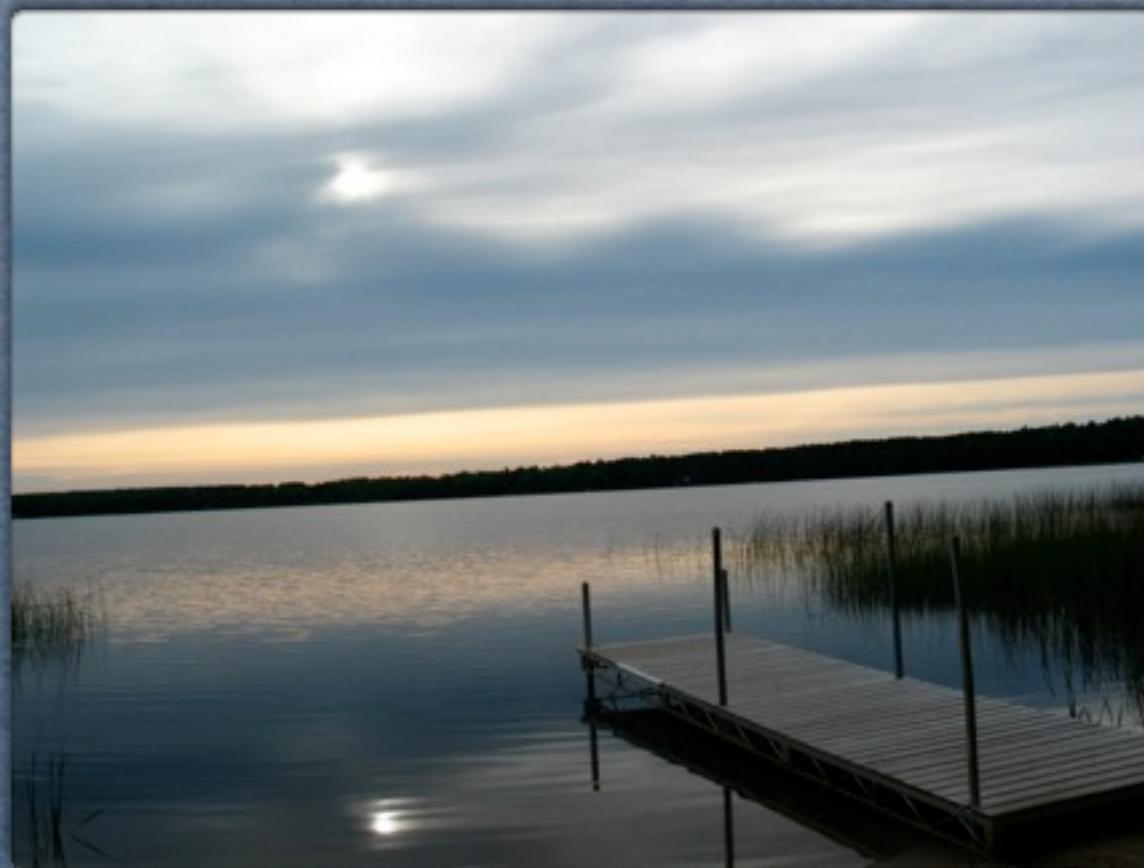
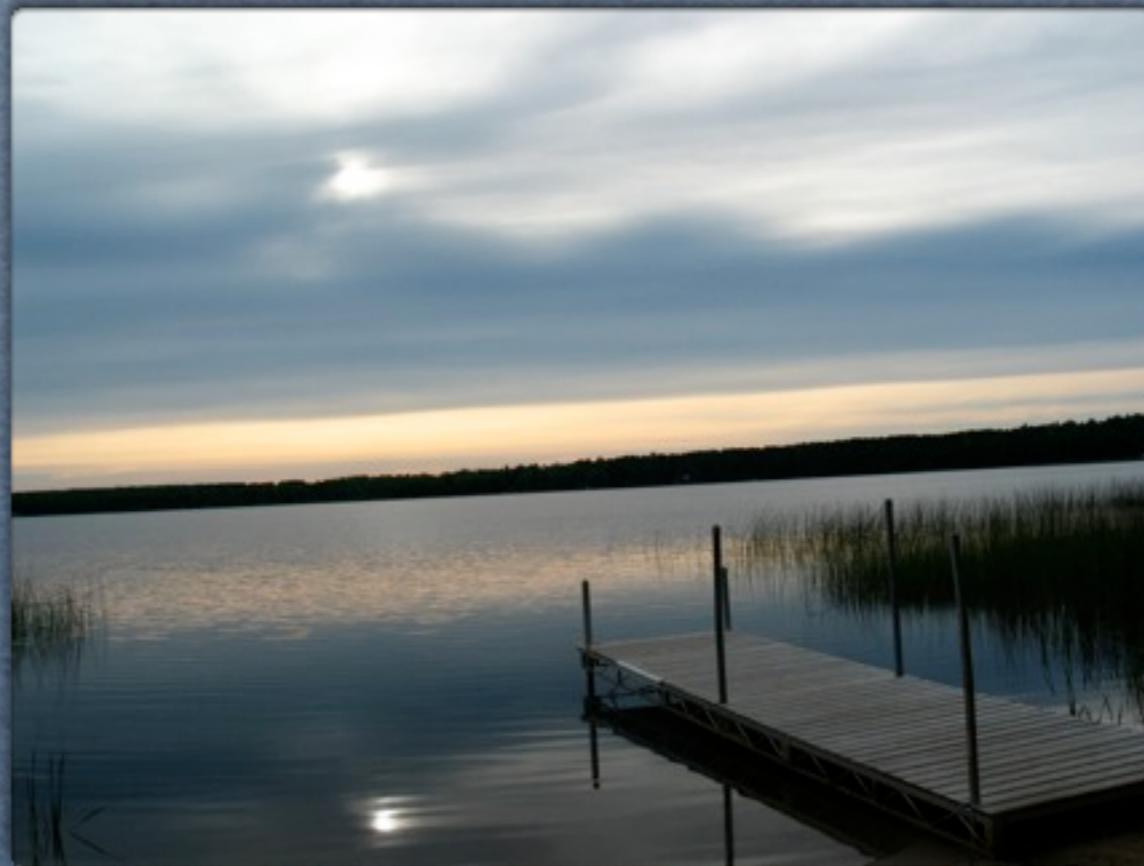


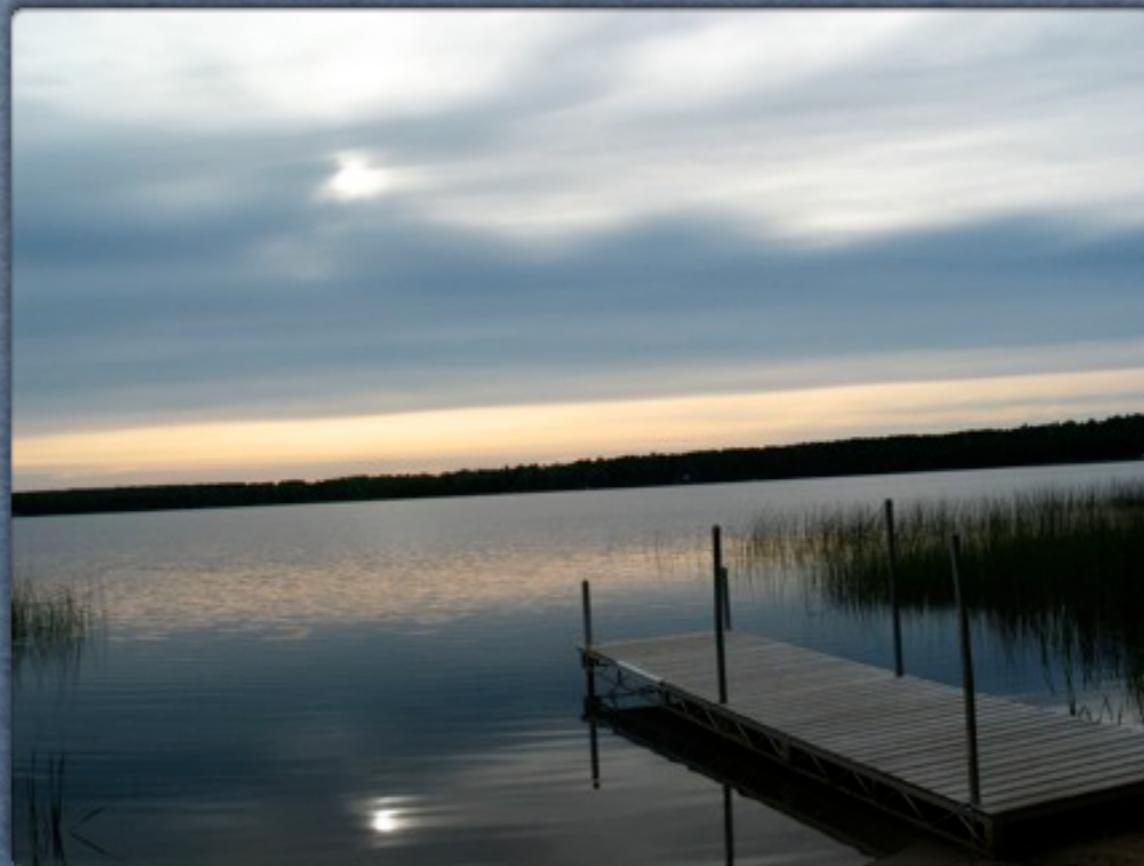
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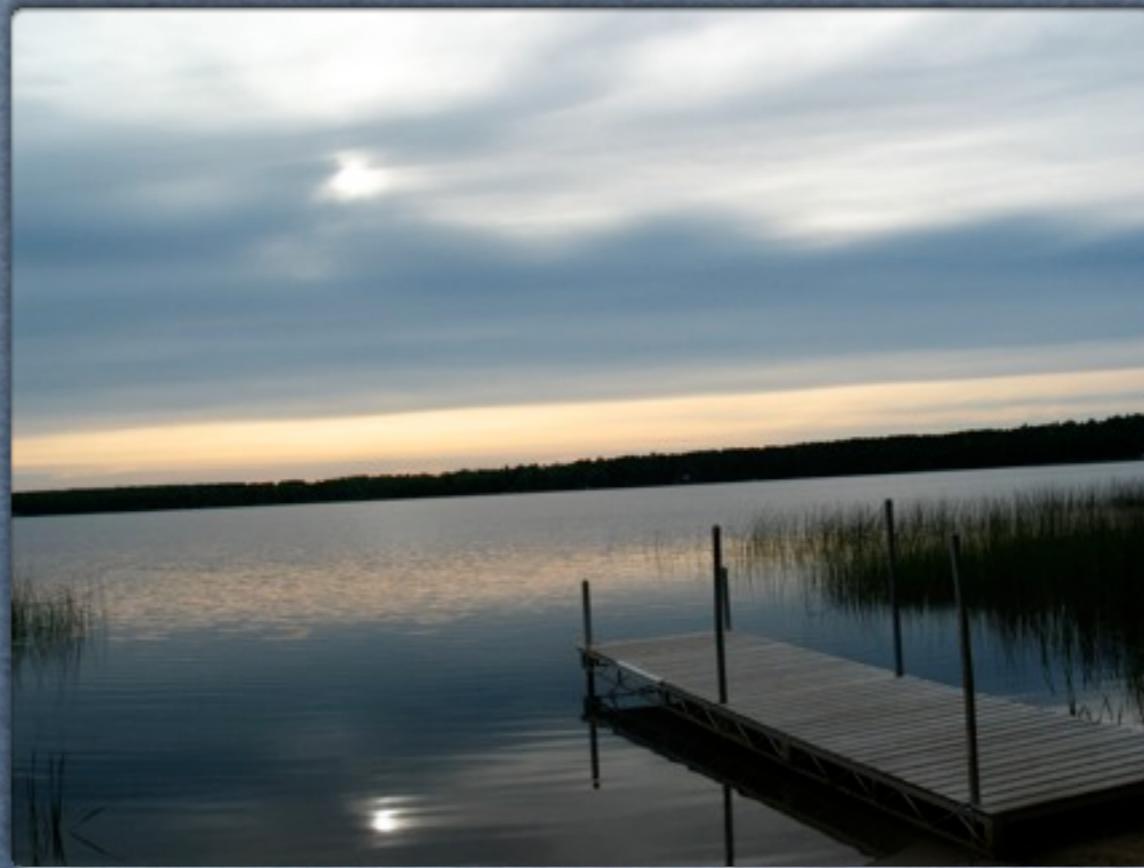
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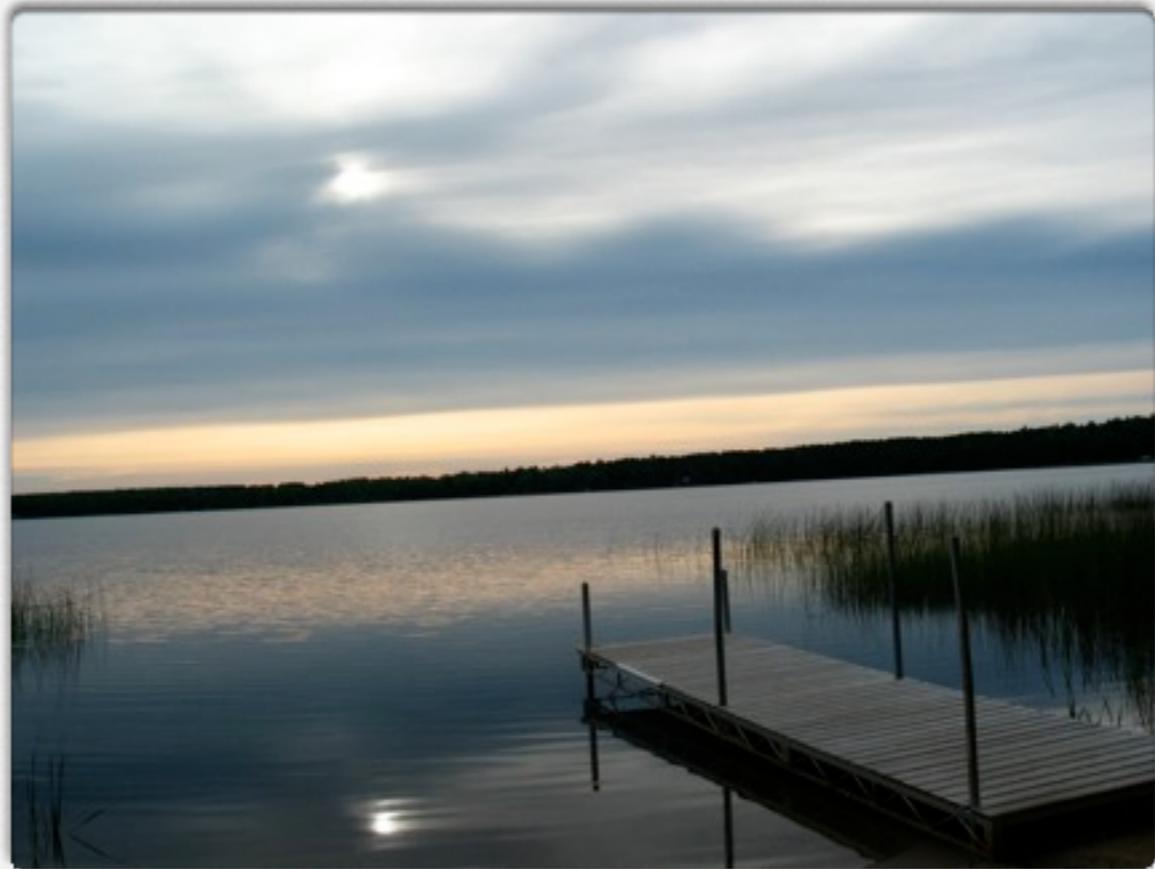


