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## I DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION

A. Title of Project

University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point Foundation, Inc. Lake Construction

B. Location

Maria Drive at Michigan Avenue Stevens Point, Wisconsin

Parcel described as the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4, Sec. 28 and the west 9.25 acres of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4, Sec. 28; T24N, R8E, Town of Hull, Portage County, Wisconsin

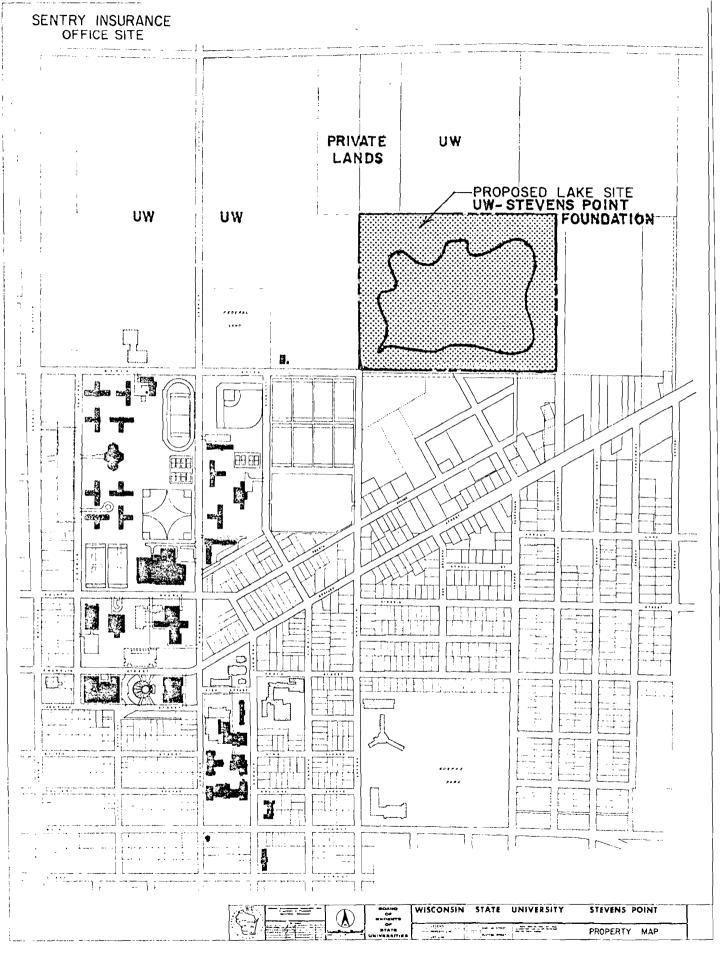
- C. Define Proposed Action
  - Project Description (type of facility)

The facility will consist of an artificially created lake caused by excavating beneath the groundwater table.

2. Purpose (brief statement of project objective)

The purpose of this project is to:

- (a) provide a water recreational facility offering swimming, fishing, etc..
- (b) provide an academic research and outdoor laboratory facility to carry on acquatic studies.
- (c) provide aesthetic improvement of the area and prove its accessibility to the public.
- (d) provide relief to municipal park facilities which presently receive heavy student usage.
- (e) provide a source of soil borrow required to develop the new Sentry Insurance Company office building site located approximately 2000 feet to the northwest of the proposed lake site.



(f) provide temporary storage of peak runoff flows from Moses Creek to relieve flooding conditions encountered downstream from the proposed lake site in several areas of the campus and adjoining portions of the City of Stevens Point.

# 3. Estimated Project Budget

- (a) cost of excavation, transportation of borrow soils from the site to the Sentry Insurance Company site and rough grading required at the lake site would be performed by Sentry Insurance Company.
- (b) Some participation in flow control costs related to the control in flow of Moses Creek adjacent to the lake will be provided by the City of Stevens Point.
- (c) Additional shoreline improvements and miscellaneous appurtenances may be provided from University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point funds in the event that transfer of this property from the Foundation to the University is accomplished at some future date and provided that said improvements are deemed necessary and funding therefor is provided.

# 4. Project Time Schedule:

- (a) Initial Excavation Work January, 1975 to May, 1975
- (b) Rough Grading in Lake Vicinity April, 1975 to June, 1975
- (c) Finish Grading, Landscape Work,
  Construction of Ancillary Facilities Pending further actions
- 5. Project Justification (feasibility and need)
  - (A) Feasibility

Extensive subsurface soils investigations and engineering studies have indicated that the contruction of the proposed lake is feasible. The United States Department of Agriculture Soils Conservation Service classifies most of the soils in the lake site area as Meehan and Roscommon. These soils consist of poorly drained organic to loamy sand topsoils overlying poorly graded fine to medium sands. Seasonally high groundwater levels are common for these types of soils. Subsurface soils investigations indicate that rock underlies the area at depths ranging from 17 feet to in excess of 35 feet in the proposed lake area. Shallower depths to bedrock are encountered to the northern part of the site. Lake Susan, an artificial lake constructed a short distance to the north and east of the proposed lake construction has been successfully constructed in an area having similar geological and hydrogeological characteristics.

(B) The University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point Fnd. lands involved currently are used in academic and research programs, including formal courses in biology, ecology, wildlife, forestry, resource management, soils, etc..

The development of this area as a lake will not interfere with the master plan of the campus, but will instead make for a more effective and better utilization of land for the campus and the community.

To assure continued academic and research utilization, the site west of the proposed Michigan Avenue extension should be established as a permanent environmental center. This development is not only compatible with the mission of the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point; it is the base of its natural resources program and mission. The development of recreation and education trails as well as an arboretum will increase the productivity from the academic, recreational and research standpoint and provide an outstanding and unique facility for the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point. All of the activities proposed are compatible with one another and will blend with the natural landscape.

Currently, various outdoor laboratories in the Stevens Point area are used by the academic programs. Establishment of the proposed project will provide on-campus laboratories which will:

- (1) aid the energy situation by providing such activities close to campus;
- (2) provide for economic savings as the result of less travel;
- (3) provide academic savings due to the savings in time to students and faculty (more laboratory time less travel time);
- (4) provide better and more accessible facilities to the campus and the community
- (5) provide a permanent green belt or open space at the north edge of the existing urban development

In addition to the academic need, the facility will provide an outlet for the acquatic recreational needs and desires of the student body and faculty by providing a facility for canoeing, sailing, fishing, swimming, ice skating, etc.. The lake construction can also provide periodic temporary retention of storm water during periods of peak flows, thereby relieving overloaded storm sewers downstream and reducing the potential for local flooding in several campus areas and portions of the City of Stevens Point adjacent to the campus. It should be noted however, that the retention capacity will be greatly diminished during periods when general high groundwater levels result in a raising of the lake level and corresponding reduction in available Capacity of the existing 72" diameter storm sewer is equivstorage capacity. alent to approximately a 2 to 3 year design storm. It is anticipated that the spillway elevation will be established at such a level so as to divert portions of flow of a 7 to 9 year storm. Degree of flooding of adjoining areas will be highly dependent on groundwater level present at the time of the storm. During high groundwater level periods, the areas experiencing flooding would be approximately the same as presently exists during low groundwater periods, slightly greater flooding of low lands to the east and southeast of the proposed lake site would occur with flows equivalent to 3 to 7 year storms. Major storms with high flows would have reduced flooding due to the added storage capacity resulting from the lake construction.

D. Existing Conditions (the present characteristics of project area - No evaluation)

# 1. Natural Resources

- A. The topography of the area is generally extremely flat. Moses Creek, consisting of a streambed approximately 5 feet deep and a bottom width of approximately 7 feet, has a bed width of approximately 12 feet at the top in most areas. The creek is earthen but has been straightened and improved by dredging through the years, passes through the southeast portion of the site. The ground surface of the area of the proposed lake ranges from approximately Elevation 1091 to Elevation 1093. The level of the land rises somewhat near the north boundary line. The area is generally poorly drained.
- B. The soils characteristic of the area are primarily Meehan and Roscommon. These soils consist of highly organic to loamy sand topsoils overlying fine to medium sands. Rock underlies the area at depths ranging from approximately 17 feet to in excess of 35 feet below the ground surface. These soils are very highly permeable and have characteristically high seasonal groundwater levels. These groundwater levels frequently range from surface to 3 feet below the surface during the wet seasons of the year.
- C. The existing land use is conservancy. The site is essentially in its natural state.
- D. The site, located in the Town of Hull, is zoned commercial.
- E. The site is subject to periodic flooding of Moses Creek.
  This flooding is the result, at least in part, of inadequate storm sewer capacity downstream from the site.
- F. A great deal of un-uniformity in the groundwater underlying the proposed lake is indicated. This is undoubtedly due to both shallow bedrock and the soil stratification present on the site causing several distinct zones of groundwater to exist i.e., different aquifers present. Without adequate data on movement of groundwater to the proposed lake, it is impossible to state which of these aquifers will have the greatest effect on the lake water quality.

