduction and control of aquatic plants shall be allowed in a manner consistent with sound ecosystem management, shall consider cumulative impacts, and shall minimize the loss of ecological values in the body of water. The purpose of this chapter is also to prevent the spread of invasive and non-native aquatic organisms by prohibiting the launching of watercraft or equipment that has any aquatic plants or zebra mussels attached.

**History:** CR 02-061: cr. Register May 2003 No. 569, eff. 6-1-03; correction made under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 7., Stats., Register March 2011 No. 663.

**NR 109.02 Applicability.** A person sponsoring or conducting manual removal, burning or using mechanical means or aquatic plant inhibitors to control aquatic plants in navigable waters, or introducing non-native aquatic plants to waters of this state shall obtain an aquatic plant management permit from the department under this chapter.

**History:** CR 02-061: cr. Register May 2003 No. 569, eff. 6-1-03.

**NR 109.03 Definitions.** In this chapter:

- (1) "Aquatic community" means lake or river biological resources.
- (2) "Beneficial water use activities" mean angling, boating, swimming or other navigational or recreational water use activity.
- (3) "Body of water" means any lake, river or wetland that is a water of this state.
- (4) "Complete application" means a completed and signed application form, the information specified in s. NR 109.04 and any other information which may reasonably be required from an applicant and which the department needs to make a decision under applicable provisions of law.
- (5) "Department" means the Wisconsin department of natural resources.
- (6) "Manual removal" means the control of aquatic plants by hand or hand-held devices without the use or aid of external or auxiliary power.
- (7) "Navigable waters" means those waters defined as navigable under s. 30.10, Stats.
- (8) "Permit" means aquatic plant management permit.
- (9) "Plan" means aquatic plant management plan.

(10) "Wetlands" means an area where water is at, near or above the land surface long enough to be capable of supporting aquatic or hydrophytic vegetation and which has soils indicative of wet conditions.

**History:** CR 02-061: cr. Register May 2003 No. 569, eff. 6-1-03.

**NR 109.04 Application requirements and fees.**

(1) Permit applications shall be made on forms provided by the department and shall be submitted to the regional director or designee for the region in which the project is located. Permit applications for licensed aquatic nursery growers may be submitted to the department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection.

**Note:** Applications may be obtained from the department's regional headquarters or service centers. DATCP has agreed to send application forms and instructions provided by the department to aquatic nursery growers along with license renewal forms. DATCP will forward all applications to the department for processing.

(2) The application shall be accompanied by all of the following unless the application is made by licensed aquatic nursery growers for selective harvesting of aquatic plants for nursery stock. Applications made by licensed aquatic nursery growers for harvest of nursery stock do not have to include the information required by par. (d), (e), (h), (i) or (j).

(a) A nonrefundable application fee. The application fee for an aquatic plant management permit is:

1. \$30 for a proposed project to manage aquatic plants on less than one acre.

2. \$30 per acre to a maximum of \$300 for a proposed project to manage aquatic plants on one acre or larger. Partial acres shall be rounded up to the next full acre for fee determination. An annual renewal of this permit may be requested with an additional application fee of one-half the original application fee, but not less than \$30.

(b) A legal description of the body of water including township, range and section number.

(c) One copy of a detailed map of the body of water with the proposed introduction or control area dimensions clearly shown. Private individuals doing plant introduction or control shall provide the name of the owner riparian to the management area, which includes the street address or block, lot and fire number where available and local telephone number or other pertinent information necessary to locate the property.

(d) One copy of any existing aquatic management plan for the body of water, or detailed reference to the plan, citing the plan references to the proposed introduction or control area, and a description of how the proposed introduction or control of aquatic plants is compatible with any existing plan.

(e) A description of the impairments to water use caused by the aquatic plants to be managed.

(f) A description of the aquatic plants to be controlled or removed.

(g) The type of equipment and methods to be used for introduction, control or removal.

(h) A description of other introduction or control methods considered and the justification for the method selected.

(i) A description of any other method being used or intended for use for plant management by the applicant or on the area abutting the proposed management area.

(j) The area used for removal, reuse or disposal of aquatic plants.

(k) The name of any person or commercial provider of control or removal services.

**(3)** (a) The department may require that an application for an aquatic plant management permit contain an aquatic plant management plan that describes how the aquatic plants will be introduced, controlled, removed or disposed. Requirements for an aquatic plant management plan shall be made in writing stating the reason for the plan requirement. In deciding whether to require a plan, the department shall consider the potential for effects on protection and development of diverse and stable communities of native aquatic plants, for conflict with goals of other written ecological or lake management plans, for cumulative impacts and effect on the ecological values in the body of water, and the long-term sustainability of beneficial water use activities.

(b) Within 30 days of receipt of the plan, the department shall notify the applicant of any additional information or modifications to the plan that are required. If the applicant does not submit the additional information or modify the plan as requested by the department, the department may dismiss the aquatic plant management permit application.

(c) The department shall approve the aquatic plant management plan before an application may be considered complete.

**(4)** The permit sponsor may request an annual renewal in writing from the department under s. NR 109.05 if there is no change proposed in the conditions of the original permit issued.

**History:** CR 02-061; cr. Register May 2003 No. 569, eff. 6-1-03.

**NR 109.05 Permit issuance.** **(1)** The department shall issue or deny issuance of the requested permit within 15 working days after receipt of a completed application and approved plan as required under s. NR 109.04 (3).

**(2)** The department may specify any of the following as conditions of the permit:

(a) The quantity of aquatic plants that may be introduced or controlled.

(b) The species of aquatic plants that may be introduced or controlled.

(c) The areas in which aquatic plants may be introduced or controlled.

(d) The methods that may be used to introduce or control aquatic plants.

(e) The times during which aquatic plants may be introduced or controlled.

(f) The allowable methods used for disposing of or using aquatic plants that are removed or controlled.

(g) Annual or other reporting requirements to the department that may include information related to pars. (a) to (f).

**(3)** The department may deny issuance of the requested permit if the department determines any of the following:

(a) Aquatic plants are not causing significant impairment of beneficial water use activities.

(b) The proposed introduction or control will not remedy the water use impairments caused by aquatic plants as identified as a part of the application in s. NR 109.04 (2) (e).

(c) The proposed introduction or control will result in a hazard to humans.

(d) The proposed introduction or control will cause significant adverse impacts to threatened or endangered resources.

(e) The proposed introduction or control will result in a significant adverse effect on water quality, aquatic habitat or the aquatic community including the native aquatic plant community.

