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🦉 Interested in voluntary protection
of your Half Moon Lake watershed
property?

🦉 Want to learn more about land
protection options?

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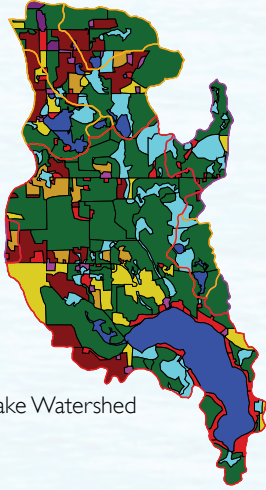
Half Moon Lake Conservancy



Our Mission

*Preserving the water quality
and scenic natural beauty
of Half Moon Lake*

Understanding the Land and Water Connection



Half Moon Lake Watershed

- While Half Moon Lake is less than 600 acres, the watershed (or surface area from which water flows to the lake) is over 5,000 acres.
- How we use the land in the Half Moon Lake watershed affects the quality of our lake water.
- Forests, wetlands, and grasslands absorb rainwater and pollutants and protect the soil from erosion.
- Houses, row-cropped fields, roads, and parking lots create more runoff water that carries pollutants to our lake.
- Anything we can do to protect natural areas, enhance natural vegetation, and promote absorption of the runoff water will protect the lake.
- If conservation practices are not put in place to encourage infiltration of pollutants in runoff water and to buffer flow to streams and wetlands, water quality in Half Moon Lake will decrease as development increases in the watershed.

Our Goal

*Protect and maintain
Half Moon Lake water quality.*

How will we do this?

- Monitor land use changes, and discourage those that will negatively impact Half Moon Lake water quality.
- Work effectively to influence local and state decisions that impact Half Moon Lake water quality.
- Protect critical parcels of land in the Half Moon Lake watershed.
- Work with DNR to maximize wetland restorations in the watershed.
- Promote the preservation and restoration of natural vegetation along the Half Moon Lake shoreline.
- Educate Half Moon Lake watershed residents about opportunities to protect water quality.



Conservation Progress

Through a donation, the Half Moon Lake Conservancy owns a 35 acre parcel along Harder Creek. The forests, grasslands, and wetlands on this property buffer surface water flowing into the lake. The Conservancy sold the conservation rights for this property to Polk County who purchased them with funds from the WI DNR.



The Half Moon Lake Conservancy Harder Creek property has walking trails that are open to the public. You can access the trails from Dau Drive (east off of County Road G about ½ mile north of the lake) just before Dau Drive turns to the north. The trail is just east of Harder Creek. The trail starts just below and to the right of a driveway off Dau Drive. There is room to park along the road.