



Wisconsin Lakes Partnership

Since its genesis in the early 1970s, the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership has become a national model of a true partnership. Three groups form the core of this unique team:

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Provides technical and financial assistance and regulatory authority

University of Wisconsin-Extension Lakes

Designs and delivers educational materials and community outreach

Wisconsin Lakes

Advocates for local lake people and organizations at the state level



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The partnership is a statewide, multi-faceted effort that has reaches far beyond the core groups to include regional, county, tribal, non-profit, and federal partners. Our goal is to continue to protect and preserve our state waters and support those meeting the challenges that come with the management and stewardship of Wisconsin's lakes.

Partnership activities include:

- ◆ Lake science and research
- ◆ Citizen volunteer lake monitoring
- ◆ Leadership development for lake groups
- ◆ Native aquatic plant protection
- ◆ Invasive species prevention, education, and management
- ◆ Pollution prevention
- ◆ Water recreation planning
- ◆ Land and water regulation
- ◆ Stable funding for lake programs statewide
- ◆ Coalition building and organizational development
- ◆ Classifying lakes for protection and restoration

Wisconsin has a long history of women and men stepping forward and engaging in the work of protecting and restoring our lakes. People from all walks of life – citizens and professionals – are teaming up and making a difference.

Thank you for being a part of the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership!

Protecting in Partnership



Our Legacy of Lakes