The data shows some distinct differences between the spring and fall sampling, particularly in nutrient levels which are lower in the fall than in the spring. From the nitrogen data, it can be seen that there will probably be a low level of nitrogen compounds entering the lake via ground-water and that nitrogen will likely be the limiting nutrient preventing excessive algal growth in the lake. As nitrogen is extremely soluble and mobile in groundwater, precautions

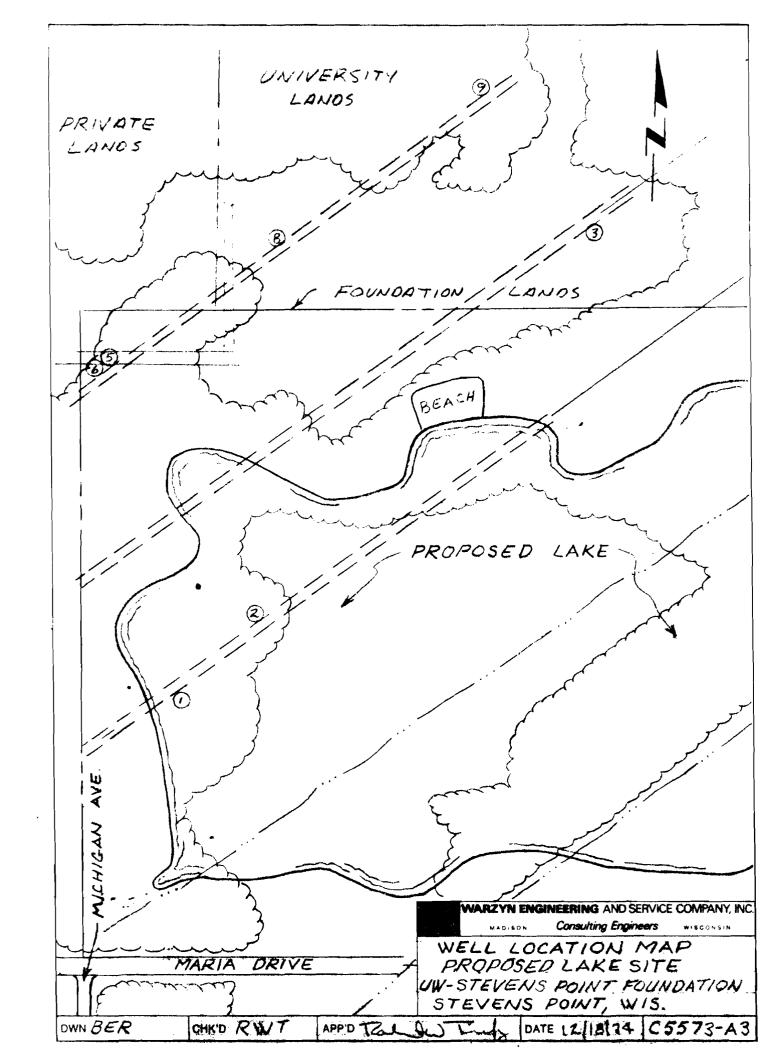
should be taken to insure that the low level of N continue to exist in the lake by preventing over fertilization of lands adjacent to the lake. Phosphate values are quite variable with all samples in May having high available P content while those collected in October are generally very low. It appears that phosphate levels in the lake will at times exceed the .Ol ppm level considered sufficient to support an algal bloom.

The oxygen level in the groundwater is extremely variable and with the pump used, I am not totally confident the data obtained is reliable. It does appear that there is at least some oxygen and may have been even lower before pumping as the pump does contaminate the water with air. Two samples run at the time the wells were installed showed 0 ppm 02 this being late winter. The high iron content during early spring would also indicate low oxygen conditions.

It appears that nuisance algal problems will not occur in the lake due to groundwater input if precautions are taken to limit future nutrient input into the lake. This could be partly overcome by avoiding excessive fertilization of surrounding soils and avoiding contamination of the lake with organic soil material during excavation. Nutrient input from Moses Creek are difficult to evaluate, having only one set of data but at that time soluble nutrients were fairly low with the biggest probable effect being the suspended mineral and organic inputs that could be contributed by this source both filling in the lake and adding nutrients that may become available from the organic matter.

The oxygen relationships in the proposed lake are the conditions that could be potentially most damaging. The groundwater is by no means well supplied with oxygen, meaning the lake will have to depend on surface reaeration and photosynthetic oxygen production to sustain adequate oxygen levels. Surface oxygen conditions will probably be good during the free months but the whole lake could suffer from oxygen depletion during the winter expecially if the snow is deep.

The iron coming in with the groundwater will probably precipitate quickly provided oxygen is present in the water and should not cause any excessive color or toxicity problems.



Water Level Fluctuations -- University Foundation, Inc. Lake Wells
Water Depth in Pipe -- Bottom to Top of Free Water
(See Attached Map for Locations)

| Well Number                    | 1          | 2     | 3     | lı .   | 5     | 6        | 7      |
|--------------------------------|------------|-------|-------|--------|-------|----------|--------|
| Total Well Depth               | 7'6"       | 2615" | 7 '4" | 11'4"  | 716"  | 261      | 715"   |
| Top of Well to<br>Ground Level | 25"        | · 6"  | 12"   | 25"    | 16"   | ļţ".     | μn     |
| Date of Meas.                  | •          |       |       |        |       |          |        |
| 6-5                            | <u>1</u> , | 2416" | 51611 | 9'10"  | 518"  | 17'2"    | 312"   |
| 6-7                            | 41         | 2416" | 516#  | 9110"  | 518"  | 17'2"    | 31211  |
| 6-10                           | 3'11"      | 2515" | 61    | 9110"  | 61    | 18'2"    | 217"   |
| 6-19                           | 3'9"       | 24'1" | 513"  | 912"   | 514"  | 18 ' 1 " | 214"   |
| 6-27                           | 3'2"       | 2319" | 419"  | 912"   | 514"  | 18'2"    | . 212" |
| 6-30                           | 218"       | 2315" | 3'11" | 8 ' 5" | 415"  | 181      | 213"   |
| 7-3                            | 217"       | 23'4" | 3'10" | 8111   | 41411 | 181      | 21     |
| 7-22                           | 71,11      | 2217" | 2111" | 717"   | 319"  | 1918"    | 1'10"  |
| 10-15                          | 8"         | 20'   | 2'1"  | 613"   | 2'10" | 18'6"    | 6n     |

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| SITE                                 | DEPTH | TEMP<br>C° |       | COND<br>4MHOS | ALK | TOTAL<br>HARD | Ca HARD | D.O. | C.O.D. | C1- | ORTHO<br>P | TOTAL<br>P | HH <sub>4</sub><br>N | NO <sub>3</sub> -NO <sub>2</sub>               | TOT: |
| lst Sampline 5-22-                   | .74   |            |       |               |     |               |         |      |        |     |            |            |                      |  |      |
| Moses Creek 2000'<br>above Maria Dr. |       | .72        | 6.6   | 83            | 12  | 30            | 18      | 7.2  | 25     | 6.0 | .001       | .012       | 0                    | .07  | .88  |
| Mose Creek-Maria I                   | •     | 1.06       | 6.6   | 81            | 12  | 28            | (17)    | 6.8  | 24     | 4.5 | .014       | .019       | .035                 | .14  | -94  |
| SW Well                              | 76/   | 2.6        | 6.5   | 120           | 54  | 75            | . 45    | NR   | 25.3   | 2.0 | .15        | .22        | .07                  | .14  | -74  |
| Center E                             |       | .21        | 6.7   | 103           | 22  | 40            | 20      | 7.0  | 24.6   | 1.7 | .144       | •54        | 0                    | .105   | 2.05 |
| NE                                   |       | 1.04       | 6.3   | 80            | 10  | 28            | 16      | 4.7  | 25.4   | 4.5 | .031       | .034       | .035                 | .215   | .81  |
| IN Shallow                           |       | 1.85       | 6.8   | 174           | 80  | (86)          | 52      | 8.3  | 26.0   | 9.5 | .027       | .029       | .035                 | .105   | .81  |
| E of Village Apts.                   |       | 2.8        | 6.4   | 93            | 12  | 43            | 24      | 8.4  | 25.3   | 4.0 | .037       | .051       | 0                    | •595   | .70  |
| 2nd Sampling 10-16                   | i.    |            |       |               |     |               |         |      |        |     |            |            |                      |  |      |
| EN                                   |       |            | 6.5   | 262           | 96  | 104           | 52      | 6.3  | 7      | 2.6 | 0          | .025       | 0                    | 0  | -42  |
| Center E                             |       |            | √ 6.0 | , 78          | 18  | 28            | 18      | 4.2  | 13     | 1.1 | .018       | .018       | 0                    | 0  | .67  |
| 4 116                                |       |            | 6.3   | 56            | 16  | 20            | 18      | 1.6  | 5      | 1.0 | .005       | .006       | 0                    | .04  | .07  |
| 5 150                                |       |            | 6.8   | 183           | 78  | <b>ે</b> ક્ક  | (65     | 2.5  | 11     | •9  | .009       | .015       | 0                    | 0  | .07  |
| 7 E of Village Apts                  |       |            | 6.6   | 106           | 24  | 42            | 30      | 8.2  | 3 86   | 2.5 | .008       | .016       | 0                    | 0  | .14  |
|                                      |       |            |       |               |     |               | ` .     |      |        |     |            | ÷          |                      |  |      |
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|                                      | 7000  |            |       | 1             | 1   | 1             |         |      | 1      |     | T          |            |                      |  |      |