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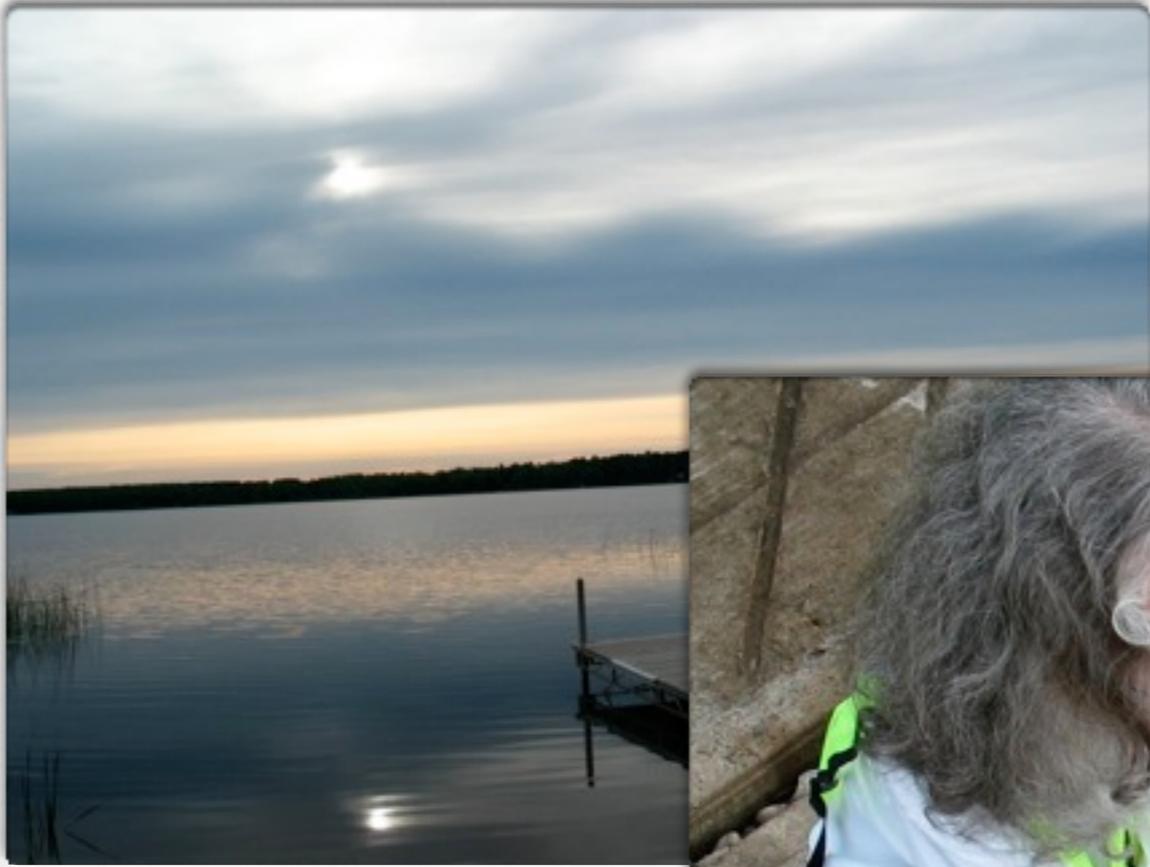
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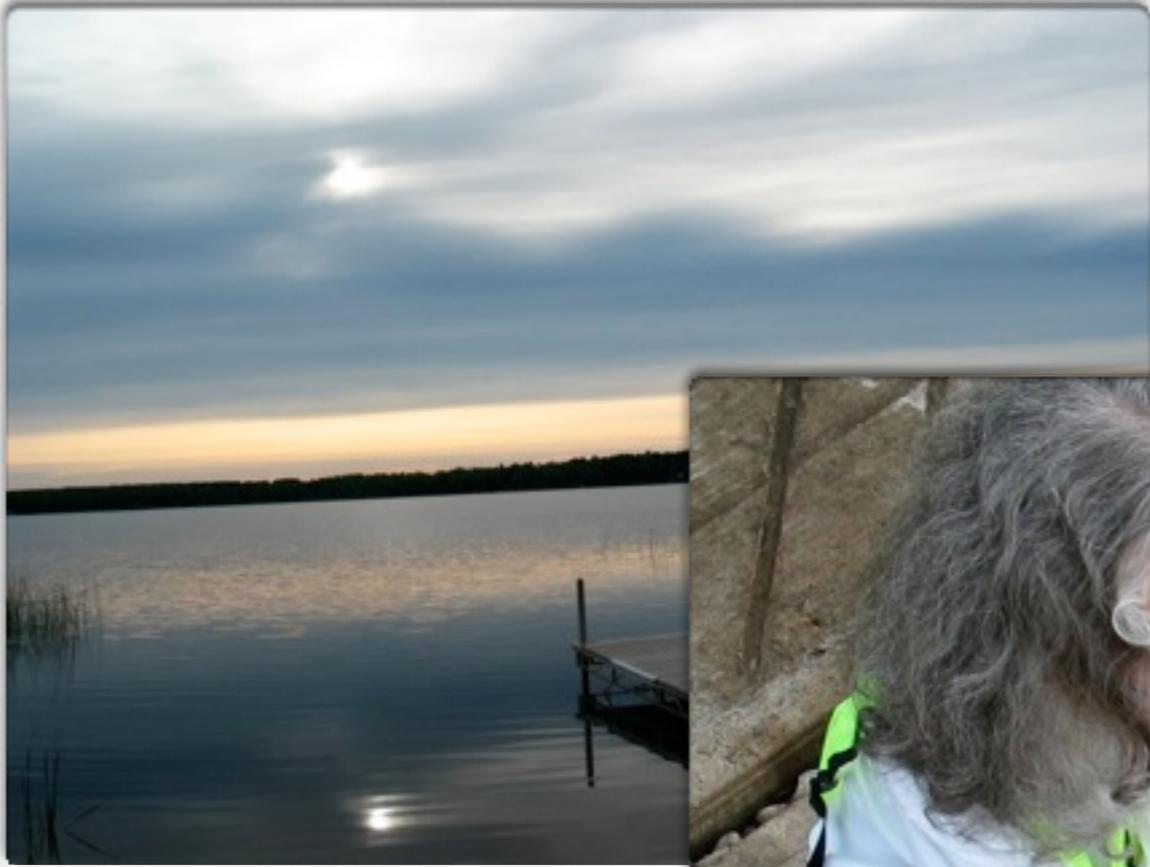


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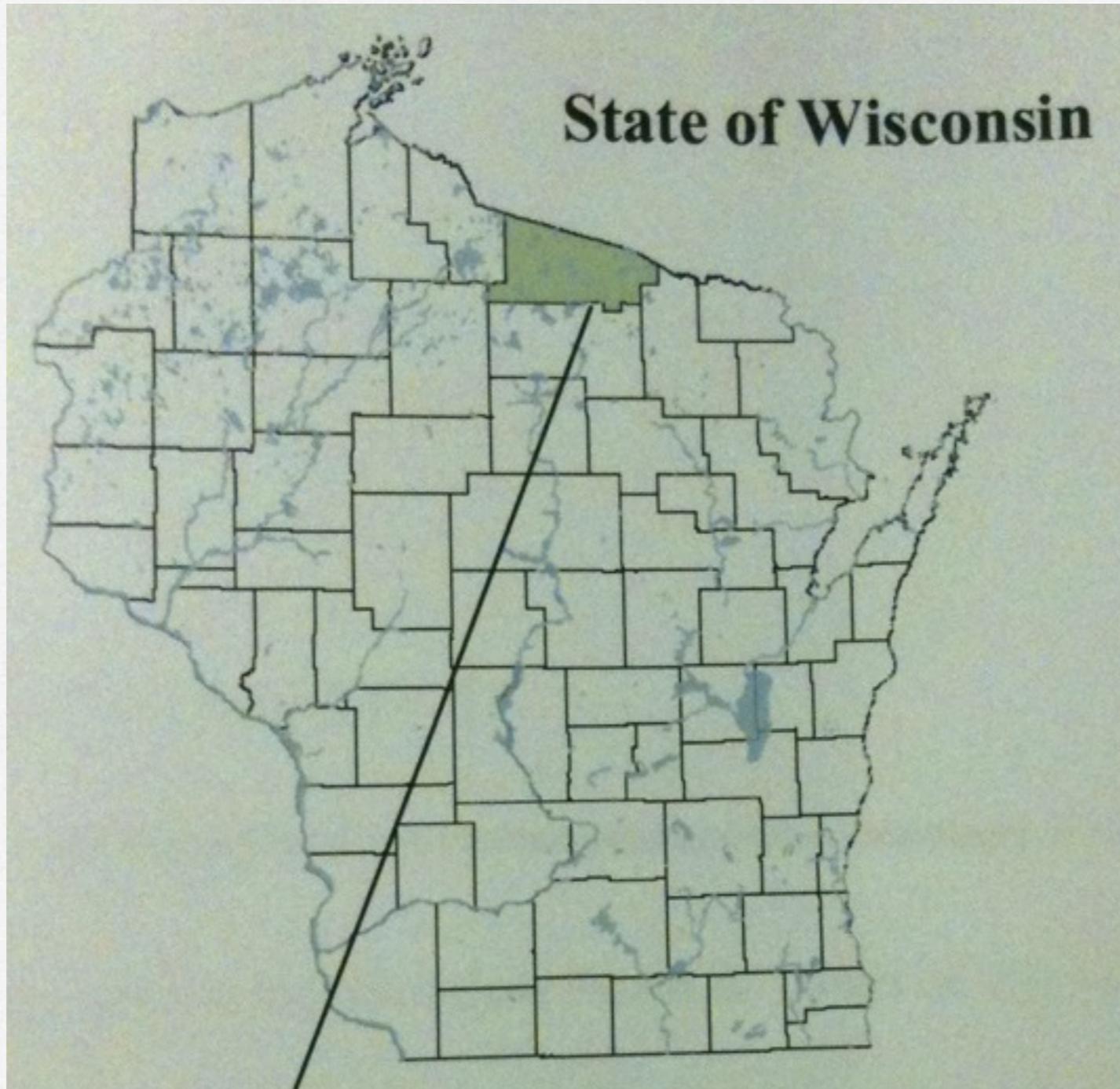


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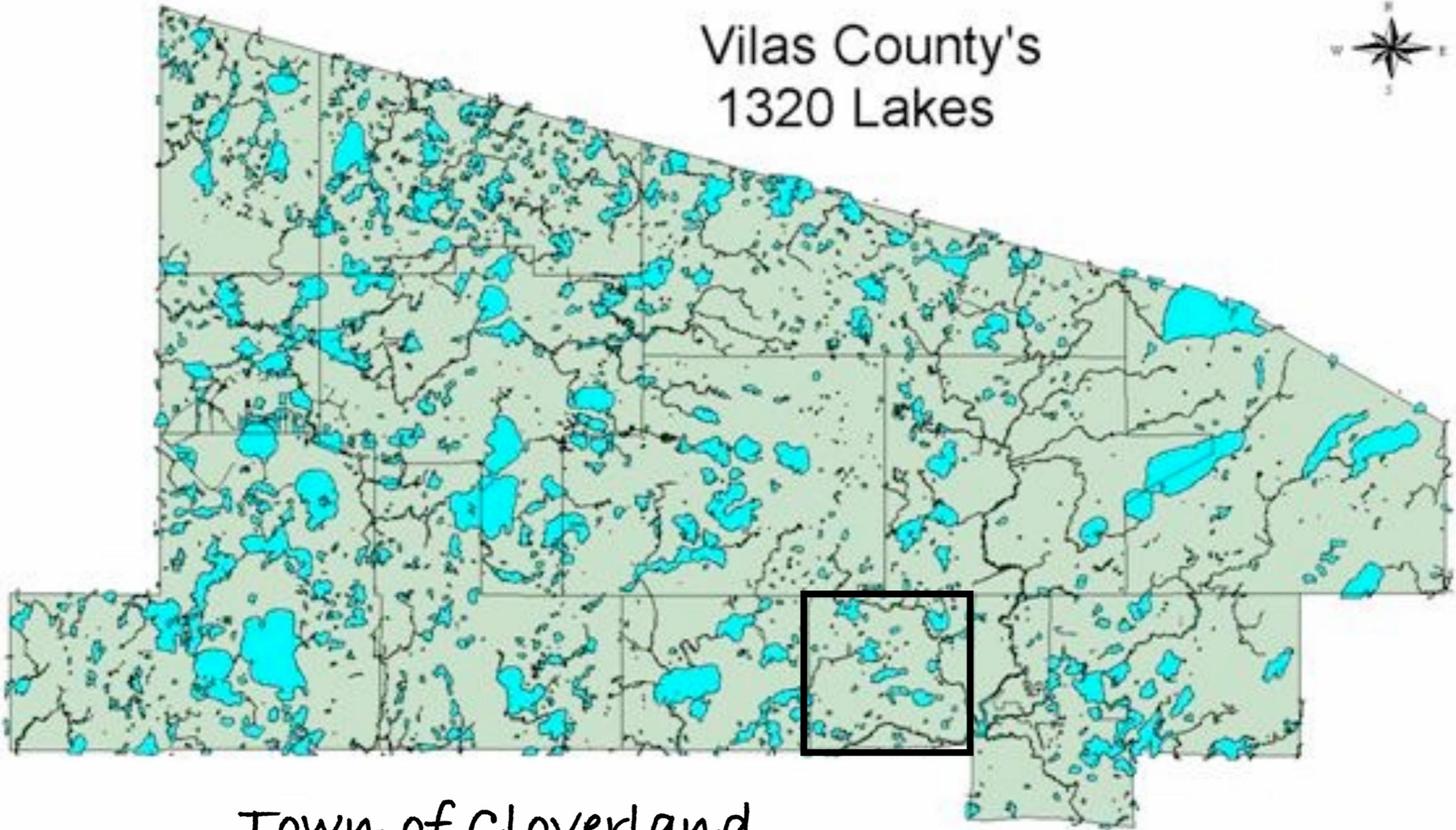
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- **What we did - the accomplishments of CLASS**
  - **The snags and difficulties**
    - **Our best tools**
      - **Our biggest challenge:**  
**Making sure the project really pays off**



