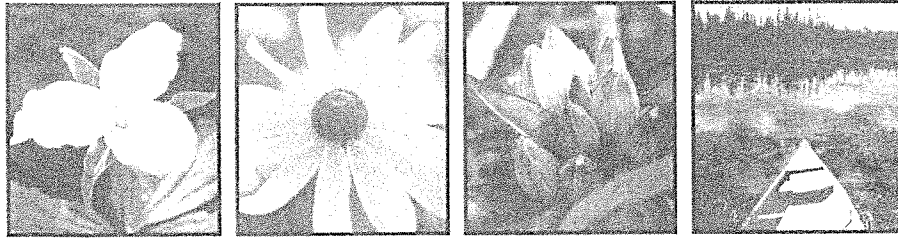


DEER LAKE CONSERVANCY



August 29, 2020

Alex Smith
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
810 W Maple Street
Spooner, WI 54801

Dear Alex:

The Deer Lake Conservancy is pleased to submit the Deer Lake Management Plan for review. The plan compiles information and progress from over twenty years of watershed management and provides an implementation strategy to meet plan goals over the next 10 years. It is written to meet WDNR requirements for lake management planning to establish eligibility for Wisconsin Surface Water Grants. The planning period is from 2020 through 2029. Results of ongoing evaluation and monitoring and availability of new management information may lead to adaptations in plan actions as the plan is implemented.

We are now submitting the plan for formal review for implementation under DNR Lake Surface Water Grants. We plan to submit preliminary surface water grant applications September 2, 2020 with final applications submitted by November 1, 2020. We will be seeking grant funds to continue our direct drainage projects and to construct a stormwater pond upgrade for watershed 1 following state standards outlined in the grant guidance. Subsequent projects may include support for property owner education focused on shoreland habitat, updated stream sampling and watershed delineation using LiDAR, property acquisition following the standards outlined in the plan, projects recommended by subwatershed in the plan, and newly identified projects with plan implementation.

Public Input

This plan was developed during the global COVID19 pandemic, so public involvement was a challenge. We gathered public input through a property-owner survey of 309 property owners and distributed questionnaires to Deer Lake Conservancy board members. Survey results and an overview of the process are included as Appendix A.

An advisory committee, made up of representatives from the Deer Lake Conservancy and Deer Lake Improvement Association boards and lake residents, reviewed an initial draft plan and provided input. A final draft of the plan was made available for public review with availability announced in the Polk County Ledger and via the DLIA email list. The email list reaches 312 Deer Lake residents that own 232 of the 292 Deer Lake properties. The plan was posted for review and comment on the Deer Lake Conservancy web site with comments accepted through

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August 28. Aside from compliments on the comprehensive nature of the plan, no comments were received.

Digital copies of the plan and appendices will be sent to you from our consultant, Harmony Environmental via email. Please contact me if you have questions about the plan or its recommendations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phillip Foussard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "P".

Phillip Foussard, President