G. The hydrology of the proposed lake site is described as follows:

On the deep glacial tills of Central Wisconsin, surface drainage patterns usually do not coincide. For that reason, volume of flow for the surface drainage area has not been calculated as part of this analysis. If surface runoff were calculated for the area, the figures would be most valid for the winter and late spring when the soil is saturated and any precipitation would result in surface runoff. Since this is the time when the water table is highest, the potential surface storage available in a groundwater lake built at the site would be limited.

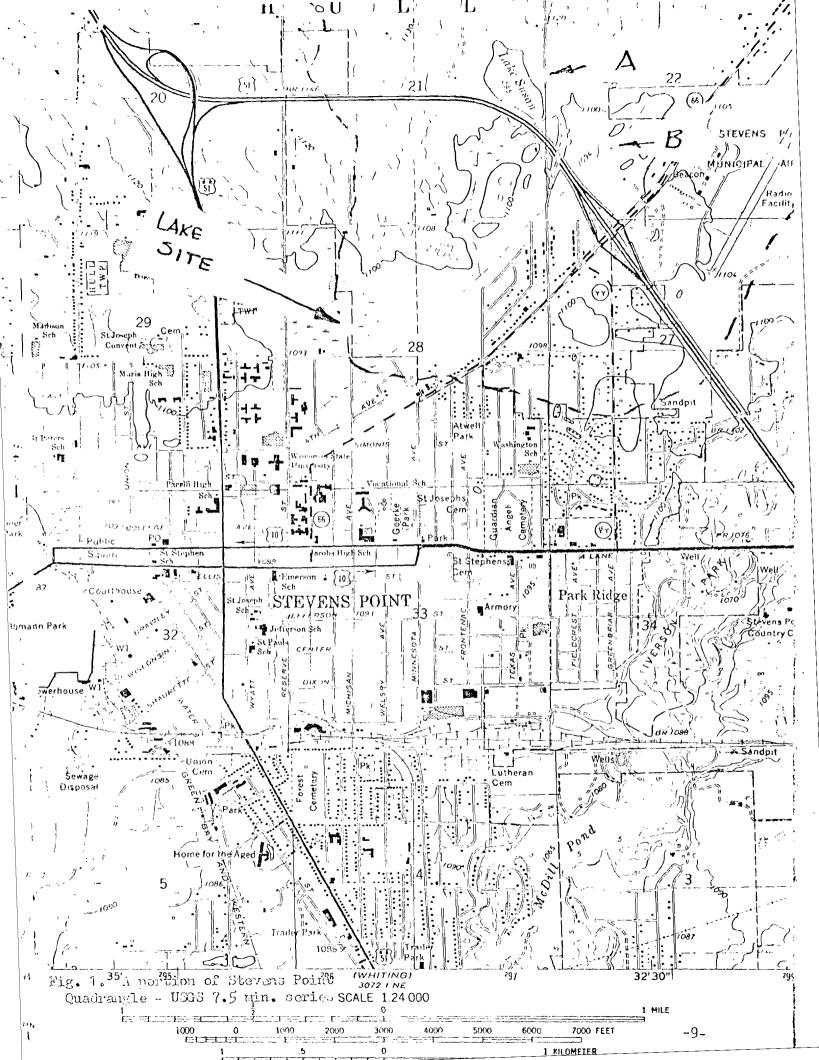
Studies carried out in the summer of 1974 show that the maximum decline in depth in a nearby groundwater lake ("B" on the attached map) was approximately 23 inches from June to October. Lake Susan ("A" on attached map) had a drawdown of approximately 16 inches over the same period. The difference is probably due to the fact that Lake Susan is partially controlled by a rock and sand dam.

Average elevation in the area of the proposed lake is presently about the same as the water levels of the two lakes. The fact that there is no standing water present in the area indicates that there may not be a hydrologic connection between the site and the two lakes.

If climatic conditions are the only factors controlling change in water levels of groundwater lakes in the Wisconsin Sand Plain, one could have expected a drop of roughly 23 inches in a lake established at the proposed site. Shoreline marks on all of the lakes along the Highway 51 beltline East of Stevens Point indicate that water surfaces have been much higher in past years. One would thus expect that under more moist conditions, the level of water in a lake established at the proposed site would drop less than the 23 inches postulated from the 1974 study.

# In summary:

- 1. The probable flood water storage potential of a lake at this site is limited during periods of high groundwater levels, i.e., late winter and early spring, but would have greater potential during periods when groundwater levels, and therefore lake levels, are lover, i.e., summer and fall.
- 2. A lake developed at this site will have a summer season drawdown of between 16 and 23 inches under climatic and antecedent conditions similar to those experienced during the summer season of 1974. In a wetter season, one would expect less drawdown.



# 2. Energy Resources - Existing

The site, in its present state, imposes no significant demands on energy resources.

# 3. Biological

The floral survey indicated a good diversity of plant life. There was little spring flora due to high water conditions. The faunal survey found 28 species of birds, 9 species of mammals, 6 species of amphibians and 1 species of reptile. The bird list included species that were summer, winter, permanent and migratory residents due to the time of the year when the survey was conducted. Two species on the bird list and two on the mammal list are classified as game animals by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. No species of animal listed as "endangered" or "with changing status" by the State of Wisconsin or Federal Government were observed or collected in the proposed lake site property.

Moses creek supports no fish life at present but the creek and the temporary ponds on the lake property are utilized in the spring and early summer by amphibians for reproduction and by other animals as watering, feeding, nesting and resting sites.

This assessment does not imply completeness, as it was limited by a time factor, but does give a good picture of the biological components of the ecosystem on the proposed lake site property.

Mammals trapped or observed on proposed lake site property, September 19 though October 21, 1974

Red squirrel
Gray squirrel
Starmose mole
Shorttail shrew
Masked shrew
Meadow vole
White-footed mouse
Cottontail
Whiter-tailed deer

Tamiasciurus hudsonicus
Sciurus carolinensis
Condylura cristata
Blarina brevicauda
Sorex cinereus
Microtus pennsylvanicus
Peromyscus leucopus
Sylvilagus floridanus
Odocioleus virginianus

Additional mammals seen on land adjacent to proposed lake site property.

Short-tailed weasel
Muskrat
Norway rat
Eastern chipmunk
Flying squirrel
13-lined ground
squirrel
Striped skunk
Shorttail shrew

Mustela erminea
Ondatra zibethica
Rattus norwegicus
Tamis striatus
Glaucomys sp.

Cilettus tridecemlineatus

Methitis mephitis

Blarina brevicauda

Birds observed on the proposed Lake site property, September 19 through October 16, 1974.

Ruffed Grouse Bonasa umbellus

Mourning Dove Zenaidura macroura

Yellow Shafted Flicker Colaptes auratus \*

Black-capped Chickadee Parus atricapillus

Wood thrush Hylocichla mustelina

Hermit thrush Hylocichla guttata

Blue Jay Cyanocitta cristata

Starling Sturnus vulgaris

Common Crow Corvus brachyrhynchos

Chestnut-sided warbler Dendroica pennsylvanica \*

Robin Turdus migratorius

White-Breasted Nuthatch Sitta caralinensis \*

House sparrow Passer domestricus

Redwinged Blackbird Agelaius phoeniceus

Brown-Headed Cowbird Molothrus ater

Common Grackle Quiscalus quiscula

Rose-Breasted Grosbeak Pheucticus ludovicianus \*

Vesper Sparrow Pooecetes gramineus

American Goldfinch Spinus tristis

State-Colored Junco Junco hyemalis

White-Throated Sparrow Zonotrichia albicollis

Song Sparrow Melospiza melodia

Long-Billed Marsh Wren Telmatodytes palustris \*

Ovenbird Seiurus aurocapillus

American Woodcock Philohela minor

Myrtle Warbler Dendroica coronata

\* Based on one sighting

Brown Thrasher

Toxostoma rufuns

Purple Finch

Carpodacus purpureus

Additional birds seen an land adjacent to proposed Lake site property, September 19 through October 16, 1974

Eastern Meadowlark

Sturnella magna

Marsh Hawk

Circees cyaneus \*

Barred Owl

Strix varia

Great Horned Owl

Bubo virginianus \*

Killdeer

Charadrius vociferus

Black and White Warbler

Mniotilta varia

<sup>\*</sup> Based on one sighting

Reptiles and Amphibians observed on proposed lake site property. May 1974 and September 19 through October 19, 1974.