Vilas County

# Vilas County's 1320 Lakes



*Town of Cloverland*



## Cloverland's Town Lakes Committee

Boot Lake: Roger Gerds

Finley Lake: Mike Vinovich

McDonald Lake: Tom Rulseh  
and Howard Sauerman

Muskellunge Lake: Justine  
White-Richards and Tom  
Cerull

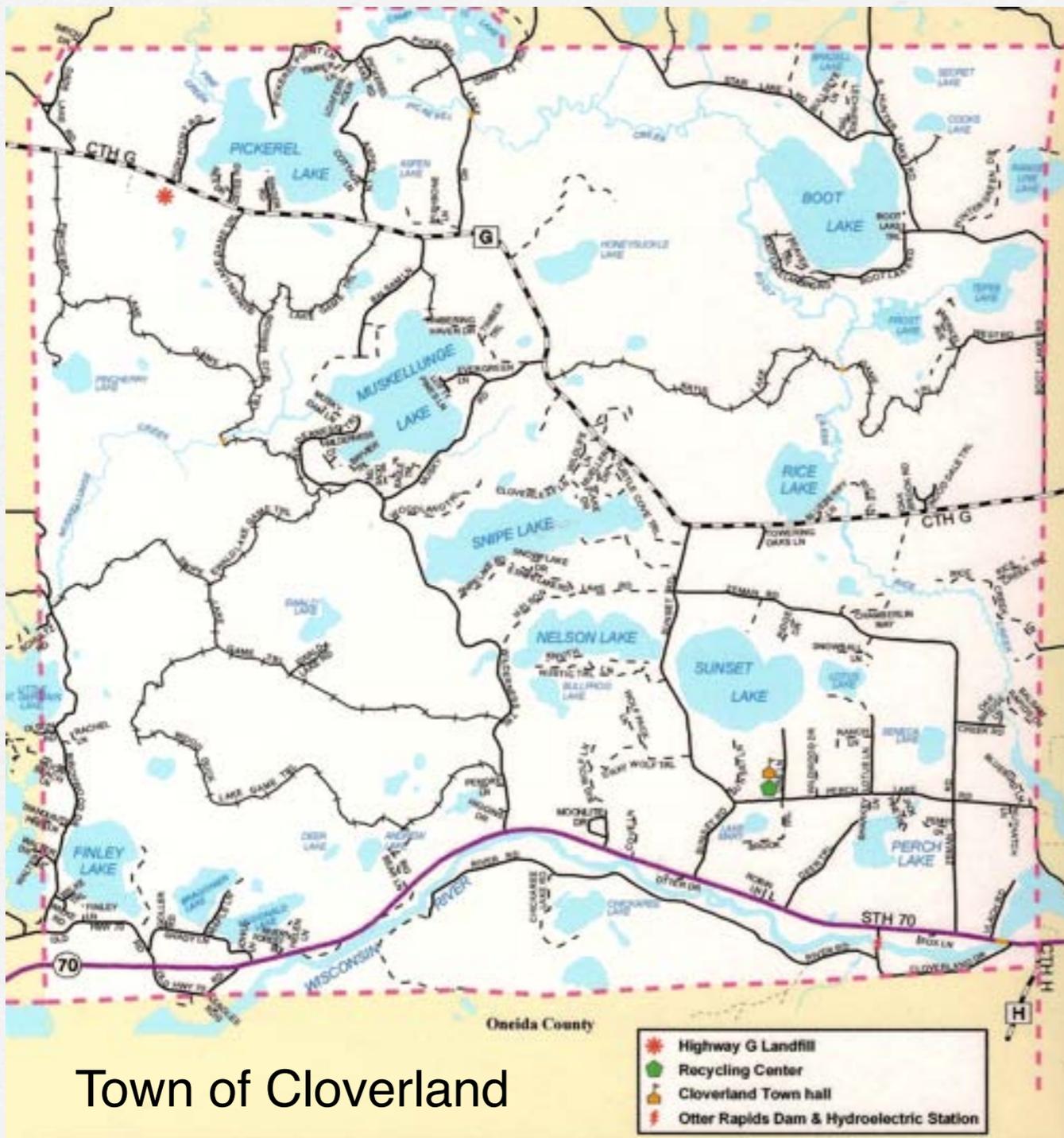
Nelson Lake: James Lynn  
and Ann & Jeff Currie

Perch Lake: Connie and Dick  
Turner

Pickrel Lake: Chuck Spitz

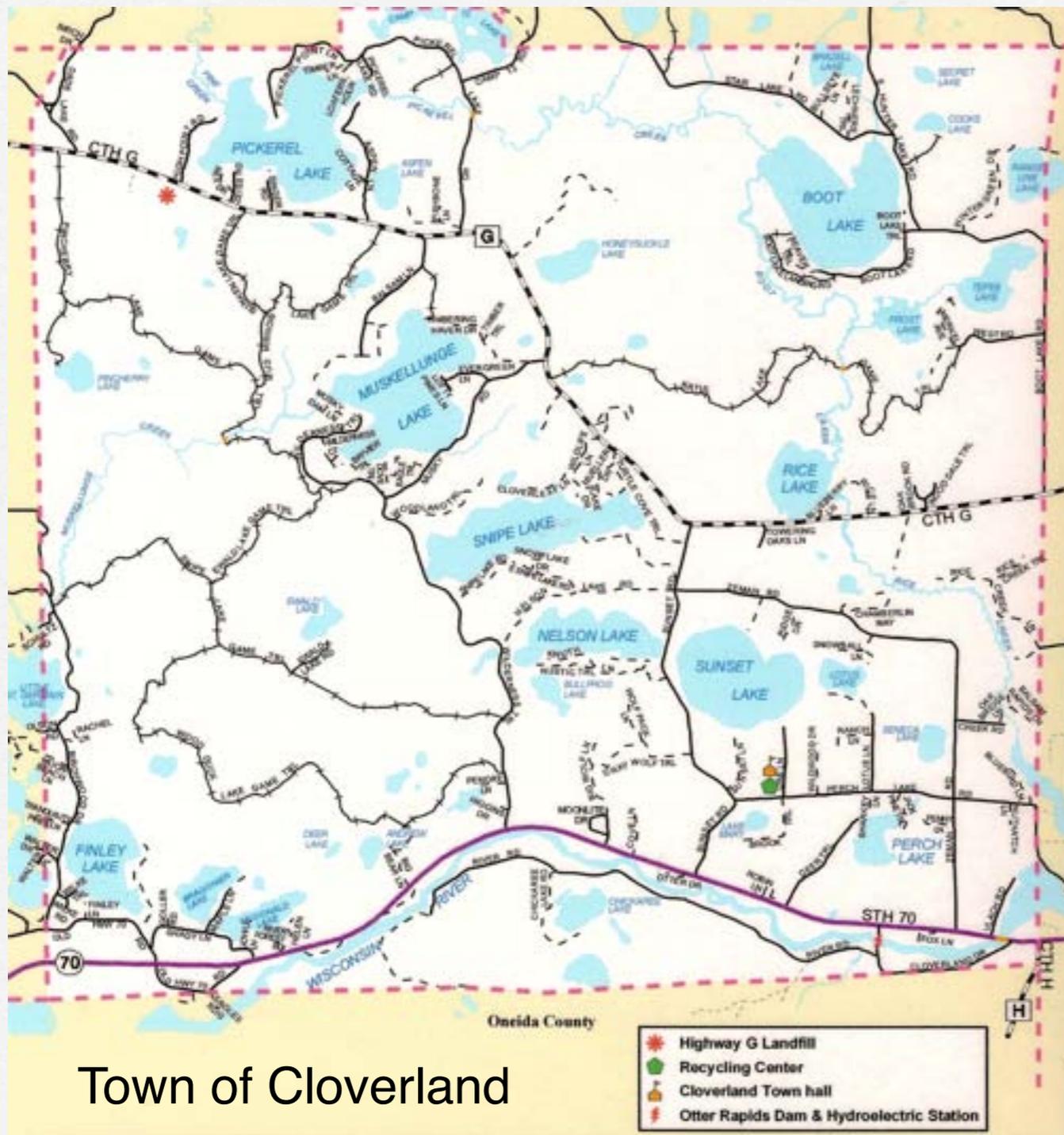
Snipe Lake: Marty Ketterer  
(chair) and Noel Junkunc

Sunset Lake: George and  
Barb Zima



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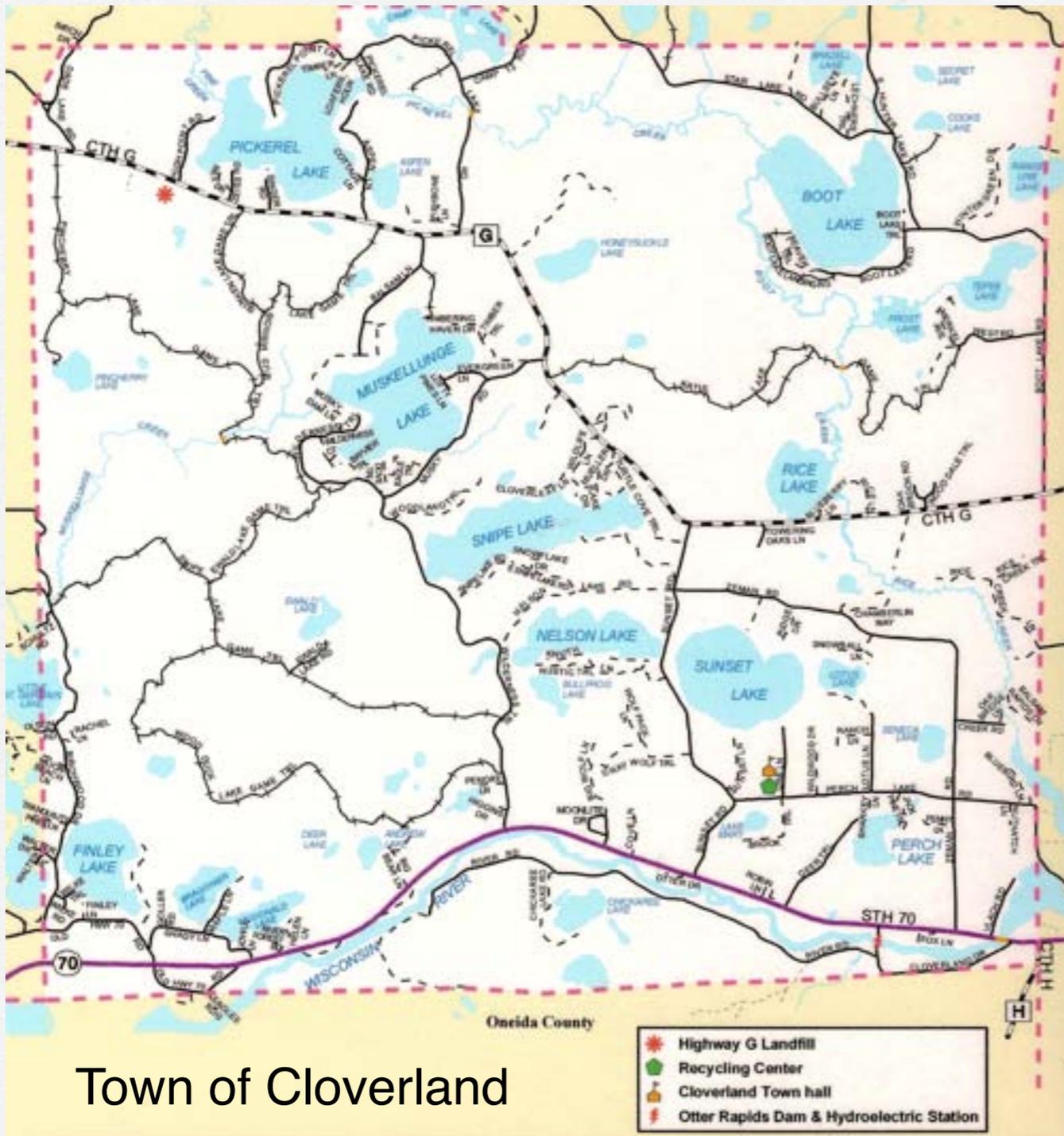
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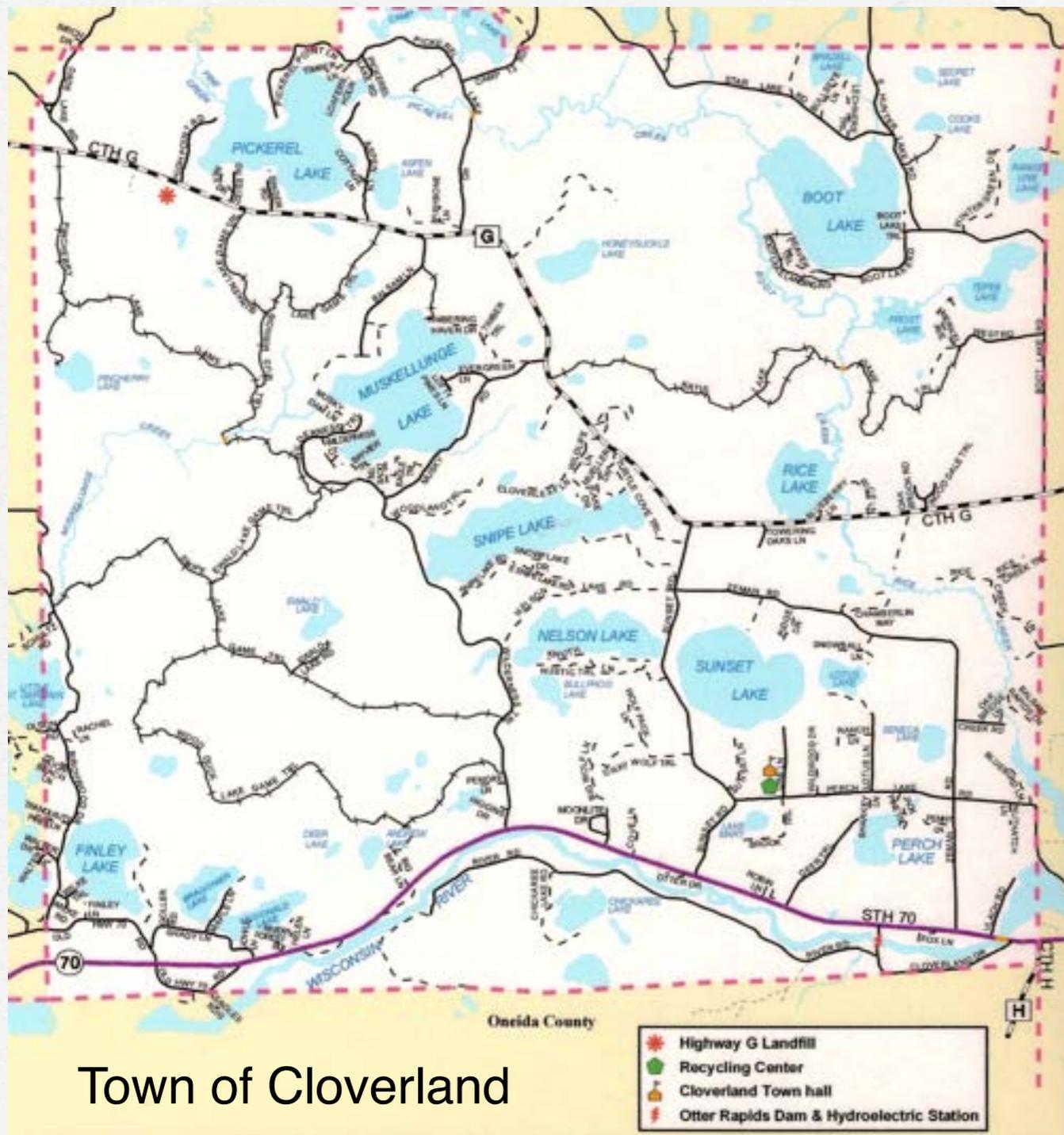
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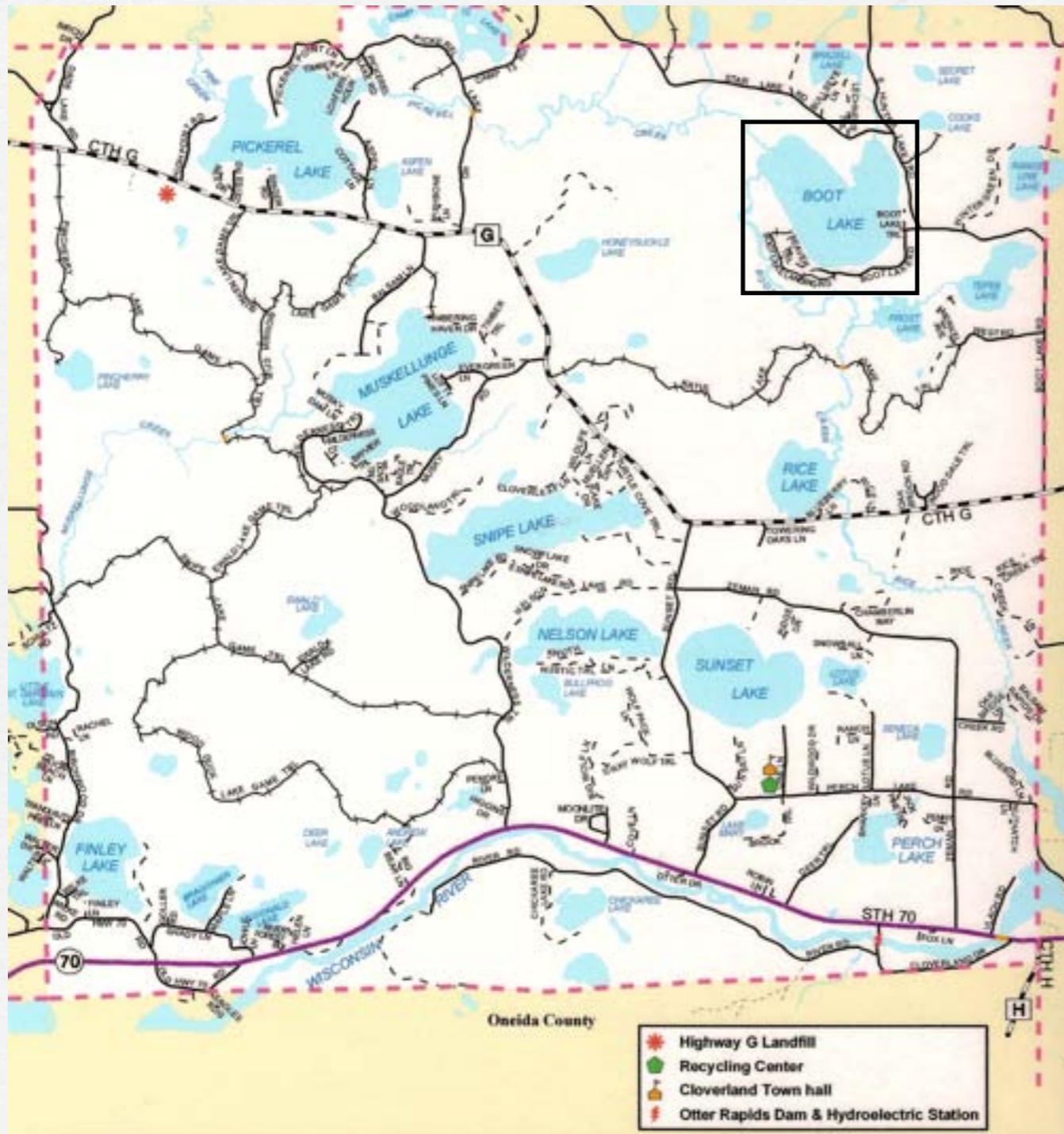