(f) The proposed introduction or control is in locations identified by the department as sensitive areas, under s. NR 107.05 (3) (i) 1., except when the applicant demonstrates to the satisfaction of the department that the project can be conducted in a manner that will not alter the ecological character or reduce the ecological value of the area.

(g) The proposed management will result in significant adverse long-term or permanent changes to a plant community or a high value species in a specific aquatic ecosystem. High value species are individual species of aquatic plants known to offer important values in specific aquatic ecosystems, including *Potamogeton amplifolius*, *Potamogeton Richardsonii*, *Potamogeton praelongus*, *Stuckenia pectinata* (*Potamogeton pectinatus*), *Potamogeton illinoensis*, *Potamogeton robbinsii*, *Eleocharis* spp., *Scirpus* spp., *Valisneria* spp., *Zizania* spp., *Zannichellia palustris* and *Brasenia schreberi*.

(h) If wild rice is involved, the stipulations incorporated by *Lac Courte Oreilles v. Wisconsin*, 775 F. Supp. 321 (W.D. Wis. 1991) shall be complied with.

(i) The proposed introduction or control will interfere with the rights of riparian owners.

(j) The proposed management is inconsistent with a department approved aquatic plant management plan for the body of water.

**(4)** The department may approve the application in whole or in part consistent with the provisions of sub. (3). A denial shall be in writing stating the reasons for the denial.

**(5)** (a) The department may issue an aquatic plant management permit on less than one acre in a single riparian area for a 3-year term.

(b) The department may issue an aquatic plant management permit for a one-year term for more than one acre or more than one riparian area. The permit may be renewed annually for up to a total of 3 years in succession at the written request of the permit holder, provided no modifications or changes are made from the original permit.

(c) The department may issue an aquatic plant management permit containing a department-approved plan for a 3 to 5 year term.

(d) The department may issue an aquatic plant management permit to a licensed nursery grower for a 3-year term for the harvesting of aquatic plants from a publicly owned lake bed or for a 5-year term for harvesting of aquatic plants from privately owned beds with the permission of the property owner.

**(6)** The approval of an aquatic plant management permit does not represent an endorsement of the permitted activity, but represents that the applicant has complied with all criteria of this chapter.

**History:** CR 02-061; cr. Register May 2003 No. 569, eff. 6-1-03; reprinted to restore dropped language from rule order, Register October 2003 No. 574.

**NR 109.06 Waivers.** The department waives the permit requirements under this chapter for any of the following:

**(1)** Manual removal or use of mechanical devices to control or remove aquatic plants from a body of water 10 acres or less that is entirely confined on the property of one person with the permission of that property owner.

**Note:** A person who introduces native aquatic plants or removes aquatic plants by manual or mechanical means in the course of operating an aquatic nursery as authorized under s. 94.10, Stats., on privately owned non-navigable waters of the state is not required to obtain a permit for the activities.

**(2)** A riparian owner who manually removes aquatic plants from a body of water or uses mechanical devices designed for cutting or mowing vegetation to control plants on an exposed lake bed that abuts the owner's property provided that the removal meets all of the following:

(a) 1. Removal of native plants is limited to a single area with a maximum width of no more than 30 feet measured along the shoreline provided that any piers, boatlifts, swimrafts and other recreational and water use devices are located within that 30-foot wide zone and may not be in a new area or additional to an area where plants are controlled by another method; or

2. Removal of nonnative or invasive aquatic plants as designated under s. NR 109.07 when performed in a manner that does not harm the native aquatic plant community; or

3. Removal of dislodged aquatic plants that drift on-shore and accumulate along the waterfront.

(b) Is not located in a sensitive area as defined by the department under s. NR 107.05 (3) (i) 1., or in an area known to contain threatened or endangered resources or floating bogs.

(c) Does not interfere with the rights of other riparian owners.

(d) If wild rice is involved, the procedures of s. NR 19.09 (1) shall be followed.

(4) Control of purple loosestrife by manual removal or use of mechanical devices when performed in a manner that does not harm the native aquatic plant community or result in or encourage re-growth of purple loosestrife or other nonnative vegetation.

(5) Any aquatic plant management activity that is conducted by the department and is consistent with the purposes of this chapter.

(6) Manual removal and collection of native aquatic plants for lake study or scientific research when performed in a manner that does not harm the native aquatic plant community.

**Note:** Scientific collectors permit requirements are still applicable.

(7) Incidental cutting, removal or destroying of aquatic plants when engaged in beneficial water use activities.

**History:** CR 02-061: cr. Register May 2003 No. 569, eff. 6-1-03.

#### NR 109.07 Invasive and nonnative aquatic plants.

(1) The department may designate any aquatic plant as an invasive aquatic plant for a water body or a group of water bodies if it has the ability to cause significant adverse change to desirable aquatic habitat, to significantly displace desirable aquatic vegetation, or to reduce the yield of products produced by aquaculture.

(2) The following aquatic plants are designated as invasive aquatic plants statewide: Eurasian water milfoil, curly leaf pondweed and purple loosestrife.

(3) Native and nonnative aquatic plants of Wisconsin shall be determined by using scientifically valid publications and findings by the department.

**History:** CR 02-061: cr. Register May 2003 No. 569, eff. 6-1-03.

**NR 109.08 Prohibitions.** (1) No person may distribute an invasive aquatic plant, under s. NR 109.07.

(2) No person may intentionally introduce Eurasian water milfoil, curly leaf pondweed or purple loosestrife into waters of this state without the permission of the department.

(3) No person may intentionally cut aquatic plants in public/navigable waters without removing cut vegetation from the body of water.

(4) (a) No person may place equipment used in aquatic plant management in a navigable water if the person has reason to

believe that the equipment has any aquatic plants or zebra mussels attached.

(b) This subsection does not apply to equipment used in aquatic plant management when re-launched on the same body of water without having visited different waters, provided the re-launching will not introduce or encourage the spread of existing aquatic species within that body of water.

**History:** CR 02-061: cr. Register May 2003 No. 569, eff. 6-1-03.

#### NR 109.09 Plan specifications and approval.

(1) Applicants required to submit an aquatic plant management plan, under s. NR 109.04 (3), shall develop and submit the plan in a format specified by the department.

(2) The plan shall present and discuss each of the following items:

(a) The goals and objectives of the aquatic plant management and protection activities.

(b) A physical, chemical and biological description of the waterbody.

(c) The intensity of water use.

(d) The location of aquatic plant management activities.

(e) An evaluation of chemical, mechanical, biological and physical aquatic plant control methods.