# AMPHIBIANS

Leopard frog Green frog Wood frog Spring peoper Chorus frog American toad Rana pipiens
Rana clamitans
Rana sylvatica
Hyla crucifor
Pseudacris triseriata
Bufo americanus

# REPTILES

Eastern garter snake Thamnophis sirtalis

Due to the period of the year and secretive nature of these animals, a list of Amphibians and Reptiles which are known to reside in the proposed lake area and adjacent property has been compiled to supplement this list.

The following amphibians are known to reside in the area of the proposed road:

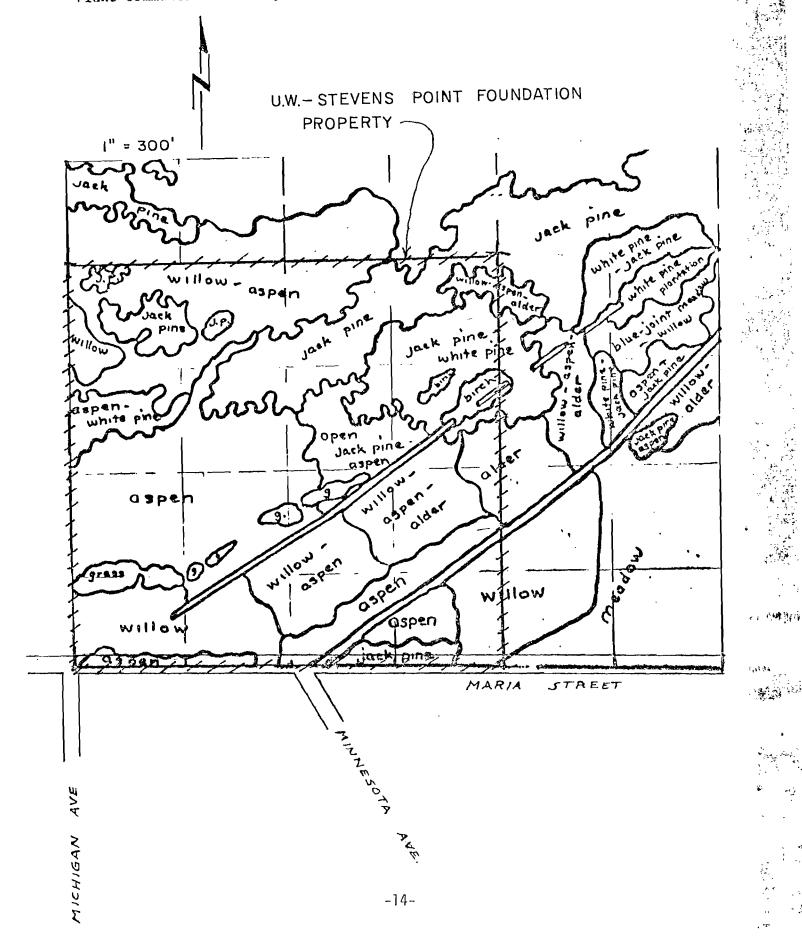
- 1. Eastern tiger salamander, Ambystoma tigrinum tigrinum
- 2. Red-backed salamander, Plethodon cinereus cinereus
- 3. American toad, Bufo americanus americanus
- 4. Gray treefrog, Hyla versicolor versicolor
- 5. Spring peeper, Hyla crucifer crucifer
- 6. Chorus frog, Pseudacris triseriata triseriata
- 7. Green frog, Rana clamitans melanota
- 8. Wood frog, Rana sylvatica sylvatica
- 9. Leopard frog, Rana pipiens pipiens

In addition to the above amphibians, the following reptiles have been observed or otherwise confirmed from this area:

- 1. Snapping turtle, Chelydra serpentina
- 2. Wood turtle, Clemmys insculpta
- 3. Painted turtle, Chrysemys picta marginata
- 4. Five-lined skink, Eumeces fasciatus
- 5. Red-bellied snake, Storeria occipitomaculata
- 6. Northern brown snake, Storeria dekayi wrightorum
- 7. Eastern garter snake, Thamnophis sirtalis sirtalis
- 8. Northern ringneck snake, Diadophis punctatus edwardsi
- 9. Smooth green snake, Opheodrys vernalis
- 10. Fox Snake, Elaphe vulpina vulpina
- 11. Eastern hognose snake, Heterodon platyrhinos

It is important to remember that both amphibians and reptiles are very secretive animals. Often their presence in an area may go undetected for years. Therefore, it is virtually impossible to survey an area to determine species diversity and numbers, in a short period of time.

Plant Communities of Proposed Lake Site Property, Sec. 28, T.24N., R.8E



### PLANT COMMUNITIES

# 1. Blue-joint Marsh

Calamagrostis canadensis
Carex spp.
Scirpus cyperinus
Poa palustris
Solidago gigantea
Phalaris arundinacea
Iris versicolor
Glyceria canadensis
Aster tradescantii
Aster umbellatus
Lycopus virginicus

Low, wet ground; with numerous clumps of willows and alders.

# 2. Alder

85% Alnus rugosa scattered: Salix amygdaloides S. lucida S. rigida Populus tremuloides, Acer rubrum Understory (sparse Glyceria canadensis Calamagrostis canadensis Scirpus cypermus Carex spp. Galium spp. Iris versicolor Onoclea sensibilis Epilobrium adenocaulon

Wet ground; dense growth of alders about 12-15 feet tall; probably slowly invaded by willows, aspen, and red maples.

# 3. Willow Thicket

Principal Species
Salix amygdaloides 75%
Salix rigida 10%
S. interior 5%
Others
Spiraea alba
S. tomentosa
Salix lucida
S. petiolaris

Calamogrostis canadensis
Carex spp.
Spartuna pectunata
Scirpus cyperinus
Aster tradescantii
A. simplex
Onoclea sensibilis
Solidago gigantea
S. graminifolia
Glyceria canadensis
Muhlenbergia mexicana
Juncus effusus
Iris versicolor
Poa palustris
Epilobrium adenocaulon

Small trees and shrubs on wet ground. Most trees 6-12 feet tall.

# 4. Willow-Aspen-Alder

| Populus tremuloides | 40% |
|---------------------|-----|
| Alnus rugosa        | 30% |
| Salix amygdaloides  | 15% |
| S. bebbiana         | 3%  |
| Betula papyrifera   | 3%  |

### Understory:

Calamogrostis canadensis
Onoclea sensibilis
Spirae alba
Solidago gigantea
Aster lateriflorus
Rubus sp.
Aster umbellatus
Glyceria canadensis
Spiraea tomentosa
Solidago graniunifolia
Dryopteris cristata
Poa palustris

Wet ground; alders and willows yielding t replacement by young aspens.

# 5 Willow-aspen

| Salix amygdaloides  | 30% |
|---------------------|-----|
| S. lucida           | 10% |
| S. bebiana          | 10% |
| Populus tremuloides | 30% |
| Alnus rugosa        | 3%  |

# Understory:

Calamagrostis canadensis
Solidago gigantea
Glyceria canadensis
Onoclea sensibilis
Poa palustris
Scirpus cyperinus
Solidago uliginosa
Aster umbellatus
Solidago graminifolia
Coptis groenlandica
Aster simplex
Spiraea tomentosa
S. alba
Lycopodium innundatum

Moist soil; fairly open woods with small willows and young aspen.

# 6 Aspen

| Populus tremuloides | 75%     |
|---------------------|---------|
| Betula papyrifera   | 20%     |
| 1 71                | n hante |

scattered Pinus strobus, P. banksiana

Onoclea sensibilis
Solidago gigantea
Spiraea alba
Carex spp.
Rubus spp.
Potentilla simplex
Spiraea tomentosa
Glyceria canadensis
Scirpus cyperinus
Dryonteris cristata
Solidago graminifolia
Onoclea sensibilis
Salix spp.
Poa palustris

Young to fairly mature aspens on fairly wet sites, perhaps to be replaced by birch and white pines.

# 7. White Pine-Aspen-Birch (BC-56)

| Pinus strobus       | 35% |
|---------------------|-----|
| Populus tremuloides | 40% |
| Betula papyrifera   | 10% |

Understory and small trees:

Acer rubrum
Quercus velutina
Spiraea alba
Salix humilis

Rubus hispidus Potentella simplex

# Oryzopsis asperifolia

Intermediate moisture conditions.

