

Long Lake Comprehensive Lake Management Plan

Visioning Event

June 26, 2023

11:00 Hunt Hill

Organizer: Megan Mader – NWRPC

In attendance: Joe Thrasher, Byron Crouse, Randy Krautkramer, Jennifer Brigham, Randy Champeau, Randy Poznansky, Jim Schlesinger, DJ Ehrike, Sandy Campbell, Sage Dunham, Megan Mader

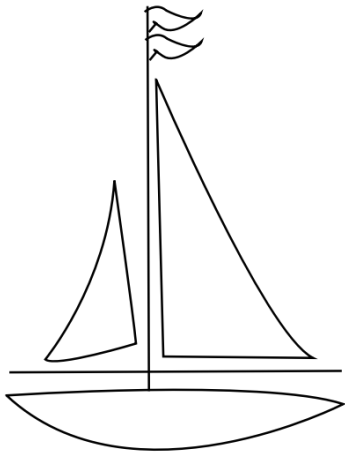
1. Shoreline Habitat Assessment

Call for more volunteers, please reach out to Megan or Byron if interested in volunteering.

2. Sailboat Visioning Exercise

Participants identified “Opportunities” for Long Lake – positives that can be used in Long Lake’s favor when it comes to management decisions – by writing on sticky notes and placing them by the sail of the sailboat.

After sharing the positives, members anonymously identified the “Issues” working against Long Lake – negatives that make management challenging – by placing sticky notes at the bottom of the sailboat.



Results of the exercise are summarized as follows:

OPPORTUNITIES/POSITIVES:

Active and passionate LLPA
Boy Scout camp/Natural shoreline
Hunt Hill protects part of the watershed
Beauty
Diverse wildlife
Public access
Lots of recreation opportunities
Generational history with Long Lake
New website
Diversely educated stakeholders
Long history of data collection
Building LLPA capacity
Boat-able businesses
Good water quality
Walleye Capital of Wisconsin
Physical characteristics: small watershed, multiple water input sources, few bays, depth, no cities or industry, size of the lake, no zebra mussels, flowage, change of seasons

ISSUES/NEGATIVES:

Wake boats/recreation conflicts
Natural sources of nutrients/phosphorus
Too much developed shoreline
AIS – Yellow Flag Iris, Curly Leaf Pondweed, and high risk of others
Swimmers Itch
Varied interests and focus of landowners
Enhanced shoreline erosion
Runoff from shoreline property owners
Sedimentation
Increased aquatic plant growth
Overdevelopment
Climate change
Need for money and people to manage the lake
Non-property owner interest vs. property owner interest differs
Transient landowners
Businesses closing
Greater prevalence of rental homes
No city sewer system/upkeep of private septic systems
High cost of management
Drawdown
Culture of mowing lawns versus natural shoreline

Three townships make agreements difficult
Roads and properties too close to the lake

3. Discussion of LLPA Mission Statement

Recommendation from Visioning Group to the Board of Directors to change mission from:

“The mission of the Long Lake Preservation Association is to maintain, protect, and enhance the quality of the lake and its surroundings for the collective interests of the members and the general public, to carry out educational programs, and to make representations on behalf of its members. The LLPA is an organization of standing committees structured around priorities and strategies intended to benefit the Long Lake Watershed.”

To: “The mission of the Long Lake Preservation Association is to preserve and protect Long Lake, its watershed and its ecosystems.”

This would reduce confusion and allow the mission to be presented consistently across all media (calendar, newsletter, website, etc.).

4. Discussion of Goals and Objectives

Goals and objectives from the 2019 State of Long Lake Report were reviewed and revised to fit the current state and needs of Long Lake and the LLPA. An updated draft will be available in the Google Drive with the ability for all BOD members to provide further suggestions and revisions.

The development of goals and objectives for the Long Lake Comprehensive Lake Management Plan are ongoing and will be revisited.

Long Lake Comprehensive Lake Management Plan
Visioning Event
August 7, 2023
11:00 Hunt Hill

Organizer – Megan Mader

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The updated goals and objectives were reviewed and minor changes were made.