(f) Recommendations for an integrated aquatic plant management strategy utilizing some or all of the methods evaluated in par. (e).

(g) An education and information strategy.

(h) A strategy for evaluating the efficacy and environmental impacts of the aquatic plant management activities.

(i) The involvement of local units of government and any lake organizations in the development of the plan.

(3) The approval of an aquatic plant management plan does not represent an endorsement for plant management, but represents that adequate considerations in planning the actions have been made.

**History:** CR 02-061: cr. Register May 2003 No. 569, eff. 6-1-03.

**NR 109.10 Other permits.** Permits issued under s. 30.12, 30.20, 31.02 or 281.36, Stats., or under ch. NR 107 may contain provisions which provide for aquatic plant management. If a permit issued under one of these authorities contains the appropriate conditions as required under this chapter for aquatic plant management, a separate permit is not required under this chapter. The permit shall explicitly state that it is intended to comply with the substantive requirements of this chapter.

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**NR 109.11 Enforcement.** (1) Violations of this chapter may be prosecuted by the department under chs. 23, 30 and 31, Stats.

(2) Failure to comply with the conditions of a permit issued under or in accordance with this chapter may result in cancellation of the permit and loss of permit privileges for the subsequent year. Notice of cancellation or loss of permit privileges shall be provided by the department to the permit holder.

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## APPENDIX J

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### **Shoreland Habitat Best Management Practices Materials:**

1. Wisconsin Biology Technical Note 1: Shoreland Habitat
2. Natural Resource Conservation Service Conservation Practice Standard: Shoreland Habitat



# Wisconsin Biology Technical Note 1: Shoreland Habitat

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## Introduction

### **Definition of Shoreland Habitat:**

An area adjacent to a water body in a non-agricultural setting that is vegetated with a diverse mixture of native species that include grasses, grass-like species, forbs, shrubs, and trees.

### **Purposes:**

- Provide habitat for aquatic and terrestrial fauna
- Enhance adjacent shallow water habitat by providing shade and overhanging vegetation and promoting natural recovery of emergent species
- Promote shoreland corridors
- Increase the presence and diversity of native species
- Reduce the environmental and visual impact of nearby human activities
- Improve water quality
- Enhance bank stability

**Interim Standard # 643A, Shoreland Habitat** provides specific criteria for Shoreland Habitat establishment and for determining the dimensions of the practice (Section V). It identifies the necessary components of a Shoreland Habitat establishment plan (Section VII), and lists criteria for operation and maintenance of the practice (Section VIII). Local shoreland zoning ordinances and local shoreland restoration design standards may provide additional requirements and guidance. These may include greater buffer depths, more restrictive requirements for viewing/access corridors, and plant selection.

### **This technical note provides detailed guidance on the following:**

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# Vegetation Establishment Techniques

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Determining the appropriate vegetation establishment technique requires an assessment of the existing vegetative cover. In many cases a combination of the two general techniques described below will be appropriate due to varying existing vegetation conditions.

Initial site assessment should include:

- Identification of any native species present and their location, density, and vigor.
- Identification of any invasive species or noxious weeds present and their location, density, and vigor.
- Assessment of the density and vigor of any turf grasses present.

## **Natural Recovery**

Natural recovery or “no-mow” zones are encouraged where feasible. Native vegetation will recover naturally when the site is protected from disturbance and where adequate seed and/or root sources and appropriate site conditions are present. Wet shoreline margins, where turf grasses are not well established, are particularly suited to natural recovery. Results may be slower than for planted buffers, but there is virtually no cost, and the end result may appear more natural.

An area where a dense growth of turf grasses has been maintained for several years is usually not well suited to natural recovery. Turf grasses frequently out-compete native vegetation, and the area may lack native seed sources. Areas with extensive stands of invasive weeds should also not be left to recover naturally.

## **Accelerated Recovery — Planted Buffers**

Accelerated recovery techniques are most appropriate where insufficient native vegetation is present for natural recovery techniques, or where quick results are desired. Accelerated recovery techniques can include planting trees and shrubs, planting native grass and wildflower seedlings, or seeding native grasses and wildflowers. Steps for each of these accelerated recovery-planting techniques are described later in this Tech Note.

On many sites, natural and accelerated recovery techniques can be combined. For example, natural recovery might be used along the shoreline where there are native plants, and accelerated recovery used for the remainder of the restoration, where turf grasses dominate.

## ***Plan Components***

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A plan shall be developed to guide the restoration process to ensure that restoration requirements and goals for the site are met. An example plan is included in Appendix 1.

The plan shall include:

- Site diagram or map
- Preparation schedule
- Planting dates and schedule
- Care and handling of plant materials
- Watering plan
- Maintenance plan including management of invasive species
- Plant and seed calculation worksheet

### **Site Diagram**

Appendix 2 contains the “*Shoreland Habitat Plan – Site Diagram*” job sheet to assist with plan development.

The site diagram must be to scale and shall include:

- Location of existing primary structures
- Boundary of the practice
- Scale (1 inch = 10 feet recommended)
- North arrow
- Location of ordinary high water mark
- Location of viewing/access corridor
- Existing shrubs and trees
- Locations where shrubs and trees are to be planted
- Areas where herbaceous cover will be planted and planting density
- A species list for the site
- Location of erosion control practices to be installed during practice establishment
- Location of practices to address channelized/concentrated flow



# Plant Materials

## Species Selection

Plants shall be selected from species lists of plant communities that are native to the county or region. Plants should further be chosen based on site soil, moisture, and light conditions. In some cases, such as lack of plant or seed availability, substitutions may be allowed. In addition, references such as those included at the end of this document may be used to make selections. For example, the herbarium website [<http://wiscinfo.doit.wisc.edu/herbarium/Countysearch.html>] can be queried based on counties, habitat types, or individual plant species.

## Planting Densities

The table below describes planting standards for two major shoreland types: woodland, and barrens/dry prairie/wet prairie. The woodland has a nearly complete canopy of trees while the barrens/prairie and wetland are more open. Plant numbers are to be calculated based on the area in square feet to be reestablished and the appropriate density. The area to be reestablished shall be calculated for each layer. See Worksheet 1 for example area calculations.

