Marinette County LWCD Lakes Program

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444 lakes

- 69% less than 10 ac.
- The big six represent 54% of the surface area.
 - •Cauldron Falls Flowage
 - •High Falls Flowage
 - •Lake Noquebay
 - •Upper Scott Flowage
 - •White Rapids Flowage
 - •Chalk Hills Flowage

Marinette County Lake



As a rule, the larger lakes are already heavily developed.

Many of the small lakes are lightly developed and retain much of their original character.

Lake Noquebay Priority Watershed Project (1993-2006)







More than 90% of farms in the watershed participated

- \$1.9 million in cost-sharing
- 13 manure storage facilities
- 10 barnyard runoff control facilities
- 4000 acres no longer winter spread







Marinette County Lake Management Program

- Water quality monitoring
- Lake management planning
- Aquatic plant surveys & management planning
- AIS management
- Shoreline habitat restoration design and installation
- Erosion control design and installation
- Grant writing assistance
- Assistance with state and federal permits



Inter-Agency Cooperation is Key!





Take Advantage of State Grant Programs

• Provide much needed services to lake groups in Marinette County.

• <u>Help offset cost</u> of the county lake management program.

• Marinette County is the "consultant", grant writer, and in some cases the sponsor.



Since 1994 the LWCD has received/worked on:

- 14 Lake Management Planning Grants
- 6 Lake Protection & Classification Grants
- 3 AIS Education & Planning Grants
- 2 AIS Rapid Response grant
- 3 AIS Control Grant
- 2 AIS Coordinator Grants







Since 1994 the LWCD has brought more than \$857,000 into the county in support of lakes.

Developing water quality monitoring capability was key to our program!

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Bass Lake

One of the first NPS priority watershed projects in 1984.



By 1994 all the recommended BMP's were installed and an alum treatment was scheduled...

Phosphorus levels were still elevated!







A freestall here... A manure storage there.. A farm abandonment... And a sprinkling of clean water practices





Followed by even more monitoring...

5 years later.... the lake was finally ready for an alum treatment.





In 2006 The DNR contracted with the LWCD to monitor phosphorus loading and track lake water quality to verify project success.

Bass Lake was removed from the 303d list of impaired waters in 2008.

The LWCD spends a lot of time addressing "aquatic plants problems"





Aquatic plant surveys are conducted according to DNR point/intercept protocols. (GIS capability is very helpful)

Identify plants and record density.







Individual species data can also be mapped.



Muskgrass (Chara sp.)

Muskgrass is a type of macro-algae adapted to shallow sandy substrate. It is the most abundant plant in the lake





Potential EWM habitat is determined by analyzing plant preferences.







APM plan implementation and evaluation.



GIS mapping is used to guide harvesting and herbicide application.





Wisconsin Recreational Boating Facilities Program

- 50% cost-sharing for aquatic plant harvesting equipment
- 5 harvesters acquired with LWCD assistance since 1993





Exotic Invasive Species Management

- Grant funded county AIS coordinator since 2009
- Monitoring
- Management







Clean Boats Clean Waters Watercraft Inspection Program



- The LWCD provides volunteer training and coordination.
- Received grant funding to hire three LTE's to conduct watercraft inspections.





Phragmites Management

DNR/LWCD partnership to restore native vegetation on the shores of Green Bay.

Phragmites Control Project

- Three year, \$805,000 GLRI grant
- Six participating counties
- 3000 acres of public and private lands

Shoreline Habitat Restoration & Mitigation





- County cost share program
- Demonstration projects
- Mitigation activities
- Zoning violations

Lake Noquebay Park demonstration project





Erosion Control

- Cost shared
- Non-cost shared
- Zoning violations







Bioengineering is our first choice... but sometimes you have to bring in the heavy equipment

Bioengineering can even work on severe slopes with unstable soil.

A mix of rock and native vegetation stabilized this shoreline.

We often combine erosion control and habitat restoration



This Project was designed by " a man with a backhoe"... After one spring it all washed into the Bay.

LWCD obtained cost-share funds to do it right!



Boat Access and Recreational Development



Work with towns and villages:

- Design
- Permitting
- Recreational Boating Facilities Grants

Pond management

- Aquatic plant ID
- D.O. monitoring
- Water quality issues

Wetland Restoration & Mitigation

The DNR caught this landowner doing a bad thing!

The LWCD developed the restoration plan

This is the same site one year after restoration.



The LWCD partners with USFW for wetland and stream improvement projects.





Lake Community Organizing



State and Federal Permit Assistance

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Beecher Lake Dam

- 6 foot head
- Simple fixed spillway

Problem: No water level control structure.

Pumping would be prohibitively expensive! (83,734,063 gallons)

Solution: Siphons



August 27, 2011 The Big Suck

- Installed 4 siphons in Beecher Lake
- Constructed from 6" pvc pipe and fittings
- Intakes are 50 feet from shore

September 5

Reduced the water level by 9"



September 10



Water level is 4.9 feet below full pool

Only 1 siphon still operating because water can't get to the dam.

October 21



Some manual "channel improvements" helped!

But the siphons still exceeded the capacity of the channel. Dredging will be required to achieve maximum drawdown.



The warmest winter on record didn't help.... we only had about 4 inches of frost in the exposed lake bed.

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(Godztta Hydrilla Invades Marinette County)



August 2007 - Hydrilla was positively identified in this private landscape pond.



Probable source of the hydrilla was an aquatic nursery in Maryland that supplied exotic water garden plants to the landowner.

Summer 2005

Hydrilla mistakenly identified as elodea

Summer 2007

Not bad for a plant that won't survive in lakes with prolonged ice cover!

LWCD conducted hydrilla reconnaissance on all waters within 5 miles of the site





LWCD worked closely with the DNR to develop and implement a rapid response plan.





Thank you!

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