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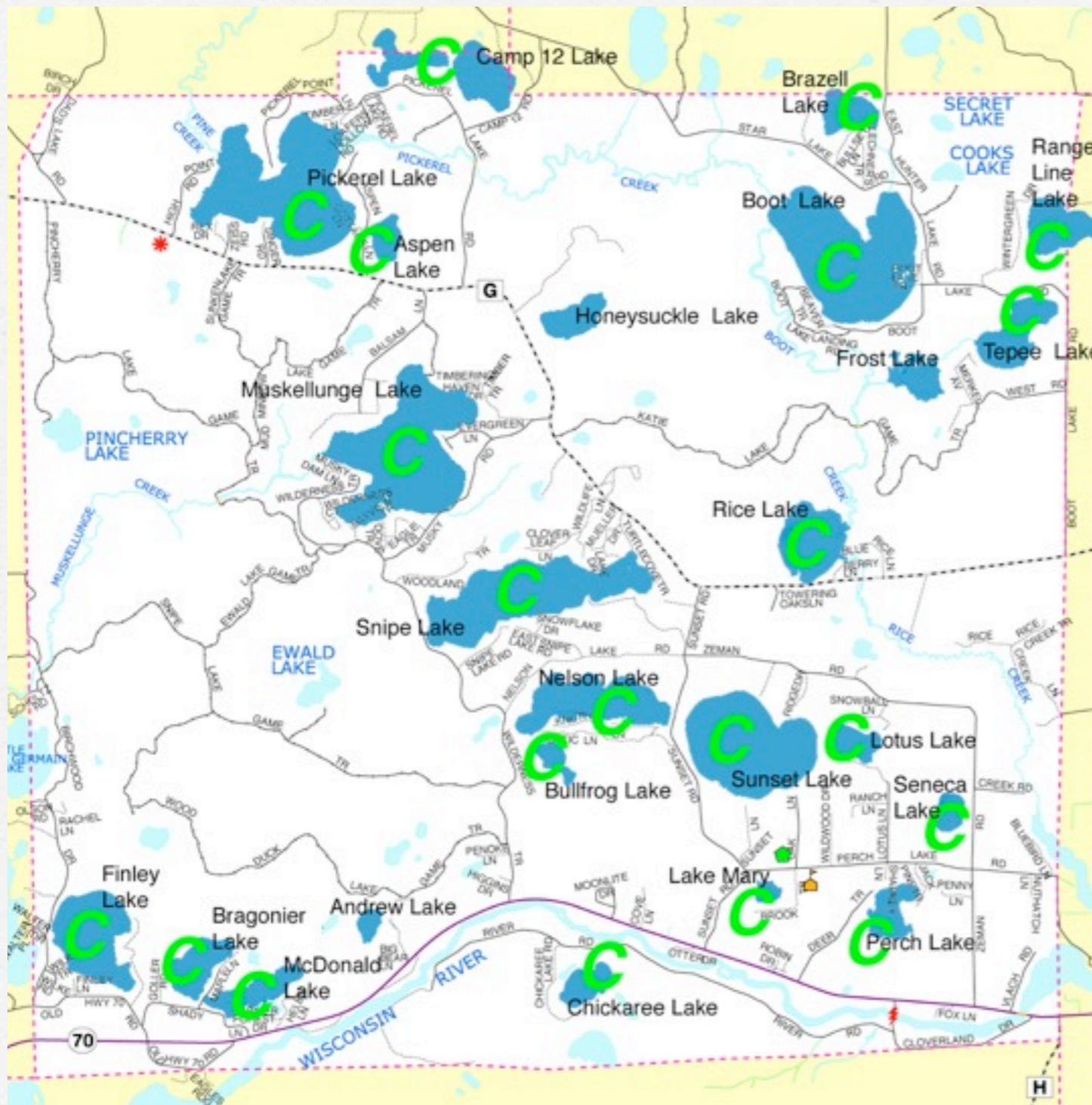
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A \$200,000 two-year project with two goals:

- To provide lake management plans for the 21 project lakes and the Town as a whole



It all started in  
early spring  
2008 with an  
unaddressed  
problem on  
Boot Lake



We worked hard to contact folks on all 26 inhabited lakes.

We ultimately got the participation of 21.

September 29, 2008

Dear Cloverland Town Lakes Committee:

Those of us who own property on ASPEN Lake definitely want it to be included in CLASS, the Cloverland Lakes Aquatic Species Survey.

We know that to be included in CLASS we must provide three things:

- Lake access for the research boat
- One or two representatives to be on the project's Planning Committee
- Our lake's share of the 25% not covered by the WDNR grant. (We understand that this can be paid in dollars, by performing volunteer tasks built into the grant, or through some combination of both.)

This letter confirms our commitment to provide all three of those things.

Lake access will be provided through 2607 ASPEN LAKE ASPEN HOLDINGS LLC WALDHUETTER

Our Representatives to the Project Planning Committee will be KURT WALDHUETTER and RUSSELL WALDHUETTER

We look forward to hearing from the Lakes Committee about our acceptance into the project. Please contact any of us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kurt R. Waldhuetter  
Signature

Signature

Signature

KURT R. WALDHUETTER  
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2274 CATHEDRAL FOREST DR.  
Mailing address

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GREEN BAY, WI 54313  
Mailing address

Mailing address

Phone number

920-434-1946  
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kurt@waldhuetter.com  
E-mail address

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(PLEASE NOTE: If access for the research boat will be through private property, the owner of that property must be one of the signees of this letter. At least one of the lake's representatives to the Planning Committee should also be a signee of this letter.)

For each of those 21 lakes we needed to line up one or more lake reps, and and an access point for the surveying boat.

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to our lake  
ecology pros,  
Onterra, LLC,  
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2009 we  
received the AIS  
Control Grant  
that we needed  
to fund the  
project



Onterra was  
great every step  
of the way.

what they did...



## In 2009 Onterra -

- Wrote the DNR grant application
- Held 2 planning meetings for lake reps
- Held a kickoff meeting to get stakeholders (lake property owners) on board and to provide some "Lake Ecology 101"
- Completed 3 aquatic plant surveys on each project lake and also...
  - ...delineated the watershed
  - ...set up a water quality database
  - ...reviewed the fishery history for each of the 21 lakes.



AND in the fall of 2009 they -

- Prepared and mailed a 9-page stakeholder's survey for all the property owners on all the project lakes

Surveys were mailed to 630 addresses

Over 400 were filled out and returned

Town of Cloverland Lakes Planning Project  
Stakeholder Survey

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Town of Cloverland Lakes Property

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|--|---------------------------------|
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| c. Weekends throughout the year                    | g. Other (please specify) _____ |
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June 2009

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In 2010 -

Spring -

Onterra met with lake reps to review preliminary drafts of their lakes' management plans

Summer -

They held a wrap up session for all stakeholders and the general public

Fall -

They worked with the DNR to provide Boot Lake's finished lake management plan. Then they prepared Boot Lake's application for a DNR AIS Grant



CLASS Wrap up at Northland Pines HS - July 2010

What the Town Lakes Committee did...

Provided lots of training and  
education opportunities

Encouraged townwide involvement  
and accumulating volunteer hours!

We had amazing teachers and trainers from

- WDNR
- UW-Extension
- Great Lakes Intertribal Fish & Wildlife Commission
- Vilas County Zoning and Land and Water Conservation depts.



## Training in 2009 & 2010 -

- CBCW inspection (hands on training)
- AIS Lake monitoring
- Water quality monitoring
- Aquatic plant sampling on Muskellunge Lake, Boot Lake and Pickerel Lake



## Workshops in 2009 & 2010

- Native aquatic plants
- Septic systems and zoning changes
- Wild rice on lakes and streams
- Forming lake associations
- Shoreline monitoring
- Low lake levels
- Monitoring lake fisheries
- Loving our lakes to death
- Understanding algae
- Shoreline restoration