	<b>Woodland</b>		<b>Wetland or Barrens/Dry Prairie/Wet Prairie</b>	
<b>Layer</b>	<b>Minimum Number of Species<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Density</b>	<b>Minimum Number of Species<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Density</b>
<b>Trees<sup>2</sup></b>	2	0.5 – 5 per 100 sq. ft.	0	0 - 0.2 per 100 sq. ft.
<b>Shrubs</b>	3	1 - 4 per 100 sq. ft. <i>If clumped, maintain min. 2 foot spacing</i>	2	0.2 - 0.5 per 100 sq. ft. <i>If clumped, maintain min. 2 foot spacing</i>
<b>Herbaceous Cover<sup>3</sup></b>				
<b>- Plant plugs</b>	3	25 –75 plants per 100 sq. ft. <i>Soil must be mulched</i>	5	50 – 100 plants per 100 sq. ft. <i>Soil must be mulched</i>
<b>- Seeding</b>	3	Grass/Sedges: 4-8 oz. per 1000 sq. ft. Forbs: 2-4 oz per 1000 sq. ft.	5 <sup>4</sup>	Grass/Sedges: 4-8 oz per 1000 sq. ft. Forbs: 2-4 oz. per 1000 sq. ft.

<sup>1</sup> Select species from established plant lists for shoreland habitat. Trees, shrubs, and groundcovers may be transplanted from adjacent woodland or open areas outside the restoration area.

<sup>2</sup> Trees must be at least 2 year old seedlings, 8 inches or taller.

<sup>3</sup> The herbaceous cover layer shall be comprised of a minimum of 30% grasses and/or sedges.

<sup>4</sup> Consider the use of plants rather than seeds in wet areas.



## Planting Dates

The table below provides approximate dates for planting. Weather and soil conditions, which vary year-to-year, determine the most appropriate planting time. Please note that adequate moisture levels are assumed due to required watering practices.

	<b>North</b>	<b>Central</b>	<b>South</b>
<b>Seeded Herbaceous Covers</b> <i>Seeding early favors cool season plants. Seeding after soil temperature increases above 55 degrees favors warm season plants. Seed after July 1 to reduce weed seed germination.</i>	May 15 – August 10  <i>Best dates: June 1 – July 15</i>	May 1 – August 31  <i>Best dates: May 10 – July 20</i>	May 1- August 31  <i>Best dates: May 5 – July 31</i>
<b>Plugs (Seedlings) and Potted Herbaceous Covers</b> <i>Plant after danger of frost is past, and up to first frost. Later plantings may require more frequent watering because of increased temperatures.</i>	May 20 – September 15	May 1- October 31	May 1 – Nov. 15
<b>Bare-root Trees and Shrubs</b>	Any time soil is not frozen and before leaf-out, or after leaves fall.		
<b>Potted Trees and Shrubs</b>	Any time soil is not frozen.		



## Worksheets for Calculating Plant and Seed Needs

Worksheet 1 can be used to calculate the square footage of area to be restored for each vegetative layer. Worksheet 2 can be used to calculate the amount of trees, shrubs, plants and seeds needed.

Worksheet 1: Area Calculations							
	Total Area of Shoreland Habitat (Square Feet)		Total Area of Viewing/ Access Corridor		Total Area of Existing Layer to Preserve and/or Natural Recovery Zones		Total Area to be Planted
Tree Layer		-		-		=	
Shrub Layers		-		-		=	
Herbaceous Layer - Plants		-		-		=	
Herbaceous Layer - Seeds		-		-		=	
<i>SAMPLE<sup>5</sup> Herbaceous Layer-Plants</i>	<i>6,000</i>	-	<i>1,500</i>	-	<i>1,000</i>	=	<i>3,500</i>

Worksheet 2: Seed or Plant Densities							
	Total Area to be Planted (Square Feet)		Density Factor <sup>6</sup>		Seed or Plant Densities from Table 1.		Total Plants or Seeds to Install
Tree Layer		÷	100	×		=	
Shrub Layer		÷	100	×		=	
Herbaceous Layer							
Plants		÷	100	×		=	
Grass Seeds		÷	1000	×		=	
Forbs Seeds		÷	1000	×		=	
<i>SAMPLE<sup>7</sup> Herbaceous Layer-Plants</i>	<i>3,500</i>	÷	<i>100</i>	×	<i>70</i>	=	<i>2450</i>

<sup>5</sup> This sample is 60x100 foot restoration (6,000 sq. ft.), with a 25x60 view corridor (1,500 sq. ft), and 1,000 sq. ft. of natural recovery.

<sup>6</sup> See Table 1, column 3, on page 4. Trees, shrubs and plant densities are given in number of plants/100 sq. ft., and seeding densities are given in number of ounces/1000 sq. ft.

<sup>7</sup> Sample site is 3,500 sq. ft., to be planted at 70 plant plugs per 100 sq. ft., for a total of 2450 plants needed.

# ***Additional Planning Considerations***

Exposed soil may be encountered because of erosion from runoff, bank instability, heavy use, or construction activities. Eliminate or minimize the cause of the bare soil and then stabilize the area following the guidelines below. Filter fabric fences may be necessary to capture sediment below exposed slopes. Specifications found in the Wisconsin Construction Site Best Management Practices Handbook must be followed.

## **Companion Seeding for Steep Slopes**

When seeding on steep slopes, a companion seeding and/or other erosion control practices shall be used. See companion seeding rates table below.

- Slopes >12%:** Companion seeding of oats, side oats grama, or Canada wild rye.<sup>8</sup>  
**Slopes >20%:** Companion seeding of oats, side oats grama, or Canada wild rye, and use either mulch and netting or an erosion control blanket.

Oats	0.5 lbs./1000 ft. <sup>2</sup>
Canada Wild Rye	1 oz./1000 ft. <sup>2</sup>
Side Oats Grama	1 oz./1000 ft. <sup>2</sup>

## **Temporary Cover Crop for Exposed Soil**

A temporary cover crop should be planted only if soils have been exposed, and the restoration planting is delayed. In most cases this would only occur in the late fall, generally after September 15<sup>th</sup> depending upon the location.

Cereal Rye	0.5 – 1.0 lbs./ 1000 ft. <sup>2</sup>
Winter Wheat	0.5 – 1.0 lbs./ 1000 ft. <sup>2</sup>

<sup>8</sup> Oats are annuals that will temporarily stabilize an area and then be killed by a hard frost. Canada wild rye and side oats grama are short-lived native perennial grasses.

## **Runoff Control**

Runoff from impervious surfaces and roof gutter downspouts should be directed to maximize infiltration. Runoff should be maintained in sheet flow (not channels) to the greatest extent possible. In soils where adequate infiltration cannot be achieved, outletting through a tile may be an option.