Mostly stand of young white pines (a few old, large trees), probably tending toward a white pine stand.

# 8. Paper Birch

| Betula papyrifera   | 80% |
|---------------------|-----|
| scattered:          |     |
| Populus tremuloides |     |
| Pinus strobus       |     |
| P. banksiana        |     |

sparse understory

Potentilla simplex
Osmunda claytoniana
Muhlenbergia mexicana
Onoclea sensibilis

Moist soil. Trees form large clumps, in fairly pure stands.

# 9. White Pine-Jack Pine

| Pinus strobus       | 70% |
|---------------------|-----|
| P. banksiana        | 20% |
| scattered:          |     |
| Populus tremuloides |     |
| Betula papyrifera   |     |
| Acer rubrum         |     |

Understory (sparse) Carex spp. Rubus hispidus Pteridium aquilinum Potentella simplex Lycopodium obscurum

Fairly dry soil. Some large white pines present.

### 0. Jack Pine-White Pine

| Pinus banksiana     | 40% |
|---------------------|-----|
| P. strobus          | 40% |
| Populus tremuloides | 5%  |
| Acer rubrum         | 5%  |
| Betula papyrifera   | 5%  |

Understory (sparse):

Carex spp. Rubus hispidus Potentilla simplex Vaccinium angustifoluim Dryonteris spinulosa Hieracium aurantiacum Pteridium aquilinum

Jack pine is common in the area, and may be replaced by white pine (in this case) or by oaks. community represents a successional stage, perhaps to denser white pine, although it includes a few larger, older white pines.

80%

### 11. Jack Pine

Pinus banksiana scattered: P. strobus Populus tremuloides

Understory: Carex pensylvanica Potentilla simplex Rubus sp. Lysimachia quadrifolia Comptonia peregrina Vaccinium augustifolium Hieracium aurantiacum

Achillea millefolium Viola sagittata Quercus ellipsoidalis seedlings Q. velutina seedlings

Sandy areas. A common community. In some areas oaks seem to be invading (driest sites), on others (more moist?) white pine is invading, although some large older white pines are present.

### 12. Meadow (Timothy-Blue Grass-Goldenrod)

Phleum pratense Poa pratenses Solidago canadensis

75% of biomass

Fairly common:

Aster simplex Salix amygdaloides Populus tremuloides Alnus rugosa Scattered occurrence: Salix discolor Solidago nemoralis Achillea millefolium Spartina pectinata Agrostes alba Spiraea tomentosa S. alba Asclepias syriaca Juncus tenius

Sandy upland area. Perhaps once grazed and mowed or burned. Scattered young

Salix amygdaloides, Populus tremuloida and Alnus rugosa

### 13. Grass (Open)

Danihonia spicata Potentilla simplex Solidago canadensis Agrostis scabra Carex spp. Rubus hispidus Spiraea tomentosa

scattered: Achillea millefolium Solidago graminifolia
Hieracium aurantiacum
Agrostis alba
Poa pratensis
P. compressa
Populus tremuloides seedlings
Pinus strobus seedlings

Dry, open areas on upland; probably slowly fills in with aspen and white pine.

SPECIES ABUNDANCE

Lycopodiaceae Lycopodium annotinum Lycopodium obscurum Lycopodium innundaturn

Equisetaceae Equiseturn sylvaticurn Equiseturn arvense

Osmundaceae Osmunda regalis Osmunda cinnamonea Osmunda claytoniana

Polypodiaceae Pteridium aquilinum Adiantum pedatum Onoclea sensibilis Athyruim filix-femina Athyruim angustatum Cystopteris bulbifera Thelyperis palustris Dryopters spinulosa Dryopteris cristata

Pinaceae Pinus banksiana Pinus strobus Pinus resinosa

Typhaceae Typha latifolia

Alismacoae Alisma plantago-aquatica Sagittaria latifolia

Hydrocharitaceae Elodea canadensis

Gramineae Bromus inermis Bromus canadensis Glyceria canadensis Glyceria grandis Glyceria striata Poa pratensis Poa compressa <u>Poa palustris</u> <u>Eragrostis spectabilis</u> Eragrostis cilianensis Eragrostis pectinacea Schizachue purpurasceus Agropyron repens

Club Mosses Family "Bristly Club Moss" scattered "Ground Pine" rare "Club Moss" rare

Horsetail Family "Woodland horsetail" rare "Field Horsetail" scattered

Royal Forn Family "Royal Fern" scattered "Cinnamon Fern scattered "Interrupted Fern" fairly common

Polypody Fern Family "Bracken Fern" scattered "Maidenhair Fern" rare "Sensitive Fern" abundant "Lady fern" scattered "Slender Lady Fern" fairly common "Bulblet Fern" rare-"Marsh Fern" fairly common "Spinulose Wood Fern" fairly common "Crested Shield Fern" fairly common

Pine Family "Jack Pine" abundant "White Pine" common "Red Pine" rare

Cattail Family "Broadleaf Cattail scattered

Arrowhead Family "Water Plantani" scattered "Broadleaf Arrowhead" scattered

Frog's bit Family "Elodea"

rare

Grass Family "Smooth Brome" fairly common "Fringed Brome" "Rattlesnake Manna Grass" common "Tall Manna Grass" scattered "Manna Grass" rare "Kentucky Blue Grass" scattered "Canada Blue Grass" fairly common "Meadow Blue Grass" common "Purple Lovegrass" scattered "Stink Grass" scattered "Love Grass" rare rare "Quack grass" scattered

Elymus canadeusis Elymus virginicus Hordeum jubatum Koeleria cristata Danthonia spicata Calamagrostis canadensis Agrostis gigantea Agrostis hyemalis Cinna arundinacea Phleum pratense Muhleubergia mexicana Muhleubergia racenosa Sporarbolus cryptandrus Sporocolus vaginiflorus Brachyelytrum.erectum. Oryzopsis asperifolia Aristida basiramea Beckmannia syzigachne Spartina pectinata Phalaris arundinacea Leersia aryzordes Digitaria sanguinalis Digitaria ischaemum Leptoloma cognatum Panicum capillaro Panicum lanuginosum Panicum oligosanthes Panicum xarithophysum Panicum latufolium Panicum boreale Echinochloa pungeas Echinochloa crus-gallii Setaria viridis Seteria lutesceus Cenchrus longispinus Andropogon gerardii Schizachyrium scoparium Sorghastrum nutans

Cyperaceae Cyperus spp.

Dulichium arundinaceum Carex spp.

Scirpus atrovireus
Scirpus acutus
Scirpus spp.

Eleocharis acicularis
Eleocharis obtusa
Eleocharis spp.

Eriophorum spp.

"Canada Wild Rye"

"Virginia Wild Rye"

"Squirrel-tail Barley"

"June Grass"

"Poverty Oats"

"Bluejoint"

"Redtop"

"Ticklegrass"

"Wood Reed"

"Timothy"

"Muhly Grass"

"Dropseed"

"Dropseed"

scattered
scattered
scattered
scattered
common
abundant
abundant
common
rare
fairly common
fairly common
scattered
rare
rare

common

"Rice Grass" "Triple awn Grass" "Slough Grass" "Cord Grass" "Reed Canary Grass" " Rice Cut Grass" "Hairy Crab Grass" "Smooth Crab Grass" "Fall Witch Grass" "Witch Grass" "Hairly Panic Grass" "Panic Grass" "Panic Grass" "Broadleaf Panic Grass" "Northern Panic Grass" "Barnyard Grass" "Barnyard Grass" "Green Foxtail" "Yellow Foxtail" "Sandbur" "Big Bluestern" "Little Bluestern" "Indian Grass"

rare rare fairly common Common fairly common rare common scattered scattered scattered rare rare scattered scattered scattered scattered scattered scattered common rare

"Galingale, Nutgrass"
perhaps 5-6 spp.
"Three-way Sedge"
"Sedge"
perhaps 20 spp.
"Woolgrass"

"Bulrush"

perhaps 3-4 spp.
"Spike rush"
"Spike rush"
"Spike rush"
perhaps 2-3 spp.
"Cottongrass"
perhaps 2-3 spp.