About volunteer hours -



Volunteers at CBCW training - April 2009

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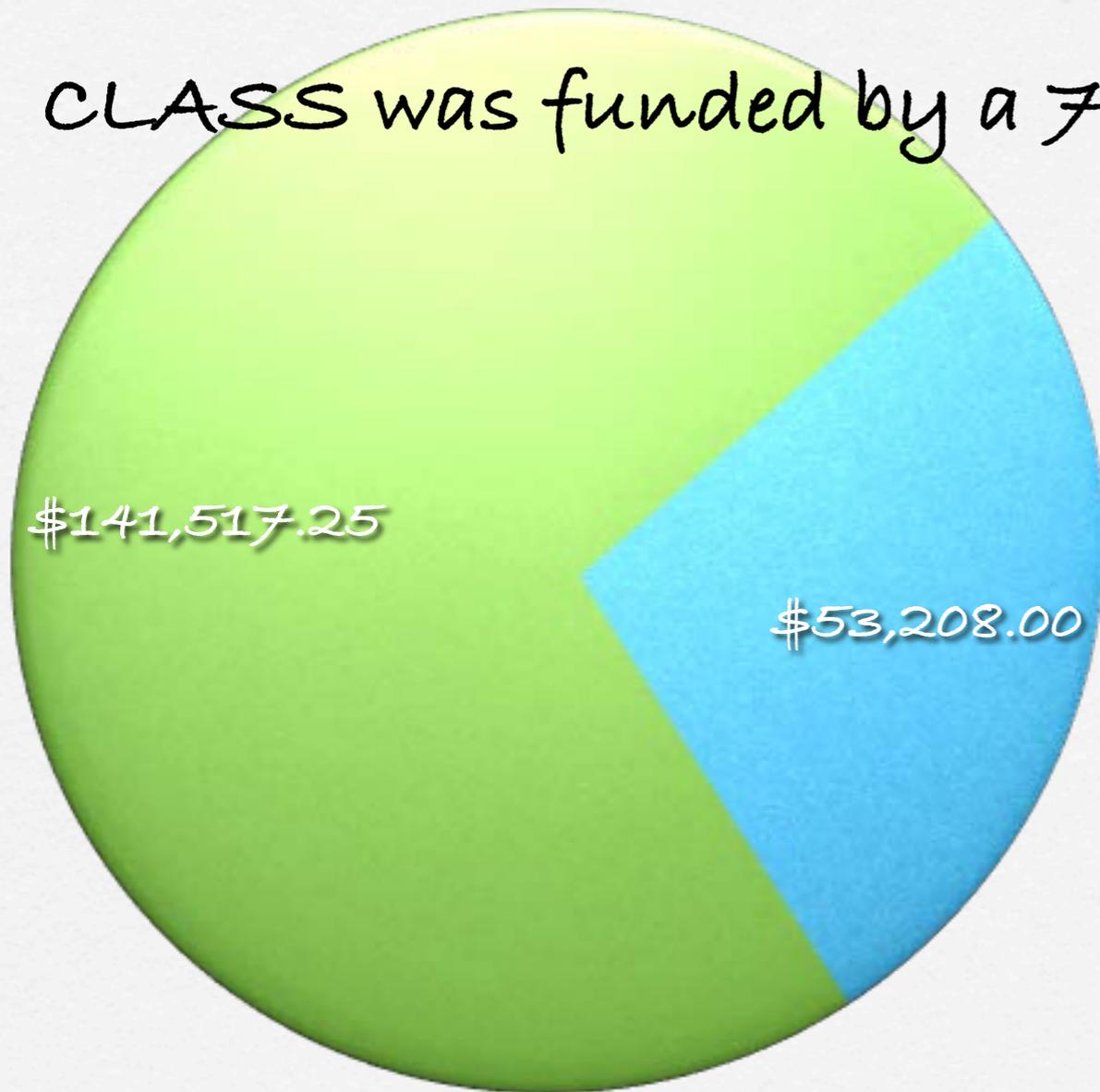
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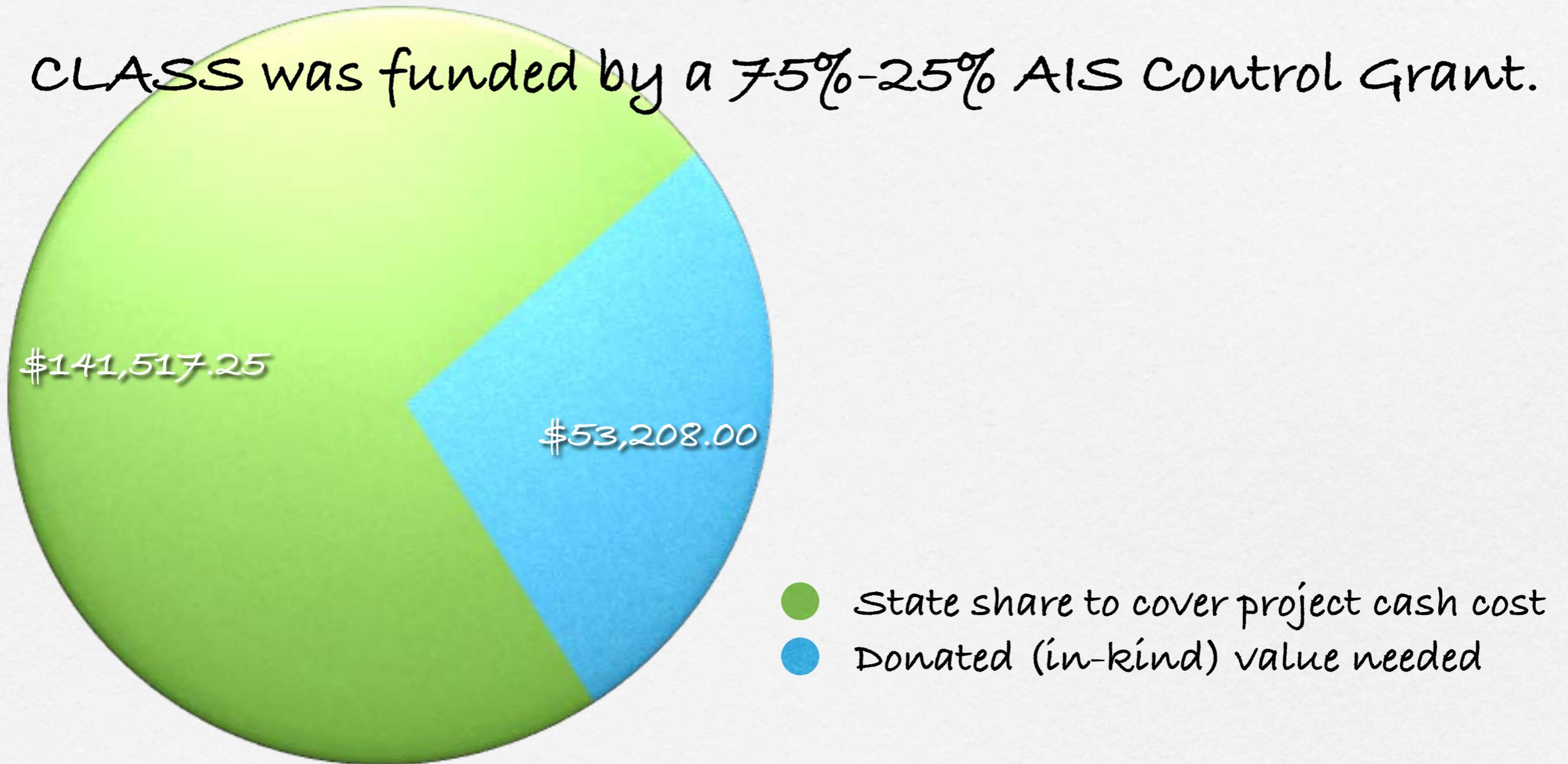
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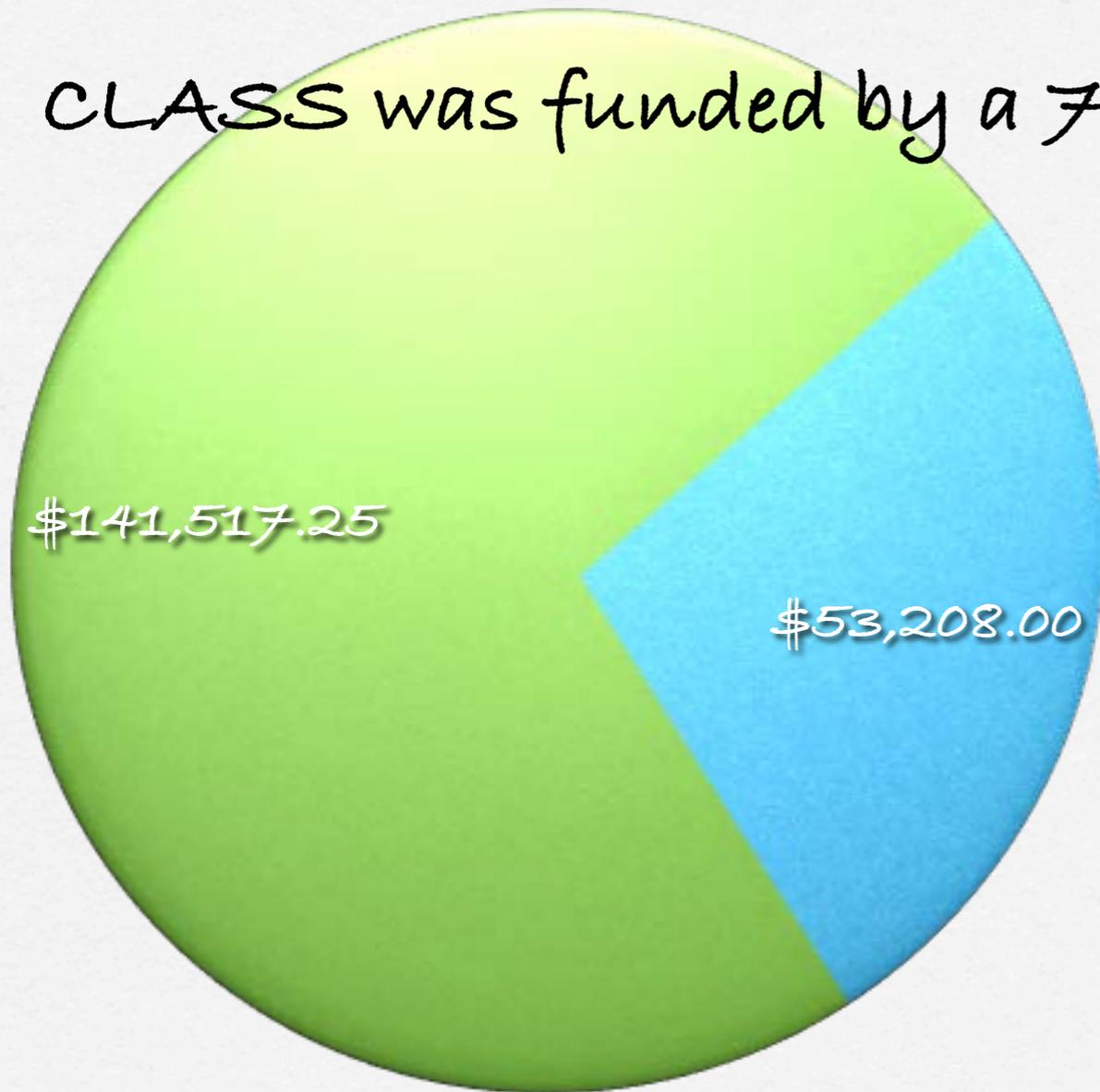
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- Donated (in-kind) value needed

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Volunteers at CBCW training - April 2009

To accumulate in-kind hours  
we kept track of -

- Attendees at training and workshops  
and all other CLASS and CLASS-related events  
PLUS the miles they traveled the time their trips took
- Hours volunteered by the trainers and teachers
- CBCW landing monitors
- Meetings held to plan and administer CLASS
- Costs related to the purchase of aquatic plant  
manuals, use of pontoon boats, food preparation and  
supplied



## Additional accomplishments

Plants and plant displays were provided to the Eagle River Children's Museum, the Library, and the Cloverland Town Hall



# Additional accomplishments

Procedure and protocol packets were prepared and made available to lake users so they could have a way to check out questionable plants



## Additional accomplishments

Phragmites, a terrestrial invasive plant, was found on the Boot Lake shoreline and mapped by Onterra so it can be monitored.

## Not everything went as expected...

- The "youth challenge"
- The individuality of each lake and each lake community
  - Boats with motors and low water
  - Working with "non-organized" lakes
- Getting people's attention and keeping it



CBCW training at Camp Interlaken - July 2009





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- Taking a townwide view

# Our best tools

3. Creating and building networks - townwide and lake by lake

- We obtained, maintained and grew a database of contact information for all lake property owners - snailmail addresses - local and away -, email addresses, phone numbers

- We created lake "directories" for all CLASS lakes

# Our best tools

4. Reaching out - all the time in lots of ways...

- Inviting participation

## TOWN LAKES PROJECT FEEDBACK SHEET

**We'd like to be sure to hear from you** if you are interested in having your lake included in the Town of Cloverland Lakes Management Planning Project. We really want all 24 of our inhabited lakes to participate. Fill out this form and send it to us, or contact us by phone or e-mail, whichever is most convenient for you.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Local address and mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

1. I own property on \_\_\_\_\_ Lake, and have an interest in having it included in Cloverland's Lakes Management Planning Project. My particular reasons for this include these concerns about my lake:

2. Having looked over the material from your committee, I know that our lake must provide these three things to be included in the Project: Lake access for the research boat, one or two representatives to be on the Project's Planning Committee, and a commitment to provide our lake's share of the 25% not covered by the WDNR grant. I understand that this can be paid in dollars, in performing in-kind volunteer tasks built into the grant, or some combination of both. I'm not sure the members of our lake community are in a position to commit to all those things on behalf on the lake yet. But I would like (tell us what questions you have or what help you need) ...

**Mail this form to:**

Cloverland Town Hall, ATTN: Marty Ketterer, P.O. Box 1565, Eagle River, WI 54521.

**Or call or e-mail our Project contact people about your interest or questions:**

Justine White-Richards - 715-479-1187, [jrwtravelnurse@frontiernet.net](mailto:jrwtravelnurse@frontiernet.net)  
Marty Ketterer - 715-479-9426, [mket@newnorth.net](mailto:mket@newnorth.net)

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Cloverland Town Lakes Committee - October 5, 2008

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**TOP 10 REASONS FOR YOUR LAKE TO MAKE A COMMITMENT  
NOW  
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10. CLASS will provide valuable information on plants, stratification, and the eutrophic state of your lake. The survey provides a baseline of information that can be used to monitor future changes in your lake.
9. At this time, there is an active Town Lakes Committee in place willing to organize this effort.
8. A dedicated Grant Writing Committee is committed to pursue the WDNR grant on your behalf.
7. There is \$7 million in the state's current biennial budget for these grants, however, there is no guarantee the state will include this amount in future budgets.
6. Our best chance of being awarded the grant is NOW, as the grant application process is being opened to large institutions and agencies in the near future, and then we will be competing with salaried professional grant writers.
5. The Town of Cloverland has provided financial support for the Town Lakes Committee in the past, and there is indication that this grant will also be supported.
4. There is a great economy of scale realized by involving a large number of lakes in the town. This cannot be duplicated on an individual lake basis.
3. Through the WDNR grant, the state will provide 75% or approximately \$148,000, of the cost of CLASS. If those dollars—your tax dollars—don't come here, they will go elsewhere.
2. It is very likely that Cloverland lake property owners will be able to cover their portion of the cost of CLASS (25%) by their work on various volunteer tasks important to the project.
1. If native or exotic plants become a problem in your lake, you will have the baseline study and a lake management plan in place which allows you to begin the management process!

**Need help or have any questions about CLASS?**

Contact: Justine White-Richards (715-479-1187, [jrwtravelnurse@frontiernet.net](mailto:jrwtravelnurse@frontiernet.net))  
or Marty Ketterer (715-479-9426, [mket@newnorth.net](mailto:mket@newnorth.net))

ways...

## TOWN LAKES

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Local address and mailing \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

1. I own property on \_\_\_\_\_ included in Cloverland's survey. Do any of these include these concerns?

2. Having looked over the survey, do you think you can provide these three things: one or two representatives to provide our lake's share of the cost; this can be paid in dollars, some combination of both; or in some other position to commit to all the questions you have?

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## Cloverland Town Lakes

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Cloverland Town Lakes Committee - October 5, 2008

## What you should know about CLASS, the Cloverland Aquatic Species Survey

### A good idea—at the best possible time!

CLASS can help residents of all our lakes keep their lakes healthy in the face of aquatic invasive species (AIS) and other undesirable changes.

Through participation in the Project, each lake community will receive a baseline picture of their lake's current status, and a lake management plan. A plan of this type has to be completed before any type of treatment for invasive species would be approved by the Wisconsin DNR.