## **Fire Prevention**

Areas with sandy soils are prone to forest fires. Conifer trees are especially susceptible to fire. To reduce fire danger, avoid planting conifers close to structures in those sandy areas of the state. Fire hazard is lower if conifers are planted on the waterward rather than the landward side of the house. Contact your local Department of Natural Resources Forest Ranger for information about fire-prone areas.

## **Cost of Buffer Preparation**

Costs for completing a shoreland habitat project vary greatly. Planting shrubs or trees as bare-root stock greatly saves on the cost. Costs are kept to a minimum when landowners do the work themselves. If contractors are used, costs generally increase, but an experienced contractor may save money in the long run because the project may be more successful. Costs increase as the design shifts from “natural recovery” to “accelerated recovery.” Seeding is generally cheaper than planting seedlings. However, seed takes longer to establish and there may be poor germination and seedling survival and excessive weed growth. Larger more established stock increases the price of the restoration. Balance budget constraints with concerns regarding timeliness and appearance.

## **Plant and Seed Sources**

The DNR, counties, lake associations, and conservation groups sponsor shrub and tree sales annually in the spring. Statewide lists of native plant and seed sources are available from both the University of Wisconsin Extension (UWEX)[<http://clean-water.uwex.edu/pubs/native/index.html>] and the WDNR [<http://www.DNR.state.wi.us/org/land/er/invasive/info/nurseries.htm>]. Lists of sources of plants and seeds may also be available from your local government office.

## **Viewing and Access Corridor Design**

Viewing corridors that are oriented somewhat obliquely to the shoreline, or are curved, are preferable to those that are perpendicular to the shoreline. This reduces the visual impact of human activities in the shoreland area. Corridor dimensions shall be determined by applicable county standards and ordinances; however, the maximum width of the viewing and access corridor shall be 30 feet.

# ***Steps for Accelerated Recovery***

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Proper site preparation is one of the most important steps in establishing a native plant landscape. Reducing competition on the site by first removing the existing non-native vegetation is especially important. Turf grasses can quickly out-compete newly planted native plants if left in place.

Sometimes removing existing vegetation is not necessary, and it is possible to plant among existing scattered native plants or to leave zones of vegetation intact. The moist zone near the water's edge often consists mostly of native plants because turf grasses are flooded out. Seeds and underground stems may quickly revegetate the area if allowed to grow. Selected native flowers, grasses, and shrubs can usually be planted among existing native vegetation to fill in bare spots or to add color and variety. Plant flowers and grasses in a manner that will allow them to spread over the entire area. Stands of invasive plants like reed canary grass or purple loosestrife should be removed from wet areas.

## ***Site Preparation***

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### **Removing Undesirable Vegetation**

Techniques to remove existing vegetation by smothering and/or applying herbicide are described below.

#### **Smothering – Use Black Plastic**

Black plastic spread over vegetation eliminates light and creates heat that kills existing plants. This method is suitable for almost any site. In areas with high exposure to wind, extra care must be taken to anchor the plastic in place.

1. You will need
  - a. 3.5 mil or thicker black plastic to adequately cover the area, plus extra to overlap sheets at least 6 inches.
  - b. 4 inch or longer, 11 gauge or heavier U-shaped metal staples (enough to space 1 foot apart where plastic overlaps and at the edges).
  - c. Heavy objects like logs, cement blocks, boards, or tires to hold the plastic in place.
2. Prepare the site by mowing, weed whacking, or trimming vegetation to be removed.
3. If soil is dry, water thoroughly. This will increase the weed killing effectiveness.
4. Lay down the plastic. Overlap the plastic at least 6 inches if using more than one piece. Staple in place at one-foot intervals as it is laid down.

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5. Place heavy objects over plastic. All seams and edges must be firmly anchored to exclude light. Edges can also be buried in a shallow trench to help hold them in place.
  6. Leave the plastic in place for 4-6 weeks during spring or summer. Make certain there is no sign of living vegetation before removing it.
  7. Remove plastic, but leave dead vegetation in place. If using plant mulch over the dead vegetation, plant directly through the mulch.

### **Applying Herbicide**

A glyphosate herbicide like *Roundup*<sup>®</sup> is recommended. Avoid drift of herbicide to water. If herbicide is to be applied in or over the water, an aquatic glyphosate formulation such as *Rodeo*<sup>®</sup> must be used, and a Department of Natural Resources permit is required. Always follow label instructions carefully.

Timing of herbicide applications is crucial. Do not apply when rain is forecast in the next 24 hours. Do not apply on windy days, since vegetation you wish to preserve may be damaged by herbicide drift. Vegetation must be actively growing for glyphosate herbicides to be effective. To encourage growth, mow grass and allow it to regrow several inches. Air temperature must be between 50 and 75 degrees Fahrenheit for cool season plants like quack grass and brome grass to be actively growing, and therefore effectively killed by the herbicide.

Be certain that vegetation is dead before planting. If turf is still green or yellow-green after 7 – 10 days, a repeated herbicide application is recommended.

### **Soil Amendments**

In most cases soil amendments are **not** required to plant native plants. Adding black dirt or manure can be detrimental to lakeshore plantings. These soil amendments will favor weed growth, and the native plants may grow more quickly and be less sturdy.

## **Planting Techniques**

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### **Seedlings**

Fertilizer use is recommended where mulches are used because they demand nitrogen as they decompose. Fertilizer should never be broadcast due to the potential for runoff into the lake. Instead, apply a very small amount of slow release *phosphorous free* fertilizer in each planting hole. Phosphorus levels are adequate in most soils, and phosphorus can increase algae growth in the lake. Phosphorus is the middle number of the three given on the fertilizer bag.

Application amounts will vary depending on nutrient concentration. For a 6-0-6 NPK ratio, use one teaspoon of organic fertilizer per grass or wildflower plant and ¼ cup per shrub or tree. Up to one cup can be added to larger shrub or tree planting holes.

Dead vegetation left in place after smothering or an herbicide application does not need to be removed. Leave the dead material to serve as a mulch to capture moisture, reduce weed growth,

and add organic material to the soil. Plant seedlings directly through the dead material. Roots must be buried in soil and not in the thatch of dead lawn, where the plant would quickly dry out and die.