scattered

fairly common common

common fairly common rare scattered

fairly common scattered scattered

scattered

Araceae "Skunk Cabbago" Symplocarpus foetidus rare Acorus calaums "Sweet Flag" scattered Lemnaceae "Common Duckweed" scattered Lemna minor Juncaceae "Rush" Juncus effusus common "Toad Rush" Juncus bufonius scattered Juncus terrius "Rush" scattered "Rush" Juncus canadensis scattered Juncus acuminatus "Rush" scattered "Rushes" scatterd Juncus spp. "Wood Rush" fairly common Luzula acuminata Liliaceae Clintonia borealis "Blue bead Lily" Scattered Maianthemum canadeuse "Canada Mayflower" scattered "Solomon's Seal" Polygonatum pubesceus rare "Greenbrier" <u>Smilax</u> <u>hispida</u> rare "Small-flowered Bellwort" Uvularia sessiflifolia Amaryllidaceae "Stargrass" scattered Hypoxis hirruta Iridaceae "Blue Flag" Iris versicolor common "Blue Flag" Iris virginica rare Sisyrinchium campestre "Blue-eyed Grass" rare Salicaceae "Shining Willow" Salix lucida common "Peach-leaf Willow" Salix amygdaloides abundant "Willow" Salix petiolaris scattered Salix discolor "Pussy Willow" Scattored Salix bebbiana Salix humilis "Beaked Willow" fairly common "Upland Willow" Fairly common "Sandbar Willow" Salix interior scattered "Willow" Salix rigida Populus tremuloides "Popple; Trembling Aspen" abundant Populus grandidentata. "Largetooth Aspen" scattered Myricaceae "Sweet Fern" Comptonia peregrina common-abundant Betulaceae Corylus americana "Hazelnut" scattered-common "Beaked Hazelnut" Corylus cornuta scattered Ostrya virginiana "Ironwood" rare "Paper Birch" Betula popyrifera common Betula pumila "Bog Birch" fairly common Alnus rugosa "Speckled Alder, Tag Alder" abundant Fagaceae "White Oak" Quercus alba rare "Red Oak" Quercus rubra scattered "Black Oak" Quercus velutina common "Hill's Oak Northern Pin Oak" Quercus ellipsoidalis scattered Ulmaceae "American Elm" Ulmus americana fairly common Ulmus rubra scattered "Slippery Elm" Urticaceae Urtica dioica "Stinging Nettle" fairly common Boehmeria cylindrica "False Nettle" rare Lapaortea canadeusis "Wood Nattle" scattered Aizoaceae "Carpet weed" scattered Mullogo verticillata Portulacaceae "Purilane" Portulacae oleracea rare Claytonia virginica "Spring Beauty" rara Caryophyllaceae Stellaria media "Chickweed" scattered "Mouseear Shickweed" Cerastium vulgatum scattered "Corn Cockle" Lychms alba scattered Silene cucubalus "Bladder Campion" scattered "Pink" Dianthus deltoides rare Polygonaceae Rumex acetosella "Sheep Sormel" common Rumex crispus "Dock" scattered "Water Dock" Rumex orbiculatus scattered Polygonum erectum "Tall Knot weed" rare "Knotweed" Polygonum avicularo fairly common Polygonum natans "Aquatic Smartweed" scattered Polygonum lapathifolum "Nodding Smartweed" scattered Polygonum pensylvanicium "Pennsylvania Smartweed" fairly common Polygonum hydropiperoides "Water Smartweed" common "Tearthumb Smartweed" scattered Polygonum sagittatum Polygonum cilinode "False Buckwheat" scattered Chanopodiaceae Cycloloma atriplicifolia "Winged Pigweed" rare Chemopodium album "Lambsquarter" scattered Amaranthaceae Amaranthus graecizous "Prostrate Pigweed" rare Amaranthus retroflexus "Redroot Pigweed" rara Ranunculaceae Actaea pachypoda "Baneberry" "Meadow Rue" Thalictrum dasycarpum fairly common "Columbina" Aquilegia conadousis scattered

fairly common

"Marsh Marigold"

Caltha palustris

| Ranunculus rhomboideus Ranunculus acris Ranunculus pennsylvanicus Ranunculus septentrionalis Anemone canceusis Hepatica americana Coptis groenlandica   | "Early Buttercup" "Tall Buttercup" Buttercup "Swamp Buttercup" "Anemone" "Hepatica" "Goldthread"   | fairly common<br>scattered<br>scattered<br>fairly common<br>scattered<br>scattered<br>scattered                          |
|---|--|--|
| Papaveraceae Sanguinaria canadeusis Dicentra cucullaria   | "Bloodroot" "Dutchman's Breeches"  | scattered<br>scattered   |
| Cruciferae Lepidium campestre Lepidium virginicium Thlaspi arvense Capsella bursa-pastoris Berteroa incana Arabis lyrata Arabis spp. (2 spp.?) Rorippa islandica Barbarea vulgaris  | "Pepper Grass" "Pepper Grass" "Penny Cress" "Shepherd's Purse" "Hoary Alyssum" "Rock Cress" "Marsh Cress" "yellow Rocket"  | fairly common fairly common common fairly common scattered scattered   |
| Crassulaceae Penthorum sediodes   | "Ditch Stonecrop"  | rare   |
| Saxifragaceae <u>Mitella diplylla</u> <u>Ribes spp. (2-3 spp.?)</u>   | "Bishop's Cap"<br>"Currants, Gooseberrie   | scattered<br>s" scattered  |
| Rosaceae Physocarpus opulifolius Spiraea alba S. tomentosa Fragaria virginiana Potentilla simplex P. norvegica P. recta P. argentea Potentilla tridentata Geum canadense G. aleppicium Rubus hispidus R. flagellaris R. allegherminsis R. pubescens Rubus strigosus R. spp. | "Ninebark" "Meadowsweet" "Hardhack" "Wild Strawberry" "Cinquefoil" "Rough Cinquefoil" "Pale Cinquefoil" "Silvery Cenquefoil" "Avens" "Avens" "Dewberry" "Northern Denberry" "Blackberry" "Dwarf Blackberry" "Blackberries, | scattered abundant abundant abundant fairly common fairly common scattered scattered abundant common scattered scattered |
| Agrimonia grvposepala Rosa sp. Prunus serotina P. virginiana  | Brambles" "Agrimony" "Wild Rose" "Black Cherry" "Choke Cherry"   | fairly common scattered scattered scattered scattered  |

| P. pensylvanica Aronia melanocarpa Crataegus spp. Amelanchier spp.  | "Pin Cherry" "Chokeberry" "Hawthorns" "Serviceberry"  | scattered<br>fairly common<br>rare<br>scattered   |
|---|---|---|
| Leguminosae Trifolium pratense T. arvense T. repens T. hybridum T. agrarium Melilotus alba M. officinalis Medicago lupulina Vicia villosa | "Red Clover" "Rabbit's foot Clover" "White Clover" "Alsike Clover" "Hop Clover" "White Sweet Clover" "Yellow Sweet Clover" "Black Medick" "Vetch" | scattered scattered scattered scattered scattered fairly common scattered scattered scattered |
| Oxalidaceae Oxalis stricta O. europaea  | "Yellow Sorrel" "Yellow Sorrel"   | fairly common fairly common   |
| Polygalaceae<br>Polygala polygama   | "Milkwort"  | scattered   |
| Euphorbiaceae Acalypha rhomboidea Euphorbia maculata E. corollata   | "Copperleaf" "Prostrate Spurge" "Flowering Spurge"  | scattered<br>scattered<br>fairly common   |
| Callitrichaceae Callitriche sp.   | "Water Starwort"  | rare  |
| Anacardiaceae Toxicodendron radicaus  | "Poison Ivy"  | rare  |
| Aquifoliaceae <u>Ilex verticillata</u> <u>Nemopanthus mucronatus</u>  | "Winterberry"<br>"Bog Holly"  | fairly<br>rare  |
| Aceraceae Acer rubrum A. saccharinum A. negundo   | "Red Maple"<br>"Silver Maple"<br>"Box Elder"  | fairly common<br>rare<br>scattered  |
| Balsaminaceae<br>Impatiens capensis   | "Jewelweed"   | fairly common   |
| Rhaminaceae<br>Rhamnus frangula   | "Buckthorn"   | rare  |
| Vitaceae Vitis sp. Parthenocissus quinquefolia  | "Wild Grape"  | rare<br>scattered   |
| Tilioceae<br>Tilia americana  | "Basswood"  | rare  |

