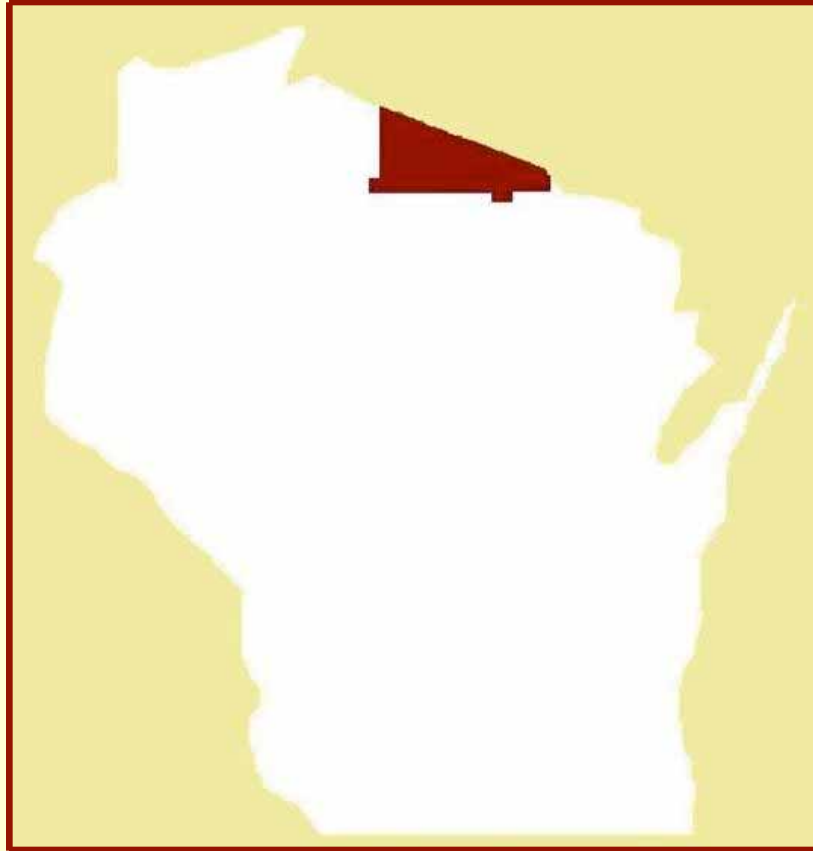


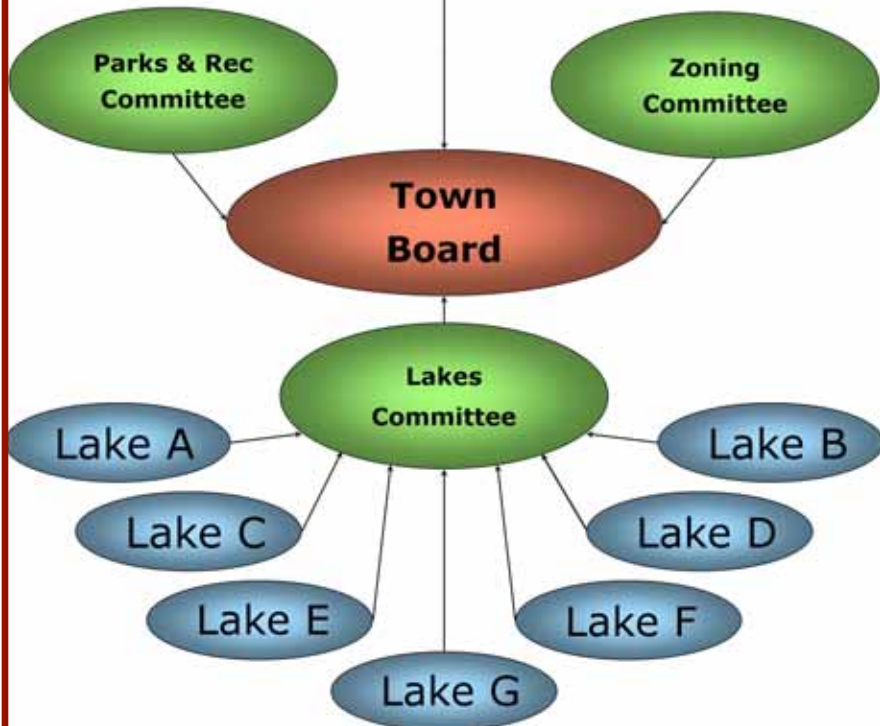
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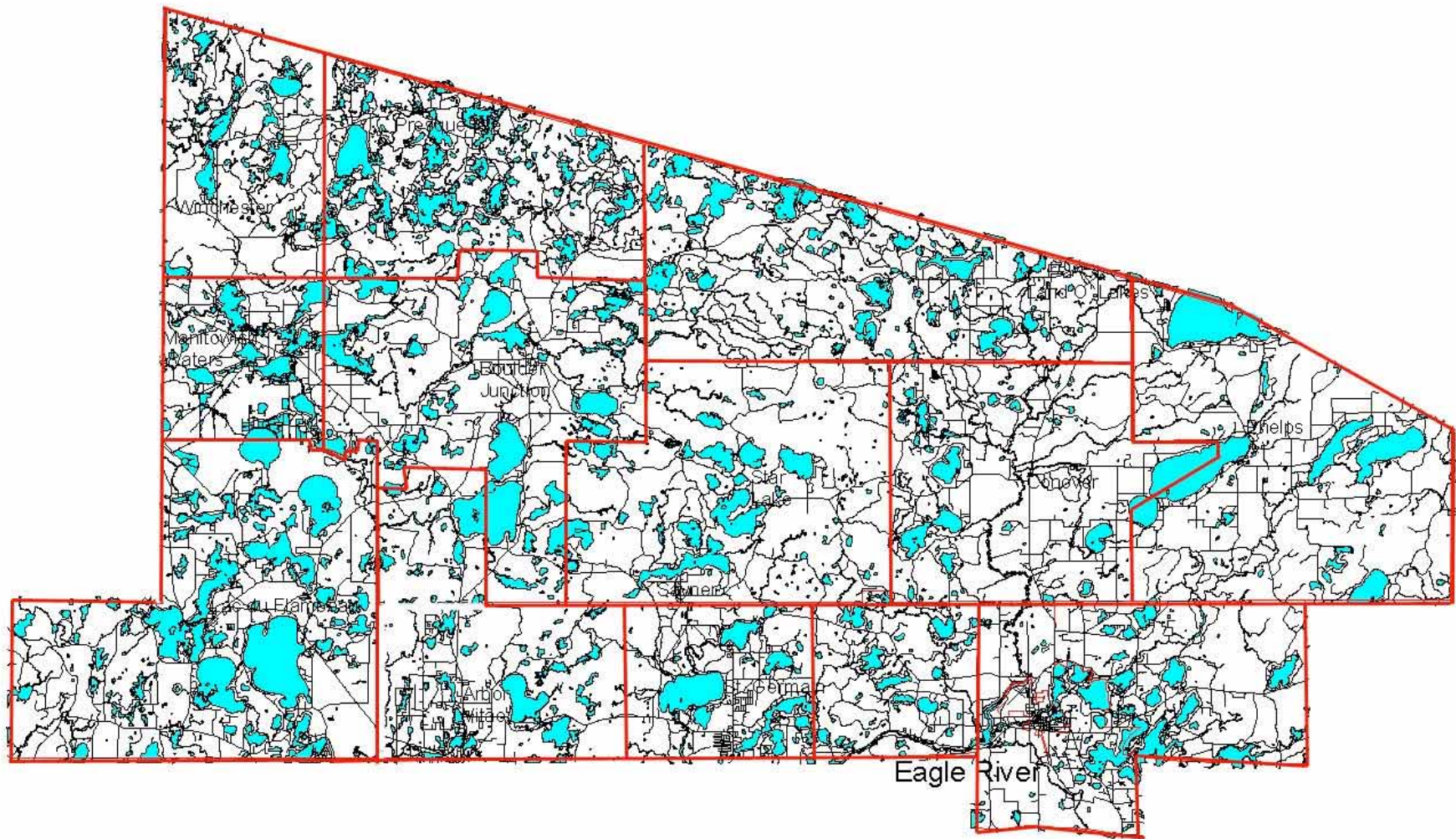