### **Plants Installation**

1. ***Lay mulch down prior to planting.*** Spread 2 to 3 inches of straw, wood chips, leaves, or pine needles to conserve moisture and reduce weed growth. Avoid using field hay because it generally contains weed seeds. Do not use marsh hay, which is reed canary grass, and is an invasive species.
2. ***Be ready to water.*** Watering plant plugs is critical to their success. Be ready with hoses and sprinklers before planting. Water seedlings immediately after they are planted.
3. ***Dig holes for plants.*** A bulb planter or bulb auger drill bit attached to an electric drill will work well to speed up planting. Be sure the holes for the plants penetrate the dead grass.
4. ***Fertilize.*** A small amount of slow release, phosphorus-free fertilizer is recommended. The second number on the fertilizer label represents phosphorus. To fertilize, place a small amount in each plant hole. Excess fertilizer will encourage weed growth.
5. ***Place live plants in the ground soon after they are brought to the site.*** To store plants for a few days before planting, keep them in an area with partial sun such as on the east side of a building or under a deciduous tree. Do not leave them in a dark area for long periods; this will weaken plants. Water to keep packs moist once or twice a day.
6. ***Plant in the cool hours of the day.*** Plants will have a greater survival rate if planted on a cool day or during the morning or evening hours. To plant, separate the mulch, dig a hole, sprinkle organic fertilizer, place the plug in the hole, press the soil gently around the plug, and replace the mulch, being careful to keep mulch 1/2" from stem of plants.
7. ***Water.*** Water immediately after planting. Plan to water at least daily for the first few weeks or until plants are well established. If plants wilt or droop, a repeated watering may be necessary during the day. Once plants are established, water only if prolonged dry periods occur.

### **Seed Installation**

1. ***Rake or till only enough to expose soil for planting seed,*** no more than 1–2 inches deep.
2. ***Select seed.*** Refer to Table 1 for seeding densities. Greater amounts of seed will result in denser growth and better chances for success. Include 1 ounce of Canada wild rye per 1,000 square feet if desired. This seed will germinate readily to indicate areas where seeding is successful and help to hold the soil in place. Canada wild rye is a short-lived native perennial grass.
3. ***Mix seeds with slightly moist sand or sawdust.*** Fill an ice cream pail or similar one gallon bucket 2/3 full with moist, but not wet, sand or sawdust. Add up to 4 ounces of seed and mix well. The seeds will adhere to the sand or sawdust, so they can be spread more thinly and evenly.
4. ***Broadcast the seed/sand mixture.*** Use half of the seed/sand mixture to cover the entire area. Sow the remaining half while walking perpendicular to the line of the first pass to assure good



seed distribution. The sand or sawdust will make it easier to see places that have not been seeded.

5. **Press seed in by tamping down the soil** with a rake or lightly raking the seeds in. The site may be rolled with a water-filled roller to insure good soil/seed contact. Do not roll when soil is wet, this will compact the soil, decrease levels of oxygen in the soil, and reduce seed germination.
6. **Mulch lightly** with 1/2 inch of weed free straw. Soil must be visible between the straw stems, or the mulch is too thick to allow seedlings to grow. If mulch is used on steep slopes, hold it in place with jute or biodegradable net. A biodegradable erosion control blanket up to 1/2 inch thick may be used as an alternative to mulch.
7. **Water.** Water immediately following seeding. Watering seeds and small seedlings after sprouting is critical for sandy soils. Plan to water daily, preferably in the morning, for the first few weeks or until plants are well established. Check to see that soil is moist beneath the mulch. Very sandy sites may require watering more than once daily for the first few weeks. Once plants are established, water only if prolonged dry periods occur.

**Note:** Watering *may* not be necessary for spring plantings in areas with loamy or clay soils as long as regular (weekly) rainfall of 1/2 inch or more occurs.

## Shrubs and Trees

1. **Keep bare-root stock moist and cool before planting.** Dormant bare-root shrubs can be ordered in fall or winter for delivery in the spring. Plant bare-root stock as soon as it arrives if possible. If necessary, store bare-root stock close to 34 degrees Fahrenheit, to avoid breaking dormancy. Keep tree roots moist by periodically sprinkling with water. Do not soak roots in water because this will deprive them of oxygen.
2. **Dig the hole deeply enough** so that the roots won't curl or bunch up. The trees and shrubs should be planted about one-half inch deeper than they were in the nursery. Paler colored bark and a slight swelling on the stem show where the old soil line was. Bare rootstock may need to be root pruned. For more information about bare rootstock refer to WDNR website [<http://www.DNR.state.wi.us/org/land/forestry/nursery/generalinfo/plantingprocs.htm#seedling>] and contact your local forester.
3. **Pack soil firmly around the roots.** Air pockets left around the roots will dry them out. Press soil around the roots with your foot, but do not stomp on them.
4. **Water regularly** to keep soil moist but not saturated.
5. **Mulch** a two-foot diameter circle around each plant 2 to 3 inches deep with wood chips, straw, or leaves. This will reduce competition with other plants. Keep this area free of other growth by weed whacking or hand-pulling weeds for the first couple of years. Avoid mulching where there are steep slopes. In this case, reduce competition by weed whacking.

### **Transplanting Trees and Shrubs**

It is best to transplant when trees and shrubs are dormant in the early spring or late fall. Identify and label trees and shrubs when leaves are on the plant. Obtain permission from the landowner before removing plant material. Dig up as much of the root as possible. Replace the duff layer of leaves and stems to reduce erosion at the site. Only dig up trees and shrubs if they are part of a large stand or if the seedlings are numerous. If the tree or shrub is uncommon or rare, do not move it. Only remove a small percentage of any one type of plant. Leave behind a large enough population to allow further reproduction of the native population.

## ***Site Care and Maintenance***

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The most ideal maintenance is to simply leave the site alone. Do not fertilize, do not mow, do not rake, do not “clean up” fallen limbs or trees. Allow native vegetation to regrow.

In accelerated recovery areas, some initial maintenance may be required. Pulling invasive weeds around native shrubs, trees, and groundcovers the first year or two eliminates competition and will help to give them a good start. Maintenance over the long-term must be in accordance with the local shoreland ordinance requirements.

The duff layer, made up of fallen leaves and pine needles, should be left intact. This layer covers the soil, thereby conserving moisture, preventing erosion, and allowing water to infiltrate into the soil.

### **Year One**

#### **Watering**

Regular watering in the first two months of a spring or summer planting is one of the most important factors for success. Without supplemental watering, roots may not reach the soil moisture they need. Watering at least 30 minutes each day allows vigorous root growth for plants to become quickly established. Timers to turn water on and off automatically are available from hardware and garden supply stores.

Where drainage is poor, water only in the morning, not at night when evaporation is reduced. Fungal diseases that start with excess moisture can kill young seedlings. Use lake water if feasible, since this water often is warmer and more nutrient-rich than well water. Pumping water from the lake is allowed in Wisconsin as long as no type of structure is left in the lake.