| Hypericaceae  Hypericum perforatum  H. boreale  H. canadense  | "St. John's wort" "St. John's wort" "St. John's wort"   | scattered<br>scattered<br>scattered  |
|---|---|--|
| Cistaceae<br>Helianthemum canadense   | "Frostweed"   | scattered  |
| Violaceae Viola pedata V. papilionacea V. conspera V. sagittata V. pubescens V. spp.  | "Birdfoot Violet" "Stemless Blue Violet" "American Dog Violet" "Arrowhead Violet" "Downy Yellow Violet" "Violets" | scattered<br>scattered<br>scattered<br>scattered<br>scattered<br>scattered |
| Onagraceae - L. alternifolia Ludwigia palustris Epilobium angustifolum E. adenocanlon Oenothera biennis O. perennis Circaea quadrisculata | "Marsh Purslane" "Fireweed" "Herb Willow" "Evening Primrose" "Sundrops" "Enchanter's Nightshade"                  | rare scattered common fairly common scattered scattered                    |
| Araliaceae<br>Aralia nudicaulis   | "Wild Sarsaparilla"   | fairly common  |
| Umbelliferae Sanicula marilandica Osmorhiza longistylis Carum carvii Sium suave Cicuta maculata C. bulbifera                              | "Black Snake root" "Sweet Cicely" "Wild Caroway" "Water Farsnip" "Water Femlock" "Bulblet Water Hemlock"          | scattered<br>scattered<br>scattered<br>scattered<br>scattered<br>scattered |
| Cornaceae Cornus canadensis C. alternifolia C. stolonifera C. spp.  | "Bunchberry" "Alternate leaf Dogwood" "Red ossier Dogwood" "Dogwoods"   | abundant<br>scattered<br>fairly common<br>common                           |
| Ericaceae  Monotropa uniflora  Pyrola rotundifolia  Gaultheria procumbens  Vaccinium angustifolium  V. myrtilloides                       | "Indian Pipe" "Shinleaf" "Wintergreen" "Blueberry" "Blueberry"  | rare scattered scattered fairly common rare                                |
| Primulaceae Lysimachia quadrifolia Trientalis borealis  | "Yellow Loosestrife"<br>"Star flower"   | fairly common fairly common  |
| Oleaceae<br>Fraxinus pensylvanica   | "Green Ash"   | rare   |

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| Asclepiadaceae Asclepias syriaca A. incarnata  | "Common Milkweed" "Swamp Milkweed"   | fairly common fairly common  |
|--|--|--|
| Convolvulus spithamaeus  | "Low Bindweed"   | fairly common  |
| Boraginaceae Lithospermum canescens  | "Hoary Puccoon"  | scattered  |
| Verbenaceae Verbena stricta V. hastata V. bracteata  | "Vervain"<br>"Vervain"<br>"Creeping Verbain"   | fairly common fairly common scattered  |
| Labiatae Scutellaria lateriflora S. galericulata Prunella vulgaris Stachys palustris S. hispida Monarda fistulosa Lycopus uniflorus L. virginicus                | "Mad-dog Skullcap" "Skullcap" "Self-heal" "Hedge Nettle" "Hedge Nettle" "Bergamot" "Water Horehound" "Water Horehound" | scattered scattered scattered scattered scattered scattered scattered scattered    |
| Solanaceae<br>Solanum dulcamara  | "Bittersweet Nightshade"   | scattered  |
| Scrophulariaceae  Gratiola neglecta  Verbascum thapsus  Chelone glabra  Linaria vulgaris  L. canadensis  Veronica serpyllifolia  V. peregrina  Gerardia purpurea | "Hedge Hyssop" "Mullein" "Turtlehead" "Butter-and-eggs" "Toadflax" "Speedwell" "Speedwell" "Gerardia"                  | rare scattered scattered fairly common fairly common scattered scattered scattered |
| Plantaginaceae Plantago major P. rugellii  | "Plantain"<br>"Plantain"   | fairly common fairly common  |
| Rubiaceae <u>Calium spp.</u> (about 5 species) <u>G. trifidun</u> <u>Mitchella repens</u>  | "Bedstraws"<br>"Partridge berry"   | fairly common  |
| Caprifoliaceae Diervilla lonicera Lonicera tartarica   | "Bush Honeysuckle"<br>"Tartarian Honeysuckle"  | fairly common scattered  |
| Cucurbitaceae<br>Echinocystis lobata   | "Wild Cucumber"  | scattered  |

Campanulaceae Lobelia siphilitica "Lobelia" fairly common "Indian Tobacco" L. inflata scattered Compositae Helianthus divaricatus "Sunflower" scattered "Western Sunflower" H. occidentalis scattered Bidens cernua "Beggartick" fairly common B. frondosa "Beggartick" scattered "Ragweed" Ambrosia artenisiifolia fairly common "Sneezeweed" Helenium autumnale scattered Achillea millefolium "Yarrow" scattered "Ox-eye Daisy" Chrysanthemum leucanthemum scattered "Pineapple Weed" Matricaria matricariodes scattered "Wormwood" Artemisia candata scattered "Slender Bog Goldenrod" Solidago hispida scattered "Slender Bog Goldenrod" S. uliginosa scattered "Twisted-Stalk Goldenrod" S. flexicaulis scattered "Gray Goldenrod" S. nemoralis fairly common S. junceae "Early Goldenrod" scattered "Tall Smooth Goldenrod" S. gigantea abundant S. canadensis "Tall Goldenrod" abundant "Grass-leaf Goldenrod" S. graminifolia common "Large-leaf Aster Aster macrophyllus scattered A. ciliolatus "Northern Arrowhead Aster" scattered "Arrowhead Aster" A. sagittifolius scattered A. puniceus "Purple-stem Aster" scattered A. prenanthoides "Purple-stem Aster scattered "Flat-topped Aster" A. umbellatus fairly common "Narrow-leaf Woodland Aster" fairly common A. lateriflorus A. simplex "Narrow-leaf Marsh Aster" scattered A. tradescantii "Narrow-leaf Marsh Aster" fairly common "Fleabane Daisy" Erigeron strigosus scattered "Horseweed" Conyza canadensis scattered "Pussy-toes" Antennaria spp. fairly common "Sweet Everlasting" Gnaphalium obtusifolium fairly common "Small Everlasting" G. uliginosum scattered "Purple Joe-pyeweed" Eupatorum purpureum fairly common "Boneset" E. perfoliatum fairly common "White Snakeroot" E. rugosum scattered Liatris aspera "Blazing Star" rare "Canada Thistle" Cirsium arvense rare "Bull Thistle" C. vulgare scattered "White Wild Lettuce" Prenanthes alba scattered Hieracium aurantiacum "Orange Hawkweed" common "King Devil" H. pratense fairly common "Canadian Hawkweed" H. canadense scattered "Dandelion" Taraxacum officinale scattered Lactuca canadensis "Wild Lettuce" scattered

# Bryophytes (Mosses and Liverworts)

Sphagnum 2-3 spp. Aulacomnia palustre Polytrichum commune P. ohioensis Dicranella heteromalla Heterophyllium haldanianum Tetraphis pellucidia Dicranum fuscescens Hedwigia ciliata Plerozium schreberi Calliergon cordifolium Campylium stellatum C. sp. Pylaisella polyantha Leptodictyum trichotodium Climacium dendroides Hypnum curvifolium H. pratense H. imponans Brachythecium plumosum B. rutabulum

Helodium blandowii

4. Socio-Economic (population, density, conjection, economic impact on community, etc.)

The site is presently unpopulated and provides no significant economic impact on the community. The area is presently used by students and others for a variety of informal activities

Please refer to Pages 32 thru 41 for a discussion of the effects of this proposed action.

