Deer, Lucerne, and Spring Lake Management Planning Meeting
January 28, 2014

Present: Nancy Turyk (UWSP – CWSE), Ryan Haney (UWSP – CWSE), Danielle Rupp (UWSP – CWSE), Ed Hernandez (Waushara County Land Conservation), Patrick Nehring (UW Extension), seven citizen participants.

Copies of PowerPoint presentations from this meeting can be found on the Waushara County webpage.

1) Ryan welcomed the group and reviewed how the Waushara County Lakes Project got started: the Waushara County Lakes Council in partnership with county land conservation asked UWSP to conduct studies to be used to update and create lake management plans.

2) Those in attendance introduced themselves.

3) Danielle presented background information on Deer, Lucerne, and Spring Lakes and results from the Waushara County Lake Study. The file of this PowerPoint for this presentation is called Deer, Lucerne, Spring Background. Additional information can be found in the excerpts from the Waushara County Lake Study found in the binder handed out at the meeting. Final lake study reports are anticipated to be posted on the Waushara County webpage in the near future.

4) Attendees answered the question: “Describe what you’d like your lake to be like for future generations?”

- **Deer Lake Responses:**
  - Quality water
  - Maintain vegetation on shoreline
  - Wildlife
  - Fisheries
  - Preserve large, undeveloped tracts
  - Look at 1970 study in dredging North Bay
  - No-wake/no motorboats on the lake

- **Lucerne Lake Responses:**
  - Maintain and preserve pristine nature of lake, shorelines
  - Balance uses (recreation, boating, motor restrictions)
  - Education about the lake, water quality, watershed, wildlife, natural resources
  - Public and surrounding properties lake association
  - Habitat management-manage and control invasive species, restore native species, preserve
  - Monitor watershed (uses, concerns, enhancements, development)

- **Spring Lake Responses:**
  - Excellent water quality
  - Sustained good fishing/healthy habitats
  - Diverse plant and wildlife
  - Shoreline habitat-good plant life
  - AIS controlled/minimized
  - Continue ‘No Wake’ restriction
  - Enjoy beauty and serenity the lake offers

5) Attendees answered the question: “What challenges do you foresee in reaching your vision for the lake?”

- **Deer Lake Responses:**
  - Development
  - Lack of property owners showing interest in maintaining lake district
Golf course runoff
Golf course hi-capacity wells
Invasive species
Fish kills
Natural aging of lake
Lucerne Lake Responses:
Increased traffic/use
Financial pressures on property owners (only 3 riparian owners)
Erosion (oak wilt areas along shore), runoff
Groundwater contamination
Hi capacity wells versus natural cycles on water levels
Surrounding land use
Shoreline development
Spring Lake Responses:
Member participation
Financial budget limitations

6) There were extremely low response rates for Survey #1, likely due to a typo in the postcard/email and lack of explanation (no introductory letter). Spring Lake received 5 responses, Deer Lake received 1 response, Lake Lucerne received 0 responses. It was decided that Survey #1 will remain open until the next meeting (with the addition of Survey #2). Responses from both survey #1 and 2 will be presented for each lake at the next meeting.

7) Nancy covered the content and process of developing a lake management plan. She spoke about the topics typically included in the lake management plan, why we should plan for our lakes and the planning process. The PowerPoint for this presentation titled Intro to Planning can be found on the county web page.
   a. Vision statement: based on the above discussion questions, a vision statement will be drafted for each lake. During the meeting, no one from Deer, Lucerne, or Spring Lakes volunteered to put together a vision statement for their respective lakes, so UWSP will draft one for each lake and bring these to the next meeting for approval/revision by the groups.

8) The next meetings were tentatively scheduled to take place on the second Thursday of each month, beginning in March. Each meeting will cover a different lake topic with experts on hand to make recommendations, respond to questions, and provide information about each lake. Due to conflicts, the next meeting is being rescheduled for Thursday, March 6, 2014. Future meeting dates will again be discussed at this time.

9) Binders were distributed to those interested in dedicating time and input to the lake planning process; these will be populated with informational handouts and lake reports as the meetings continue.

These meetings are open to all interested parties. Information on the meetings (including PowerPoint presentations used and video recording of the meeting) and plan drafts can be found on the Waushara County website http://www.co.waushara.wi.us/grants.

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