#### **Protection Against Deer Browsing**

Whitetail deer and other animals may damage plantings, especially trees and shrubs. Protect against damage by physical or chemical means. Surround newly planted trees and shrubs with 4 – 6 foot high, galvanized mesh fence supported with wooden stakes or fence posts, or cover plants with bird netting. Landscape products available to spray on plants deter browsing through strong tastes or odors. Red pepper spray is an example. Use of these products may need to be varied as deer become accustomed to their taste or smell. Protection against deer browsing is particularly important if deer are fed on the site or nearby. Deer feeding should be discouraged near restoration areas. For more information about deer damage refer to Craven et. al and the following Web site: [<http://www1.uwex.edu/ces/pubs/pdf/G3083.PDF>].

## **Weeding Planted Areas**

Pull weeds out as early as possible being careful to not disturb the native plants. Be especially diligent in areas where non-native invasive species like purple loosestrife, mullein, lamb's quarter, quack grass, reed canary grass or bluegrass are known to be present.

## **Weeding Seeded Areas**

It can be difficult to tell weeds from the native plants in a seeded area. Sprouting a small sample of the native seeds in a plant tray will assist with their identification. Cut off flowering heads of weeds before they go to seed. Perennial natives will eventually out-compete annual weeds that sprout from seed.

Another alternative is to repeatedly trim weedy vegetation to 6 to 8 inches with a weed-whacker. Remove clippings immediately if they cover the native seedlings. This will discourage weed growth, remove shade, and allow native seedlings to grow.

## **Fertilizing And Applying Insecticides**

**Fertilizers and insecticides should be avoided.** Applying fertilizers may encourage weed growth. If native plants are selected appropriately, supplemental fertilization should not be required. Also avoid applying insecticides since so many are non-specific and can harm or even kill non-target species.

## **Vegetative Cover**

At the end of the growing season, allow all dead vegetation to remain in place. It becomes a valuable seed source for next year's growth, provides food and cover for wildlife, and will help to cover the soil and slow spring runoff. The grass seed and dried flower heads add another level of appeal to the native landscape in the winter months.

# **Year Two**

## **Watering**

Water only during periods of severe drought.

## **Weeding**

Thoroughly weed early in the summer. After this initial weeding, check for and remove weeds at least once a month.

# **Year Three and Beyond**

No watering or weeding should be necessary except for extreme drought conditions or stubborn invasive weed problems. Leave vegetation in place in the fall and through the winter months. Approval from the zoning or land conservation office is required for extensive weed removal in the shoreland zone.

Prairie and savanna areas may be trimmed or burned only under an approved management plan. Additional permits or approval may be necessary before trimming or burning. Trim groundcover

in prairie areas no more than once every three to five years. Groundcover should be cut no less than 6-8 inches high. Cut vegetation in the late winter when the ground is still frozen, or in late spring, when the ground is dry enough to walk on without damaging new growth. Leave all dead plant clippings on-site. They will add to the shoreland soil structure. A controlled burn may be appropriate only in prairie and savanna areas. A burn should not be attempted until the prairie or savanna is well established – usually after five or more years. To determine if a controlled burn is appropriate evaluate the site for safety considerations; threats to structures, shrubs, and trees; and weed species present. In addition to any required permits, Department of Natural Resources broadcast burning permits are required in intensive fire zones.

Except in prairie areas that are identified in an approved management plan, any native trees, shrubs, and groundcover in the restoration area shall be left undisturbed. Trees and shrubs are intended to move in to create multiple layers of canopy cover. Tree thinning or removal of dead or diseased trees requires approval of the appropriate administering agency.

Vehicles shall be excluded from the buffer except for limited use in the viewing/access corridor. Docks and boatlifts shall be stored outside the buffer or in the viewing/access corridor.

# Resources

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# SHORELAND HABITAT

(Acres)  
CODE 643A (Interim)

Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Conservation Practice Standard

## I. Definition

Area adjacent to a waterbody or watercourse in a non-agricultural setting that is vegetated with a *diverse*<sup>1</sup> mixture of native species that can include grasses, grass-like species, forbs, shrubs, and trees.

## II. Purposes

- A. Provide habitat (food, shelter, nesting sites, over-winter cover) for aquatic and terrestrial fauna.
- B. Enhance *littoral zone* (shallow water) habitat function for a broad range of vertebrate and invertebrate species by providing shade and cover with overhanging vegetation, and promoting natural recovery of emergent species.
- C. Provide a source of detritus (decomposing organic matter) and large woody cover for aquatic organisms.
- D. Provide shade to lower water temperatures and facilitate higher dissolved oxygen concentrations to improve habitat for aquatic organisms.
- E. Promote shoreland corridors for aquatic and terrestrial flora and fauna.
- F. Increase the presence and diversity of native plant and animal species in shoreland areas.
- G. Reduce the environmental and visual impact of human activities in the near-shore area.
- H. Improve water quality by reducing the amount of sediment and other pollutants, such as pesticides and nutrients in surface runoff.
- I. Enhance bank stability by limiting intensive use, and reducing wave impact.

## III. Conditions Where Practice Applies

This practice applies, but is not limited to, areas of shoreland development where it is desired to enhance

or restore native mixed vegetation for the improvement of fish and wildlife habitat, water quality and bank stability.

Where the primary purpose is to control sediment to environmentally sensitive areas, refer to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Field Office Technical Guide Section IV (FOTG), Standard 393, Filter Strip.

Where the primary purpose is to control bank erosion, refer to NRCS FOTG Standard 580, Streambank and Shoreline Protection to be used in conjunction with this standard.

## IV. Federal, State, and Local Laws

Installation and maintenance of shoreland habitat shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, rules, or regulations. The landowner is responsible for securing required permits. This standard does not contain text of any federal, state, or local laws.

## V. Criteria

The Wisconsin Biology Technical Note 1: Shoreland Habitat is an important guidance document to this standard. This can be found either in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) or on the NRCS website: [<http://www.wi.nrcs.usda.gov/fotg/index.html>]

### A. Establishment

1. Shoreland habitat shall be established by planting a diverse mix of native species that are adapted to site conditions and are representative of area plant communities. Where appropriate, natural recovery techniques may be utilized rather than planting. Refer to county species lists and/or the Wisconsin Biology Technical Note 1: Shoreland Habitat, where applicable.
2. In order to restore the functional values of a shoreland habitat, vegetation shall be vigorous, diverse and structurally complex

<sup>1</sup> Words in the standard that are shown in italics are described in X. Definitions. The words are italicized the first time they are used in the text.



and shall include herbaceous cover, a shrub layer and a tree canopy. The only exception to this requirement shall be where natural conditions in the region lack these habitat components.