The Town Lakes Committee has chosen Onterra, LLC, a lake ecology firm out of DePere, WI, to handle this project.

To pay for the project, the Committee will be applying for an Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grant. The state has more AIS grant money available now than ever before. Under the grant, the state will pay for 75% of the total cost of the project, about \$148,000. The remaining 25% of the total cost would be covered by the residents of all participating lakes, either through volunteer hours or in dollars.

These 16 lakes are already part of CLASS: Aspen, Boot, Bragonier, Bullfrog, Camp 12, Finley, Lotus, Mary, McDonald, Muskellunge, Nelson, Perch, Pickerel, Seneca, Snipe, and Sunset.

### The scope of the project includes these five tasks...

**Lake property owner participation and education** - Kick-off Meeting with Onterra, Planning Committee (two reps from each lake) orientation and coordinating activities, property owners survey, other information forums and training

**Watershed characterization** - Watershed information will be considered in terms of how it impacts each lake's management plan

**Lake water quality** - Would be monitored to identify potential problems and create a water quality database to track long term trends

**Aquatic plant surveys** - Curly-leaf pondweed assessment, comprehensive aquatic plant survey and mapping, volunteer aquatic plant monitor training

**Fisheries data integration** - Compilation of available historic fisheries data, list known fish species and information pertaining to spawning habitat requirement, nursery areas and food sources.

### From the completion of these tasks, two types of reports and plans will be completed...

**Lake specific reports and plans** for each participating lake

**A town-wide compilation** of all the individual reports and plans, and a Cloverland Lakes Management Plan.

### Project Time Line

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**June 2009** - Project Kick-off, Planning Committee orientation, curly-leaf pondweed survey conducted

**July - August 2009** - Stakeholder surveys mailed, data collected on water quality, watershed and fisheries, comprehensive plant surveys conducted, volunteer training sessions held

**September 2009 - March 2010** - Data analyzed, reports prepared

**April - June 2010** - Planning Committee previews reports, first draft is produced and reviewed

**July and August 2010** - Final reports issued, Wrap-Up Meeting held to present findings and recommendation to lake property owners

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## TOWN LAKES

We'd like to be sure your lake included in the survey. We really want all 24 of our lakes. Fill out this form and send it to us. It's the most convenient for you.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Local address and mailing \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

1. I own property on \_\_\_\_\_ included in Cloverland's 2008 survey. Do these include these concerns?

2. Having looked over the survey, I would like to provide these three things: one or two representatives to provide our lake's share of the cost; this can be paid in dollars, some combination of both; or in some other position to commit to all the questions you have asked.

Mail this form to:  
Cloverland Town Lakes  
54521.

Or call or e-mail our Project Coordinator:  
Justine White-Richards  
Marty Ketterer - 715-479-1187

Cloverland Town Lakes

## TOP 10 REASONS FOR YOUR LAKE TO PARTICIPATE

10. CLASS will provide valuable information about the current status of your lake. The survey provides a baseline of data to help track changes in your lake.

9. At this time, there is an active Town Lakes Committee for your lake.

8. A dedicated Grant Writing Committee is working on your behalf.

7. There is \$7 million in the state's current budget to guarantee the state will include this lake in the survey.

6. Our best chance of being awarded a grant has been opened to large institutions and agencies, and we have salaried professional grant writers.

5. The Town of Cloverland has provided a grant in the past, and there is indication that this will be repeated.

4. There is a great economy of scale in participating. This cannot be duplicated on an individual lake basis.

3. Through the WDNR grant, the state is providing 75% of the cost of CLASS. If those dollars—your tax dollars—were not there, the cost would be much higher.

2. It is very likely that Cloverland lake owners will share the cost of CLASS (25%) by their willingness to participate.

1. If native or exotic plants become a problem, we will have a lake management plan in place which will help us deal with the problem.

**Need help or have any questions?**  
Contact: Justine White-Richards  
or Marty Ketterer (715-479-1187)

Cloverland Town Lakes

## What you can expect

### the Cloverland Lakes Aquatic Species Survey

#### A good idea—at the best possible price

CLASS can help residents of all lakes in Cloverland keep their lakes healthy in the face of aquatic invasive species (AIS) and other undesirable changes in their lakes.

Through participation in the Project CLASS, your lake's community will receive a baseline plan of your lake's current status, and a lake management plan. A plan of this type has to be completed by a professional of this type of treatment for invasive species. The plan must be approved by the Wisconsin DNR.

The Town Lakes Committee has hired Onterra, LLC, a lake ecology firm out of Madison, WI, to handle this project.

To pay for the project, the Committee is applying for an Aquatic Invasive Species Grant. The state has more AIS grant money available now than ever before. Under the current grant, the state will pay for 75% of the total cost of the project, about \$148,000. The remaining 25% of the total cost would be covered by the participating lakes, either through volunteer hours or in dollars.

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October 5, 2008

Dear Brazell Lake property owner,

We are writing to all the property owners on Brazell Lake because it is one of only 8 lakes that have not yet contacted us about being part of the Cloverland Lakes Aquatic Species Survey. You have only a few weeks to be sure it is added to those already in the project.

As of now, CLASS will equip 580 of the Town's 650 lake property owners to address both current problems and possible future ones on their lakes, the 16 that have already joined the survey.

The Cloverland Town Lakes Committee put CLASS together to help all lake property owners in Cloverland be proactive—and cost effective—in dealing with undesirable changes in their lake from invasives and other plants. CLASS will provide owners on each participating lake with baseline information about their lake's current health, and with a lake management plan specific to their lake. The more lakes that participate, the greater the benefits and the lower the shared costs.

In the next few weeks the CLASS subcommittee will begin to prepare our application for the WDNR grant to fund 75 percent of the project, about \$148,000. It is very likely that the rest of the cost, the part to be handled by us Cloverland lake owners, can be paid by volunteer hours lake residents put in on various volunteer tasks that will be important to the project.

**We have only until the end of October to determine what lakes want to be part of CLASS.** Enclosed is an information sheet and the letter form that needs to be returned to indicate that you want Brazell Lake included.

We're hoping that every inhabited lake in Cloverland will sign on to gain the benefits of CLASS. **Please contact us to let us know that you want your lake included.** Feel free to call if you have any questions about the project or the letter form.

Sincerely,

Justine White-Richards,  
CLASS project coordinator (715-479-1187, [jwrtravelnurse@frontiernet.net](mailto:jwrtravelnurse@frontiernet.net))

# Our best tools

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Cloverland Lakes Aquatic Species Survey

# CLASS

July 24, 2009

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Cloverland Lakes Aquatic Species Survey

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The townwide project named CLASS started happening on your lake this summer.

Cloverland's Town Lakes Committee wants to be sure that you have a chance to learn about the short and long term benefits of this lake health project. Because we've been awarded a WDNR Grant, the dollar cost of this \$200,000 project to Cloverland residents will be \$0.

We want to explain how that works, too.

In short meetings at the Town Hall this Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. we'll cover this information and answer any questions. Come whichever evening is most convenient for you.

If you can't make it during the week, key information about CLASS will also be available at the Town Lakes Committee meeting that starts at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 8.

Questions? Contact CLASS Coordinator Justine White-Richards (715-479-1187, [jwrtravelnurse@frontiernet.net](mailto:jwrtravelnurse@frontiernet.net)) or Town Lakes Committee chair Marty Ketterer (715-479-9426, [mket@newnorth.net](mailto:mket@newnorth.net)).

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The Cloverland Towns Lake Committee will kick off the 21-lake project called Cloverland Lakes Aquatic Species Survey (CLASS) on Saturday June 6, at 1 p.m.

The kickoff will be held at the Cloverland Town Hall, located at 5860 Perch Lake Road.

CLASS will involve extensive lake surveys, educational and training workshops — and tasks — and lake management plans for each of the lakes in the project.

The one-hour kickoff will give all of Cloverland's stakeholders a chance to get detailed information about the project and answers to any questions or concerns. The meeting will feature Tim Hoyman, founder of Onterra LLC, the aquatic ecology firm that has been hired to make CLASS happen.

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duced ecologists, will start its work in Cloverland with curly-leaf pondweed surveys and water-quality surveying in June. Water-quality surveys will continue in July and August. Other plant surveys will also be conducted in July and August.

For lake surveys, Onterra will be using high-end global positioning system data collectors.

"These units can be loaded with any background data, including aerial photos and any map we have made," Hoyman explained. "These are very high-end units that are a tremendous tool for completing our surveys." For water quality studies, Onterra will use a variety of probes and instruments.

"We follow DNR protocols for the cleaning and transport of our equipment," to avoid transporting any invasive

empower the property owners on each lake to decide what to do to improve or maintain their individual lake's environments.

"But," he said, "I imagine the biggest benefit to the property owners will be knowing whether or not there is invasive plant species in their lake."

Regarding the battle against AIS, Hoyman's experience has taught him that "it is much more effective to keep AIS out of a lake then to try to control it once it is in the lake."

Hoyman called CLASS "an excellent idea that will result in useful information and plans for the Cloverland lakes at a tremendous cost savings. We are very excited to work on the project and with the folks on the lakes," he said.

The project's success, he said, can be ensured "by the

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## Volunteers help Cloverland make strides against AIS

Dear Editor:

The Cloverland Town Lakes Committee wants to acknowledge all of those who participated in CLASS (the Cloverland Lakes Aquatic Species Survey) this past summer.

In this, the project's first year, more than 300 people showed their willingness to care for their lakes in a number of ways: coming out for workshops and meetings, receiving training to monitor the plants and water quality of their lakes and serving as Clean Boats Clean Waters volunteers on the town's four public boat landings.

Special thanks go to the representatives for each of the 21 lakes that are part of CLASS, as well as to all the members of the CLASS subcommittee for their continued leadership, beginning in 2008 when the project was just being planned.

As of now, all the scientific lake surveys have been completed by Onterra LLC and Shareholder Surveys have come in from over 60% of the 630 lake property owners to whom they were sent. We are still accepting those surveys and encourage every recipient to fill it out and return it as soon as possible.

In regard to the \$200,000 aquatic invasive species (AIS) grant from the Department of Natural Resources that is funding the project, we are more than halfway to accumulating the 4,500 volunteer hours needed to provide the number of in-kind hours due from Cloverland lake property owners.

Although reaching that in-kind hour goal is very important, even more important is the goal of the project: to provide all lovers of Cloverland's lakes with the information and know-how to take care of their lakes. The many workshop participants of this past summer indicated that the value of their learning experiences was impossible to measure and very much appreciated. They were able to look at their lakes through new eyes and see more clearly how they could maintain and improve the health of their highly prized lakes.

In 2010, CLASS will offer more opportunities for all interested people to learn about and take part in maintaining lake health. The 21 lakes that are part of CLASS will receive results from the data collected on our lakes by Onterra and from the Stakeholders Surveys.

Management plans developed for each lake this winter will be distributed next summer. These will provide each lake with useful baseline information and with a plan for caring for their lake in the future.

The enthusiastic involvement of so many people in CLASS activities this past summer exceeded our expectations. We look forward to 2010 when we'll all be able to build upon the gains of this summer's work.

Marty Ketterer  
Cloverland Town Lakes  
Committee chairman  
Justine White-Richards,  
CLASS coordinator

## New septic system law to be topic at Cloverland workshop Aug. 28

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Onterra also compiled information about each lake's fisheries and watershed, and tuned into the perceptions of

lake residents through a stakeholder's survey sent to all of the town's 600 lake property owners. More than 400 owners completed and returned the survey.

The Cloverland Town Hall is located north of Highway 70 between Zeman and Sunset roads west of Eagle River.

For more information about the upcoming septic system presentation or about CLASS itself, contact project coordinator Justine White-Richards at (715) 479-1187 or [jwrtravelnurse@frontiernet.net](mailto:jwrtravelnurse@frontiernet.net).

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Headed into August, the Cloverland Town Lakes Committee is set to present more sessions for anyone who wants to learn how to be a good steward of North Woods lakes.

These learning opportunities will cap off a series of educational opportunities that began in April when the town of Cloverland's \$200,000 townwide lakes health project, the Cloverland Lakes Aquatic Species Survey (CLASS), got under way.

The goal has been to educate lake property owners and visitors on maintaining the health of their lakes and protect against aquatic invasive species (AIS), according to CLASS coordinator Justine White-Richards.

"We've been very pleased at the number of people who have come to the sessions we've had so far this summer," said White-Richards. "And we've been even more pleased by their enthusiasm and interest in lake health."

Sessions presented so far have included training for Clean Boats Clean Waters monitoring, plant sampling and lake water quality testing. General interest sessions have featured aquatic plant identification and shoreline restoration and buffer zones.

Looking ahead, more sessions open to the general public are coming up soon at the Cloverland Town Hall.

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6:30 p.m.

Finally, Saturday, Aug. 15, lake residents and the general public can learn about the benefits and methods for forming a lake association. Vilas County conservationist Carolyn Scholl will present this session, which begins at 9 a.m.

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CLASS, the ongoing Cloverland lake project, aims to get people involved in being good lake stewards. Several groups of campers from Camp Interlaken on Finley Lake got involved by helping with Clean Boats, Clean Waters monitor-

ing at several Cloverland lakes Sunday, July 19. Unit leader Jake Kavalor (second from left) and his group of eighth-grade campers were at the Boot Lake landing.

--Contributed Photo

can benefit from the project," said town lakes committee Chairman Marty Ketterer. "We also really want them to join us and others in Cloverland to put in the volunteer hours we need to pay our part of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources grant we received in April."

All CLASS presentations will be at the Cloverland Town Hall, located west of Eagle River on Perch Lake Road, just north of Highway 70 between Zeman and Sunset roads. Call White-Richards, CLASS coordinator, at (715) 479-1187 for more information.

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In its "payoff summer," the Cloverland Lakes Aquatic Species Survey (CLASS) — the Cloverland Town Lakes project — is gearing up to provide lake management plans to the people on most of Cloverland's lakes.

CLASS also will provide educational opportunities to help lake residents use those plans to maintain or improve their lakes.

A full schedule of workshops and training sessions has been planned, starting with Wild Rice on Town Lakes and Streams at 9 a.m. this Saturday, May 8, at the Cloverland Town Hall. The presenter will be Peter David of the Great Lakes Intertribal Fish and Wildlife Commission.

As with all CLASS workshops, the public is welcome to attend.

Unless otherwise noted, all sessions will be held at the Cloverland Town Hall, located at 5860 Perch Lake Road, between Sunset and Zeman roads, north of Highway 70.