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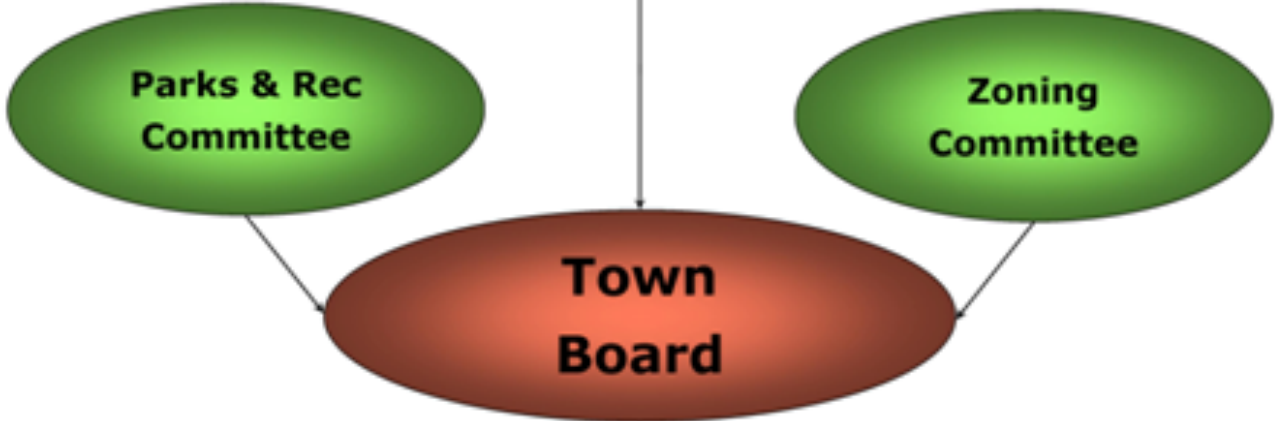
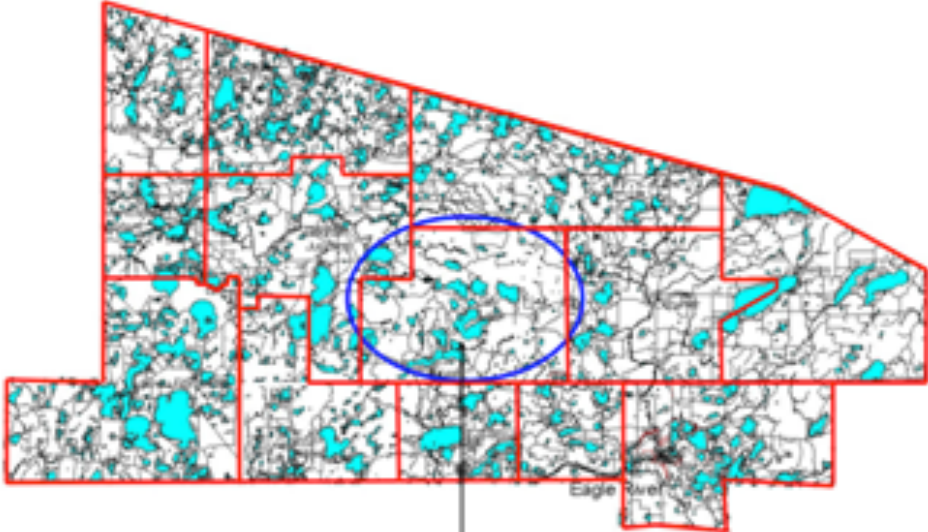