3. *Invasive plants* shall not be included in any installation.
  4. Invasive plants and state listed *noxious weeds* shall be *controlled* during establishment, if present.
  5. Exposure of bare soils during establishment shall be kept to a minimum. Measures shall be taken to prevent erosion.
  6. Phosphorus application is only permitted where soil tests indicate a deficiency. Where fertilizer application is necessary, no drift or misapplication into the water shall occur.
  7. Heavy equipment shall be excluded from the shoreland habitat area, to avoid compaction of soil.
  8. Weeds shall be controlled until the shoreland habitat species are established.
  9. A watering schedule shall be followed until species are established.
- B. The starting point for measuring minimum shoreland habitat depths for the following landscape features shall be as follows.
1. Lakes. Practice depth shall be measured from the *ordinary high water mark* (OHWM) landward perpendicular to the shoreline.
  2. Perennial and intermittent streams, and springs. Practice depth shall be measured from the OHWM. Each side of the stream shall be evaluated independently.
  3. Wetlands. Practice depth shall be measured from the upland-wetland interface.
  4. Existing tree and shrub corridors. Existing tree and shrub corridors shall be included as part of the measured practice depth.
- C. Shoreland habitat dimensions

1. Practice depth: The minimum practice depth is 35 feet. Greater practice depths provide increased benefit and are encouraged.
    - a. Where the principal structure is within 50 feet of the OHWM, land within 15 feet of the structure may be excluded from the practice.
  2. Practice length: The practice shall extend the entire length of the lot, except that a viewing and access corridor is allowed.
  3. A viewing and access corridor may extend from the lake inland. Corridor dimensions shall be determined by applicable county standards and ordinances. The maximum viewing corridor width is 30 feet.
- D. Runoff from impervious surfaces, such as rooftops and driveways, in the contributing drainage area shall be evaluated and treated to promote infiltration and sheet flow.
- E. When soil disturbance is necessary due to bank or gully repair, the appropriate action shall be taken to limit the disturbance and protect and replant all disturbed areas in accordance with this standard.
- F. Areas of concentrated flow shall be evaluated and treated.
- G. Areas below the OHWM shall not be disturbed. This does not preclude practices intended for bank stabilization.

## VI. Considerations

- A. Consider using this practice to enhance the conservation of declining species.
- B. Consider marking practice boundaries in an identifiable manner until established.

## VII. Plans and Specifications

Plans and specifications for the shoreland habitat describe the requirements for applying the practice to achieve its intended purpose. Plans and specifications shall be prepared for each specific site where the practice will be installed. A plan includes information about the location, site preparation, vegetation establishment, and operation and maintenance requirements.

Plan specifications will include the following (see Wisconsin Biology Technical Note 1: Shoreland Habitat).

- A. Dimensions of the practice to accomplish the planned purpose.
- B. Site map or diagram.
- C. Species selection, planting rates, location and spacing to accomplish the planned purpose.
- D. Planting dates, care, and handling of the seeds or plants to ensure an acceptable rate of survival.
- E. Site preparation sufficient to establish and grow selected species.
- F. Identification and treatment of concentrated flow areas.
- G. Operation and Maintenance Plan.

#### VIII. Operation and Maintenance

- A. Dead or windblown trees provide cover and refuge for fish and wildlife, and should be left in place. Tree thinning or removal of dead or diseased trees requires approval by the appropriate administering agency.
- B. Mowing or other removal of ground cover is prohibited in the practice area except as part of an approved maintenance plan.
- C. The duff layer, made up of fallen leaves and/or pine needles, must be left intact. This layer covers the soil, thereby conserving moisture and preventing erosion.
- D. State listed noxious weeds shall be controlled. Control of invasive plants is encouraged.
- E. Herbicides are prohibited except as required for control of invasive plants and as approved by the appropriate administering agency. Avoid damage to shoreland habitat vegetation from herbicide application to nearby areas.
- F. Fertilizers are prohibited after the establishment year, except as approved by appropriate administering agency.
- G. Except for an access corridor, areas waterward of the practice shall be undisturbed.

- H. Boats, docks and other equipment shall be excluded from the practice area to prevent soil compaction and damage to practice vegetation.
- I. Vehicles shall be excluded except as necessary for establishment and maintenance activities.
- J. Activities are prohibited in the practice area which damage or destroy the vegetation, such as piles of leaves, boards, etc.

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## X. Definitions

*Control* (V.A.4.) – To destroy the above-ground portion of a weed in a manner and at the proper time to prevent the development and distribution of viable seeds or other propagules and their spread from one area to another. For species that reproduce vegetatively, control includes the use of methods which help contain or reduce the vegetative spread of the weed.

*Diverse* (V.A.1.) – For the purposes of this standard, a mix of plants is considered diverse when it meets the minimum number of species as specified in

Wisconsin Biology Technical Note 1: Shoreland Habitat, Table 1.

*Invasive plants* (V. A. 3.) – Having the ability to significantly displace desirable vegetation in landscapes or to reduce yield of growing crops. The Department of Natural Resources Bureau of Endangered Resources maintains a list of invasive plants. For more guidance refer to the following Web site: [<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/er/invasive/index.htm>].

*Littoral zone* (II.B.) – The near shore area of a lake or wetland where water is shallow enough to support the growth of rooted aquatic vegetation.

*Noxious weed* (V. A. 4.) – “Noxious weed” means Canada thistle, leafy spurge and field bindweed (creeping jenny) and any other weed the governing body of any municipality or the county board of any county by ordinance or resolution declares to be noxious within its respective boundaries (ref. WI Statute, Chapter 66, part 66.0404). For more information refer to the following Web site: [<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/stats.html>].

*Ordinary high water mark* (V. B. 1.) – The ordinary high water mark (OHWM) is the point on the bank or shore where the water is present often enough so that the lake or streambed begins to look different from the upland. Specifically, the OHWM is the point on the bank or shore up to which the water, by its presence, wave action, or flow, leaves a distinct mark on the shore or bank. The mark may be indicated by erosion, destruction of or change in vegetation, or other easily recognizable characteristics.

The OHWM can be located through on-site studies of physical and biological conditions at the shoreline. The principal indicator is the change from water plants to land plants. In the area where the plants change, the investigator may also use indicators such as change in soil type, ridges, or other erosion marks or water stains on rocks, soils, trees, or structures. If none of these indicators are available in the immediate location, the elevation of the OHWM may be found at another spot and transferred to that site in question.