Following is the full summer schedule of workshops and training sessions:

### May

— Wild rice on town lakes

and streams, presenter Peter David, Great Lakes Intertribal Fish and Wildlife Commission, May 8, from 9 to 10 a.m., followed by a brief Town Lakes Committee business meeting;

— Clean Boats, Clean Waters hands-on training, presenter Ted Ritter, Vilas County invasive species coordinator, Thursday, May 13, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

### June

— Helping lake communities network and organize, presenter Carolyn Scholl, Vilas County conservationist, Saturday, June 12, from 9 to 11 a.m.;

— Managing lake fisheries, presenter Steve Gilbert, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Woodruff, Wednesday, June 16, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

### July

— Shoreline monitoring, presenter Laura Herman, UW-Extension lakes program, Friday, July 9, from 9 to 11 a.m.;

— For the CLASS wrap-up meeting at Northland Pines High School, Saturday, July 10, from 8 a.m. to noon, open to all, Onterra's Tim Hoyman will explain his firm's findings and recommendations from 9 to 11

a.m.;

— Native aquatic plant identification, presenter Susan Knight from the University of Wisconsin Trout Lake Research Station, Wednesday, July 14, from 6 to 9 p.m.;

— Low lake levels, presenter Susan Knight from the UW-Trout Lake Research Station, Tuesday, July 20, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.;

— aquatic invasive species lake monitoring, presenter Ted Ritter, Vilas County invasive species coordinator, Saturday, July 24, from 9 to 11 a.m.

### August

— On-the-water aquatic plant sampling, presenter Sandy Wickman, DNR, Friday, Aug. 6, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., location to be determined, reservations required, contact Justine White-Richards;

— Loving lakes to death — trends, developments and improvement tools, presenter Patrick Goggin, UW-Extension lakes program, Monday, Aug. 9, from 9 to 10:30 a.m.;

— Understanding algae, presenter Jim Kreitlow, DNR, Saturday, Aug. 14, from 9 to 10:30 a.m., followed by the Town Lakes Committee business meeting.

## Association sets waters healthy



At several Cloverland lakes Sunday, July 19, leader Jake Kavalari (second from left) and a group of eighth-grade campers were at the lake landing.

--Contributed Photo

project," presentation on septic systems. All CLASS presentations will be at the Cloverland Town Hall, located west of Eagle River on Perch Lake Road, just north of Highway 70 between Zeman and Sunset roads. Call Justine White-Richards, CLASS coordinator, at (715) 479-1187 for more information.

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# Our LAKES

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE CLOVERLAND TOWN LAKES COMMITTEE

## Headed into a CLASS-y summer

*With a WDNR grant for almost \$140,000, the Town Lakes Committee is ready to forge ahead with CLASS, the Cloverland Lakes Aquatic Species Survey. Onterra LLC will begin conducting plant surveys on 21 of the Town's lakes in early June, and we've already begun piling up the volunteer hours needed to pay our share of the project's cost.*

CLASS is off to a fast start.

The Town Lakes Committee held a well-attended grant organizational meeting on April 18, followed by Ted Ritter's excellent and well attended Clean Boats-Clean Waters training at the Town Hall on April 25.

It is important that all of us focus on the goal of CLASS: to provide all of the residents of the 21 participating lakes with a detailed analysis of each lake. The analysis will contain information regarding each lake's watershed, water quality and chemistry, a comprehensive aquatic plant survey and any available fisheries data. Individual surveys of this magnitude would cost each lake between \$7,000 to \$10,000.

CLASS is set up so that its total cost can be covered by our recently awarded \$140,000 WDNR grant and by the 4500 "in-kind" hours to be supplied by Cloverland residents and their families, as well as other friends and users of our lakes.

Volunteer hours are the key to a successful CLASS project. Your volunteer hours will provide your lake with a comprehensive survey and give you, the lake front property owner, a broad base of information regarding the health and condition of your lake.

I encourage you all to become a part of this important project.

*Marty Ketterer, Town Lakes Committee Chair*



### Training that pays off for us all

*Over 20 Cloverland lake property owners learned how to do Clean Boats-Clean Water monitoring at training provided by Vilas County Invasive Species Coordinator Ted Ritter on April 25.*

*Folks from Boot Lake, Finley Lake, Sunset Lake, Snipe Lake, Pickerel Lake, Nelson Lake, Perch Lake and Muskellunge Lake attended. Several of them, like Mike Vinovich and Evelyn Lisak (above), tried their hands at monitor role-playing.*

*Those who attended CB-CW earned 52 hours toward the in-kind portion of CLASS's DNR grant. Since April 1, Cloverland has accumulated over 130 In-kind hours just from people's attendance at such training and other meetings.*

*For more CLASS news and future workshops, see the next page.*

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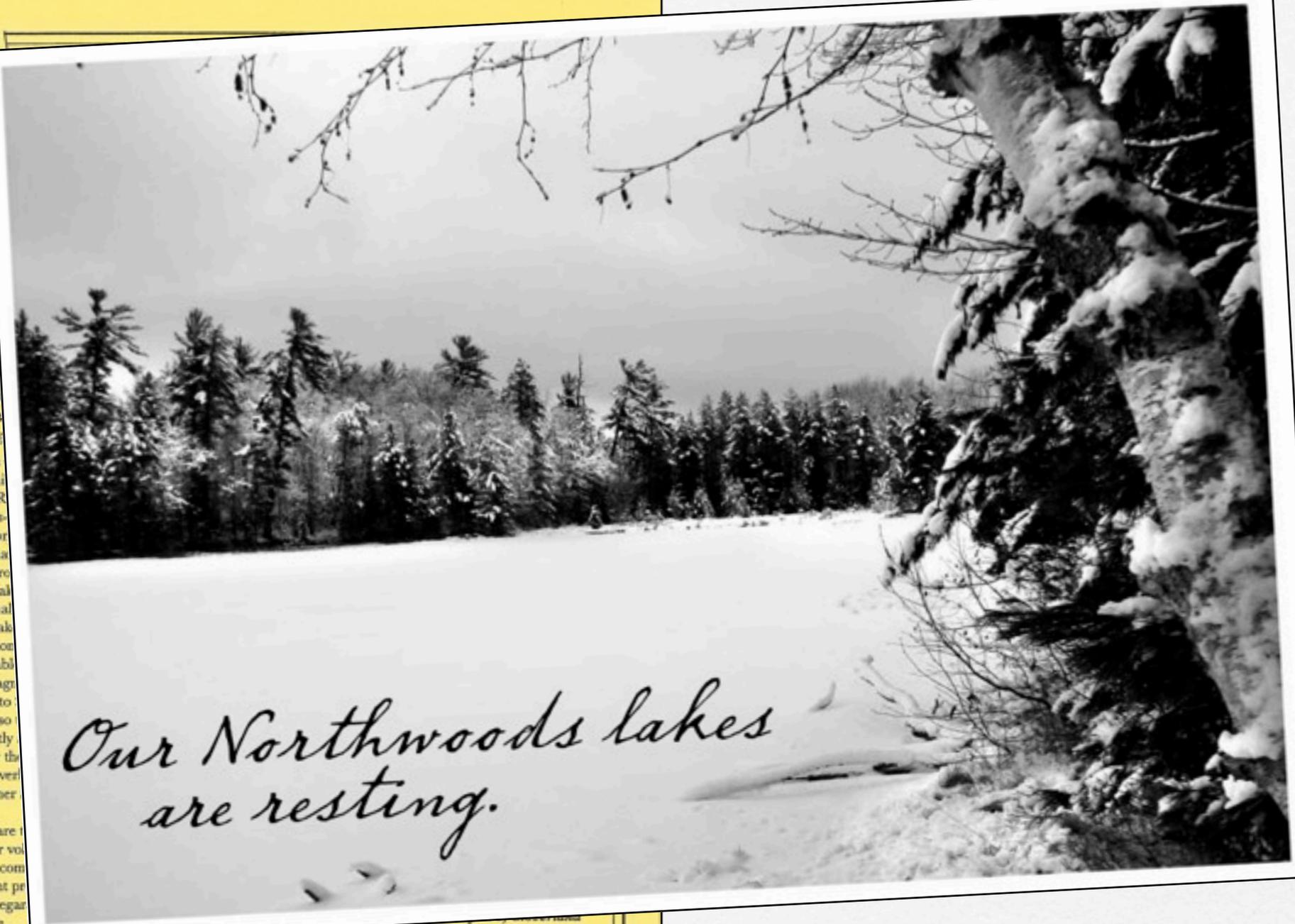
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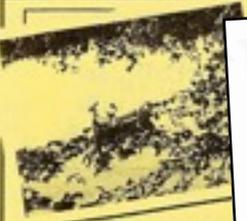
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We hope that you are resting, too,  
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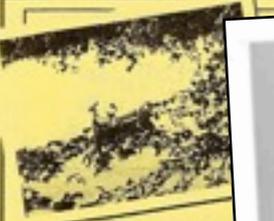
*Many thanks for all you do to preserve the quality of your lake.*

**TOWN OF CLOVERLAND LAKES COMMITTEE**

# CLOVERLAND LAKES AQUATIC SPECIES SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS OF 2009

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*More to come in 2010!*



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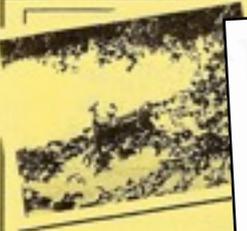
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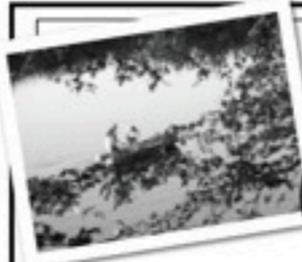
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# Our LAKES

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE CLOVERLAND TOWN LAKES COMMITTEE

## Our lakes aren't resting any more!

With early spring temps, area lakes were showing a lot of open water by late March, and the promise of another great summer for recreation, education and participation.

One Cloverland lake property owner raised this question on last fall's CLASS stakeholder survey: "This survey is a good idea, but what happens now?"

That's a really important question. Lake reps will be meeting this month in Planning Committee meetings to go through first drafts of their lake's management plan and to start considering what those plans mean for their lakes. Each plan is based on all the on-water survey work done by Onterra last summer, as well as existing watershed and fishery data for each lake, so it provides an excellent set of baseline data showing what each lake is like as of now.

The management plans are also based on feedback from all the stakeholder surveys returned by the property owners on each lake, and that provides the human side of the picture. What do the people value about their lake? What are their concerns? What do they want their lake to be like now and in the future? Survey results provide answers to all these questions.

But what happens now? The answer to that question will depend on the answer to this one: What do lake property owners want their lake communities to be like, and what will they do, in concert with their fellow lake property owners, to operate from the values that the whole lake community holds in common?

The survey respondent who asked about what happens now, added, "Numbers on paper? No money to improve lake, time flies." The vision of the Town Lakes Committee is that the Cloverland lake property owners, who have shown so much concern for their



lakes up to now, will do important things with the results of the CLASS work. That they will do the things that people working together can do for themselves and their lake, acting promptly and effectively, not stymied by the resources they don't have or the things others aren't doing for them, but getting down to the business of doing what they can, and making good use of new understandings to expand their effectiveness by tapping into the resources that exist beyond their own lake community when that is possible.

This issue of *Our Lakes* is all about now and the future. This is the payoff year for CLASS, and the reality is that the extent of the payoff will depend on each of us, working with others in our lake communities and others in the Town of Cloverland. Please keep that in mind as you look over the plans for the Summer of 2010, the Payoff Summer.

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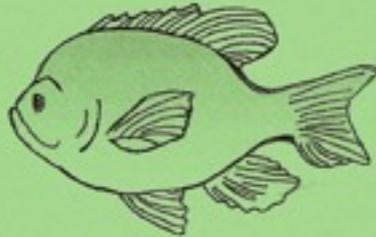
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# What's in *your* favorite lake?

## And what are you going to do about it?



Find out how property owners on 21 lakes in the Town of Cloverland are getting answers to those two questions. And see what they found out.

Come to the **Wrap-Up Celebration** for **CLASS (the Cloverland Lakes Aquatic Species Survey)** on July 10 at Northland Pines H.S.

Everyone is invited. No admission. Refreshments and displays from 8 to 9. Program featuring **Tim Hoyman, head of Onterra, LLC**, begins at 9. Time for lake community networking afterwards.

For more information contact Justine White-Richards at 715-479-1187, [jwrtravelnurse@frontiernet.net](mailto:jwrtravelnurse@frontiernet.net)

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## Bulletin #1

### Cloverland Lakes Aquatic Species Survey (CLASS)

October 19, 2008

**CLASS enters the pre-grant writing phase** - After using the spring and summer to give all of Cloverland's lake property owners information and time to decide to be part of CLASS, the Town Lakes Committee is about to start crafting the application it hopes will lead to a grant to pick up 75 percent of the cost of the townwide project.

**The Committee is very pleased that 17 of the town's 24 inhabited lakes will be part of CLASS.** The 500-plus property owners on those lakes will begin a thorough process of having their lakes surveyed by Onterra in several stages next spring and summer. Following from that, each of the 17 lakes will gain a lake management plan specific to the situation on each lake and the goals and desires of the lake's property owners.

**Property owners on Andrew, Chickaree, Frost, Honeysuckle, Rangeline, Rice, and Tepee lakes have only about two weeks to get their lakes into the project.** Once we get to the end of this month, the the Town Lakes Committee and Onterra will need to go forward with whatever lakes have committed to being a part of this beneficial program. The main contact person for CLASS is the project coordinator, Justine White-Richards, of Muskellunge Lake. (See below for contact information. You'll also find more detailed information about CLASS, and the letter of commitment form attached to this e-mail.)

**The Committee and Onterra have already started to plan grant writing strategies.** On Friday, Oct. 3, Tim Hoyman, Onterra's founder, spent three hours with the Committee going over grant options, lake access issues, and budgeting ideas.

**Stakeholder surveys, to be sent out next June,** were also discussed at the Oct. 3 meeting. The surveys are a very important part of the CLASS project. They will allow individuals to tell the ways that they use their lake and to give their assessment of their lakes present condition. If you know of people who you think should receive surveys for your lake, please send us their names and addresses, as well as their relationship to your lake.

**Helping property owners and lake visitors learn more about their lakes and how to**

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## Bulletin #2

### Cloverland Lakes Aquatic Species Survey (CLASS)

December 12, 2008

Workshops are scheduled, grant writing is in progress, and 21 lakes are participating! The Town Lakes Committee is very happy that 21\* of Cloverland's inhabited lakes will be taking part in CLASS. We worked hard over the past half year to plan this townwide lakes project, and to get the word out to all lakefront property owners in Cloverland. We thank and commend each of you who have attended informational meetings, talked to your lake neighbors, and stepped forward to be sure that your lake is among those that will directly benefit from this proactive, cost effective project.

The most active stage of the project will begin in spring, but the most crucial part of CLASS is happening right now. Project coordinator Justine White-Richards and Tim Hoyman of Onterra are preparing the application for the Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Grant that must be secured from the WDNR in order to make CLASS happen. That grant would provide 75% of the funds needed to pay for all the work—aquatic plant surveys, data analysis and development of individual lake management plans—that will begin on each of the 21 lakes next summer. The grant application will be turned in before February first. The review process will be highly competitive, though we expect that our application will be very strong, due partly to the number of lakes that will be served. We hope that, by next April, we will hear that we have been awarded the grant.

