Pleasant and Irogami Lake Management Planning Meeting  
November 14, 2013

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

1) Patrick 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) Ed introduced himself and UWSP; those in attendance introduced themselves.

3) Nancy talked about the lake planning project. Questions and concerns about lake planning were addressed at this time.
   Concerns of those present included:
   a. Water quality sampling was undertaken during the period of the 2-year study (2010-2012) by Waushara County Land Conservation. Routine sampling for this purpose has been discontinued with the end of the study.
   b. Most citizens are not around Pleasant Lake during the winter months. Input will be gathered from those living elsewhere during this time via surveys and resources will be posted on the county webpage to keep those who cannot attend meetings informed. Updates are also available on the Facebook page, “Waushara County Lakes Project”
   c. There was concern raised about the timing of meeting notification. The word will be out well in advance for upcoming planning sessions.
   d. Roles were outlined to clarify some confusion:
      i. All concerns/questions about communications, letters, news releases, postcards, and surveys should be directed toward Ed or Patrick.
      ii. All concerns/questions about the lake study, the planning process, and lake health should be directed toward Nancy, Danielle, or Ryan.

4) Attendees answered the question: “What do you like most about Pleasant/Irogami Lake?”
   Irogami Responses:
   Beauty, sunrises and sunsets, the view
   Clean & tidy shorelines
   Location of lake—near other lakes and towns
   Water quality, clarity, temperature in summer
   Sandy bottom, sandy south shore, shallow areas for kids
   Natural areas on the lake (NE, SE especially), undeveloped shoreline
   Shorebirds and waterfowl, wildlife
   Reasonable boating regulations—quiet during the week, not too busy on weekends
   Landowners’ respect for the lake, long-term residents, neighbors
   Good recreational lake: boating, swimming, fishing (for the kids, too!), snowmobiling
   Family Time
   Fish
   Diverse vegetation

   Pleasant Responses:
   11-3 boating hours, no wake/quiet time
   Water quality and quantity
   Trees along the shoreline
   Sandy bottom
Swimming, boating, sailing, fishing
Beauty
Eagles
Turtle Bay

5) Nancy presented background information on Pleasant and Irogami Lakes from the Waushara County Lake Study. The powerpoint for this presentation can be found on the county web page, and further information can be found in the excerpts from the Waushara County Lake Study found in the binder handed out at the meeting. Preliminary lake study reports are also available on the web.

6) Attendees answered the question: “What do you see as future challenges to the lake? (think 20+ years!)”

**Irogami Responses**
- Sediment build up (especially north end): dredging
- Low water levels-high capacity wells
- Putting a deep well in lake to keep water level constant
- Runoff, development
- Shoreline/ice heaving
- Lack of big predator fish (stunted growth), fish quality and quantity
- Fish kills in the winter
- Aquatic invasive species (AIS), zebra mussels
- Transfer of water between Irogami and Silver Lakes
- Cost of action/carrying through with the plan
- Lack of citizen/public information about the lake, regulations, etc.

**Pleasant Responses**
- Water levels and big agriculture
- Human impacts
- Suspension of sediment by jet skis
- Enforcement of regulations (lack thereof)
- Upper level Department of Natural Resources use of science/permitting

7) Danielle 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 can be found on the county web page.
   a. Vision statement: based on the above discussion questions, a vision statement will be written for each lake. During the meeting, no one from Irogami Lake or Pleasant Lake 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) Informational binders containing information on each lake and the planning process were distributed. Included in the binders were the maps of each lake and their watersheds, results of the Irogami or Pleasant Lake study, and informational brochures including: Shallow Lakes, Volunteer Monitoring opportunities, Lake Tides newsletter, and a directory. Attendees were asked to review the information prior to the next meeting.
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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You can also like the “Waushara County Lakes Project” Facebook page to stay informed about meetings and surveys!