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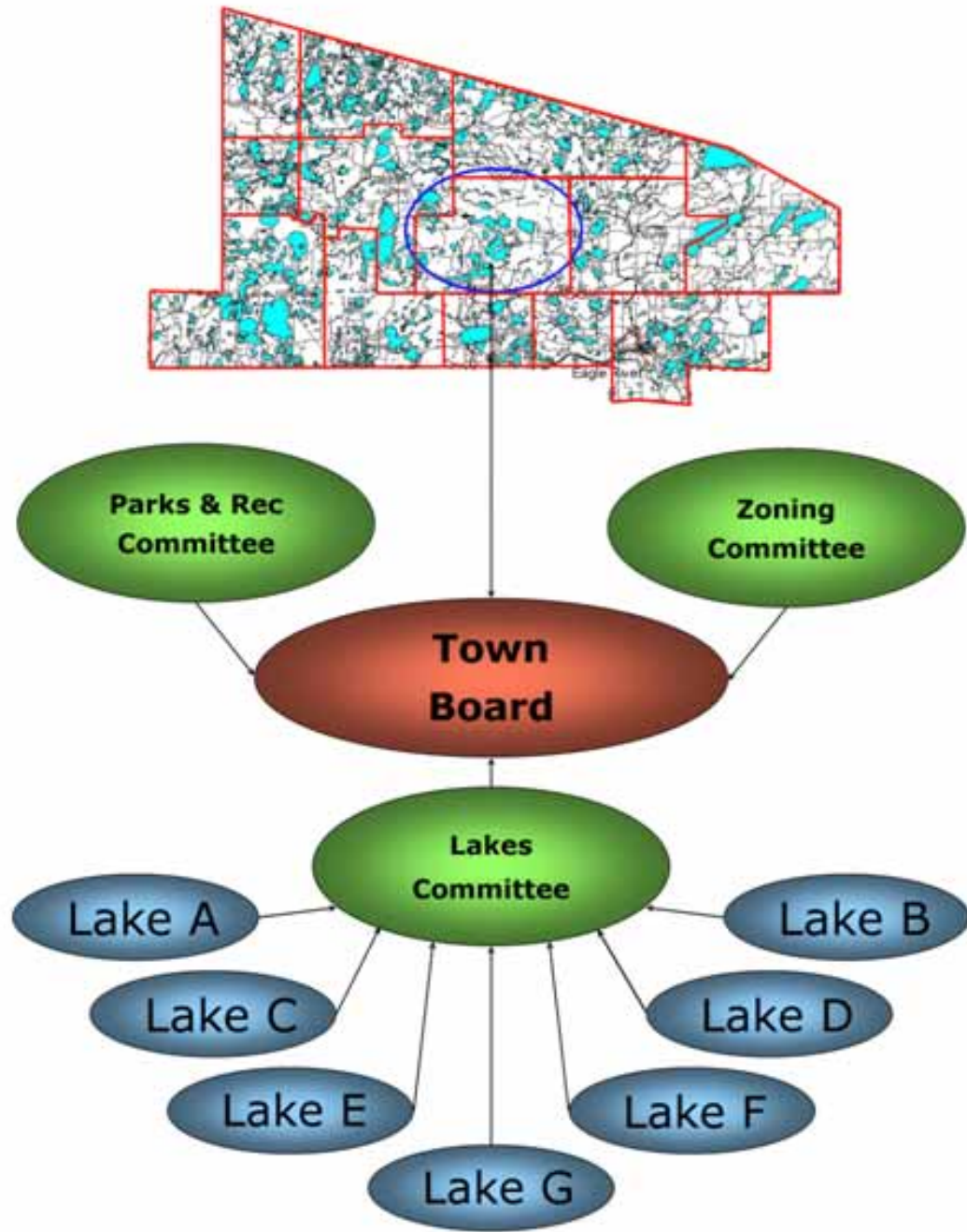
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~85 LAKE ORGANIZATIONS
14 TOWNS / 1 CITY