We expect that we can cover the other 25% of the project's cost through the active participation of property owners, families, and friends of Cloverland's lakes. Below is a list of the various workshops that are already scheduled to provide training for our volunteers. (Three additional meetings with Onterra in 2009 and 2010 are yet to be determined.)

#### CLASS workshops planned for this spring and summer

- April 25, 2009 – Saturday - Clean Boats Clean Water inspections hands-on training with Vilas County Invasive Species Coordinator Ted Ritter - 1 and 1/2 hours  
Repeated on Saturday, June 20, 2009
- May 23, 2009 – Saturday - Invasive species identification, especially aquatics  
- Ted Ritter - 1 and 1/2 hours
- June 6, 2009 - Saturday - Citizen monitoring for water quality  
- Sandy Wickman from the Wisconsin DNR - 1 and 1/2 hours

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**Bulletin #16**  
**Cloverland Lakes Aquatic Species Survey (CLASS)**  
**September 3, 2010**

**Key elements of Cloverland's lake management efforts** will be discussed and developed this fall, beginning with the work to be done at the next Town Lakes Committee meeting on Sept. 16. (This meeting was originally scheduled for Sept. 11.) All Cloverland residents are welcome to attend the meeting which will start at 9 a.m. at the Cloverland Town Hall.

The committee will be continuing its consideration of the ideas presented at its Aug. 14 meeting. No formal decisions were made, but consensus of all those who attended in August formed around these ideas:

- Focusing on volunteerism was seen as very important. "2011, Year of the Volunteer" is being considered as the theme to encompass all the goals chosen for the townwide management plan.
- The top three goal topics were water quality monitoring, AIS monitoring, and continuing education to support these goals.

In addition to this discussion DVD's of Tim Hoyman's presentation at the CLASS Wrap Up on July 10 will be available for \$1 each.

**If you need a copy of your lake's preliminary report**, let me know and I can send you the PDF. This is just a first draft of the final report due out later this fall, but you'll find the information on your lake – water quality and plant data, shareholder survey results, and more – to be very interesting. If you have any thoughts or questions after looking over your lake's report, get those to us ASAP. You can either pass them along to your lake's CLASS representative, e-mail them to me, or contact Justine.

The series of workshops that have been part of CLASS over the past two summers are all over now. Turnout was fantastic, and Justine White-Richards deserves high praise for lining up such useful sessions. (Thanks also to those who prepared such great snacks for all the various meetings and educational sessions!)

On the horizon (you have to look past the upcoming winter!) is the **annual Wisconsin Lakes Convention in Green Bay on April 12-14**. This event, "Speaking for Lakes," will provide a great follow up to all that we've tuned into through CLASS over the last couple of years. The Town Lakes Committee is committed to providing financial support for any Cloverland residents that want to attend this event. For more information on the convention go to [www.uwsp.edu/cnr/uwexlakes/conventions](http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/uwexlakes/conventions). For information on getting financial support, contact Marty Ketterer.

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Justine White-Richards, CLASS project coordinator 715-479-1187, FAX 715-479-5587.

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Bulletin #1  
April 3, 2011

The last CLASS bulletin came to you last September. Back then the Town Lakes Committee was working out its goals for 2011 and, like you, anticipating the lake management plans that would be coming for most of the town's inhabited lakes.

Now, as we join you in hoping that spring may be on the way and that ice will be out of the lakes by the start of the fishing season in May, the completed drafts of all of our lake management plans are in the hands of the DNR for final review. While that detailed process is underway, we've got to get together to start Life After CLASS!

If you're like me and a lot of other folks who live by or make use of our Cloverland lakes, you know we need to take care of those lakes. And you probably know more about how to do that than you did before attending some training sessions or workshops during the 2009-2010 CLASS project.

• **SINCE SPRING OF 2009**, over 40 of you received training to be **Clean Boats, Clean Waters monitors**. That's in addition to the 45 of you who have served as CBCW monitors on one or more of our public landing lakes in the last two years.

This year we ask you all to join the corps of monitors so we can marshal our CBCW forces to monitor our four public landings at more of the busy times. This is especially important for the Boot Lake landing since we need to do our best to be sure that when boaters leave the lake their boats and trailers are free of Eurasian Water Milfoil.

Our first **CBCW Organizational Meeting is coming up at 9 a.m. on April 16 at the Town Hall**. Everyone will get an update on this year's CBCW effort in Cloverland, and a refresher on the basics of being a CBCW monitor. In addition you'll have a chance to sign up for your preferred times and lakes for monitoring. We'll be setting new folks up with special training and mentors, and we'll also be explaining how some select college interns from UW-Oshkosh will add to Cloverland's CBCW efforts this year. And you'll get your very own official CBCW t-shirt!

If you have any questions about the meeting or "CBCW, Cloverland style," call or write me (715-617-0080, curriefam@gmail.com) or any of the four lake coordinators listed at the end of this bulletin.

If you know of anyone who might want to join Cloverland's CBCW corps, please let them know about the 4/16 meeting or pass their names along to me or one of the

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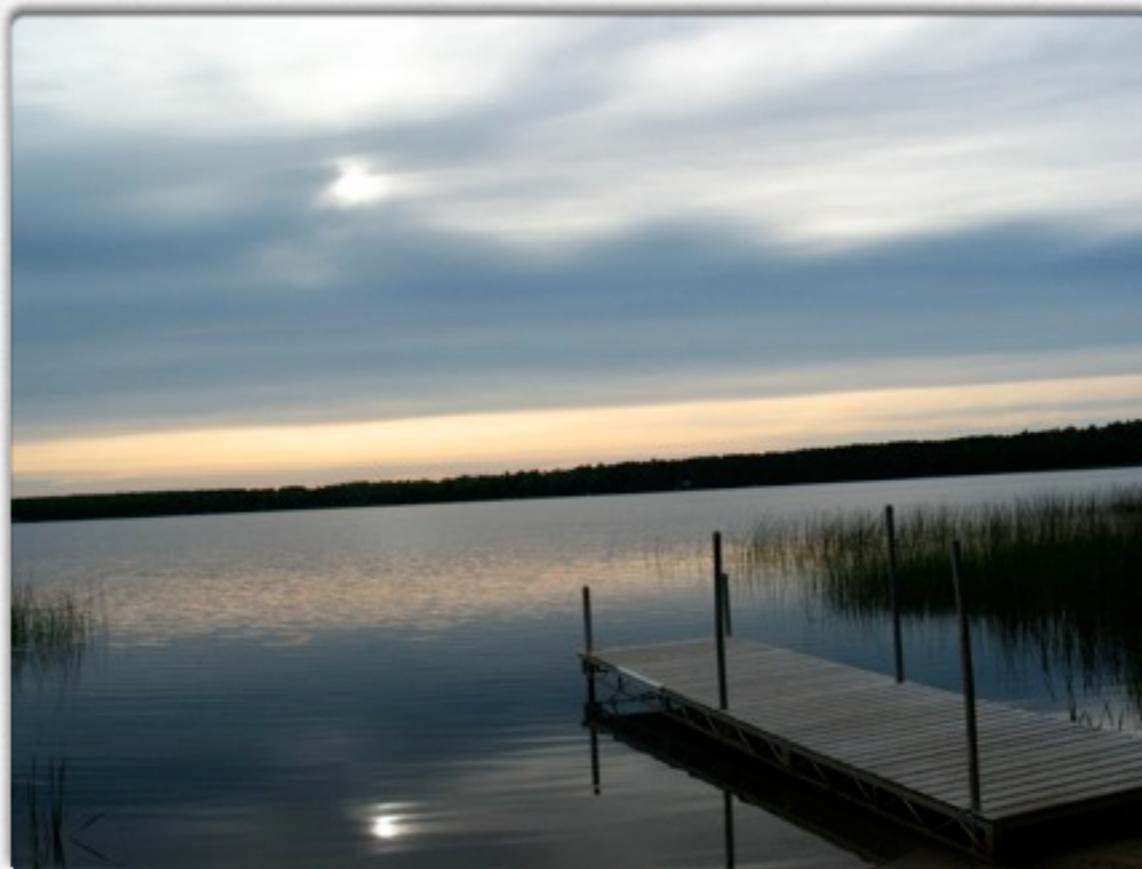
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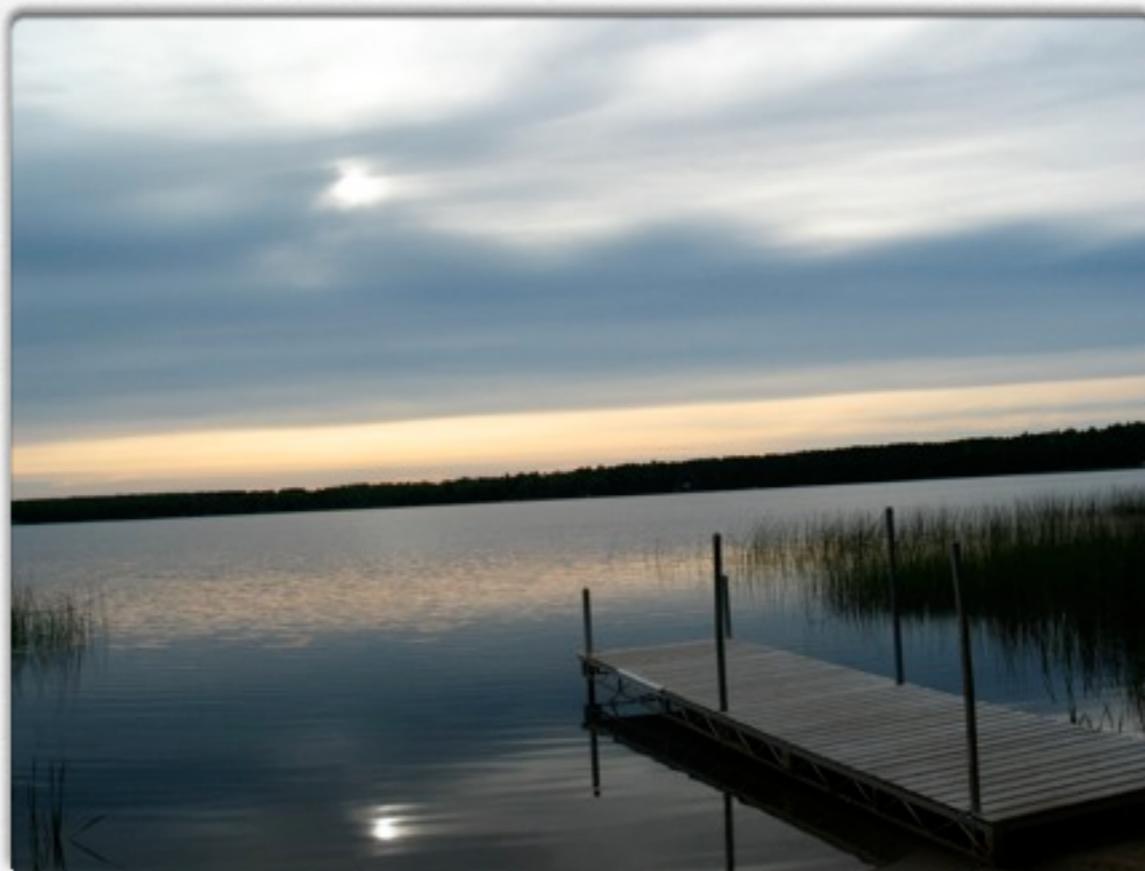
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1. Enhance water quality monitoring through the our Citizen Lakes Monitoring Network volunteers - especially secchi disk data collection and more
2. Protect Cloverland's lakes from AIS infestation, particularly through the best possible CBCW effort
3. Continue education and training to implement the two goals above

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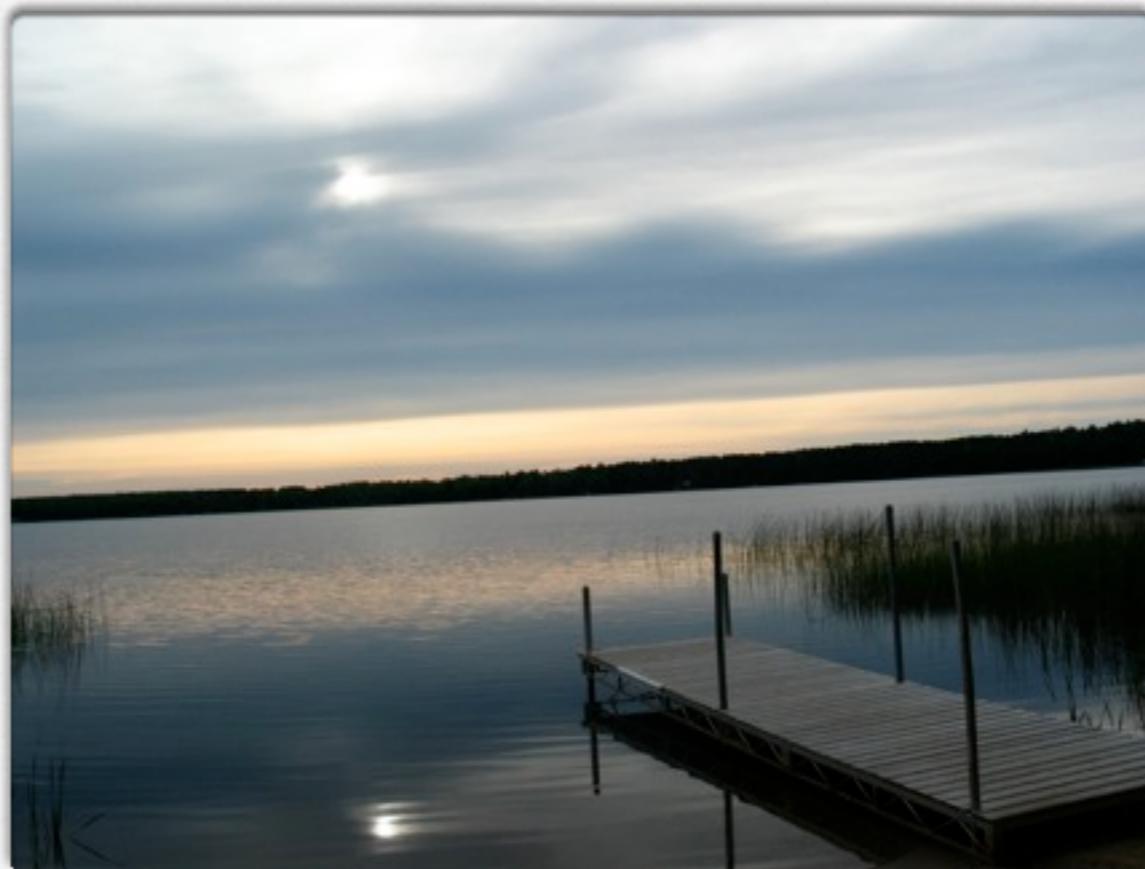


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Thanks for coming!

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