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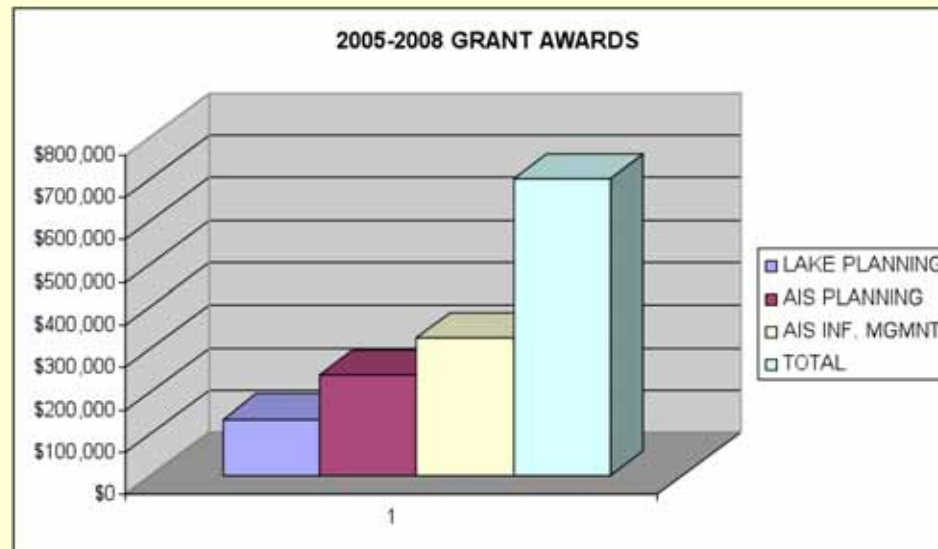
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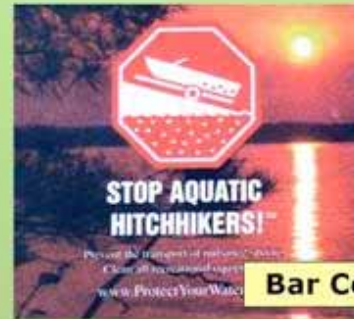
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Grocery Bags



Town-wide Lake Planning



Bar Coasters

Can you identify these aquatic invaders? Help keep our lakes and waterways clean and healthy!

STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!
Prevent the transport of nuisance species. Clean ALL recreational equipment! When you leave a body of water, remove any visible and attachable AIS or aquatic hitchhiker equipment.

Restaurant Placemats

Why do Vilas Co. town boards support Town Lakes Committees?

- ✓ Lakefront property accounts for 70% of county-wide tax base (variable by town)
- ✓ Lake organizations working to protect property values can function more effectively at municipal level

Where will Town Lakes Committees work?

- ✓ Municipalities with multiple lakes
- ✓ Municipalities whose tax base is largely waterfront property
- ✓ Municipalities whose elected officials know the local economy is linked to healthy lakes
 - ✓ Town Lakes Committee members have won town board seats in local elections

QUESTIONS?