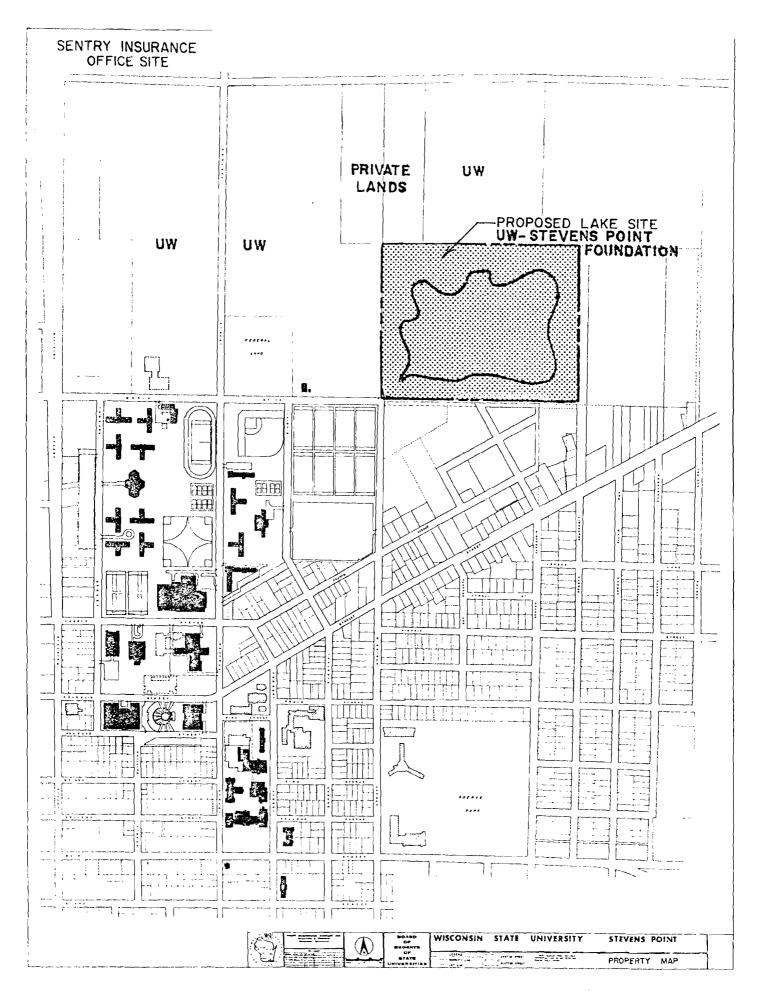
# E. Illustrative Descriptions

Plate 1 Campus Property Map

Plate 2 Planimetric Air Photo

Plate 3 Aerial Photo of General Site Vicinity

Plate 4 Aerial Photo of Immediate Site Area







# F. General Description of Proposed Action

#### 1. Construction

The proposed lake is to be constructed by excavation of natural soils in the manner and configuration as indicated on the attached Drawing C 5573-Al. The exact method of excavation will be the responsibility of the contractor performing the work. It is anticipated however that most of the excavation will be accomplished using conventional large earth moving equipment capable of performing excavation and transporting the excavated materials to the Sentry Insurance Company office site. Excavation below the groundwater level will be facilitated by local dewatering of the soils in the immediate vicinity of the excavation. Some excavation by other means may also be employed. Approximately 800,000 cubic yards of material is proposed to be excavated from the site and transported to the Sentry Insurance Company office site.

Control of flow into the lake area will be accomplished by the construction of an earth embankment which will permit the overflowing of Moses Creek into the lake when flow equivalent to those resulting from a 7 to 9 year storm occur. The spillway will be faced with silty or clayey soils and/or pavement to control erosion. Spillway level will be set at approximately Elevation 1091.5.

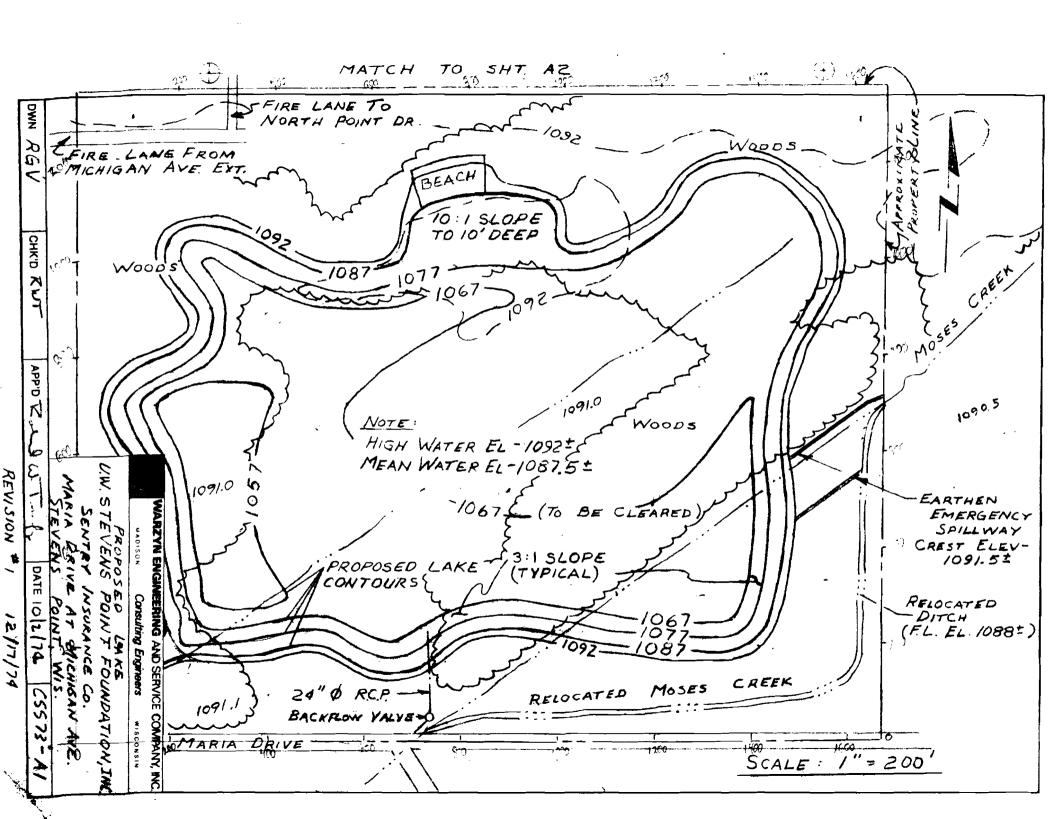
Control of flow out of the lake into Moses Creek will be via an undersized pipe (18" to 24" diameter) flowing by gravity, to permit a slow lowering of the lake level after a storm to the level of the surrounding groundwater table. No attempt will be made to artificially maintain the water level of the lake at a level higher or lower than that of the immediate surrounding groundwater level.

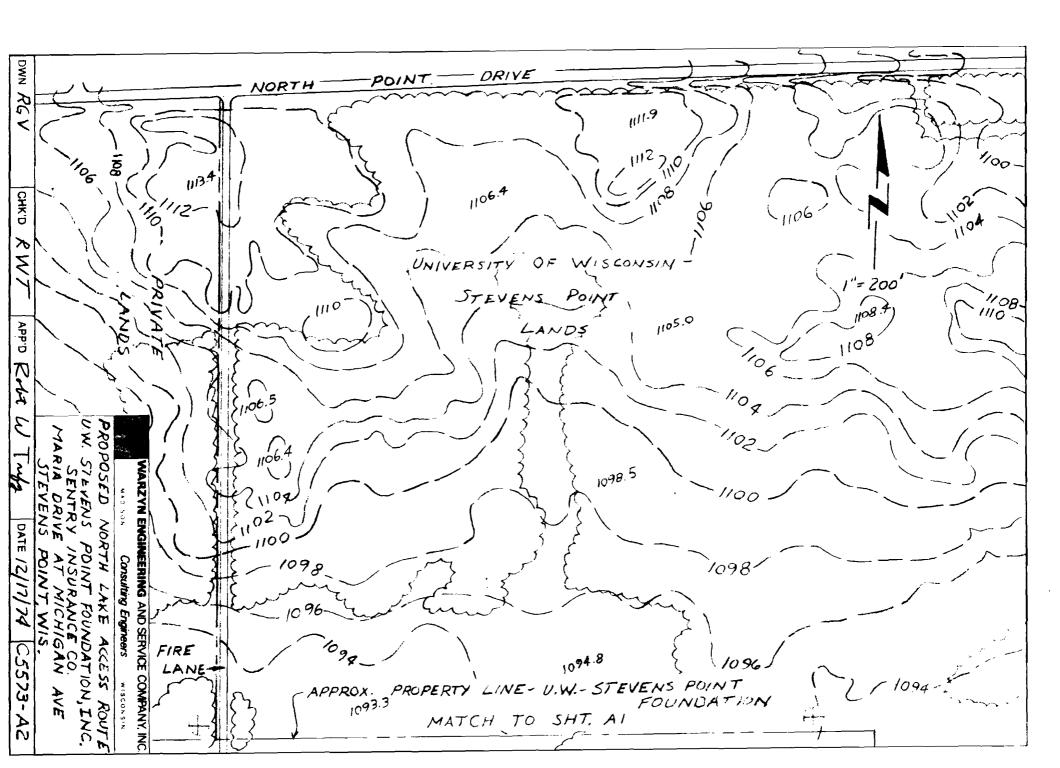
Excess materials excavated for lake construction and creek relocation will be transported to the UW-Stevens Point athletic activity area located immediately to the southwest of the lake site and to the Sentry Insurance Company new office building site located approximately 3/8 mile to the northwest of the lake site. Materials would be transported primarily via large, over land, earth moving equipment. The haul routes would consist of the route of the proposed fire lane to be constructed to serve the lake site from the West, and along the road bed of the proposed Michigan Avenue Connection and/or along the existing fire lane which runs from the lake site to North Point Drive to the north. From there, the route would continue over land across lands controlled by Sentry Insurance Company to the office building site. The route would primarily pass through open areas and along lanes and vacated roadways. Some limited widening and improving of the existing fire lane to the North of the lake site may be required. This work would be required in any event in order to provide adequate fire protection and service access to the lake site.

### 2. Discussion - changes in land form, vegetation and water

The land form will be significantly affected in the immediate area of the lake by this action. In areas proposed to be used for swimming, the lake bottom will be sloped at a pitch of approximately 10 feet horizontal to 1 foot vertical. In the remaining areas of the lake, the lake bottom will be pitched at a slope of approximately 3 feet horizontal to 1 foot vertical. Flatter slopes will be experienced in some portions of the lake where shallower rock strata are encountered. Some wooded area and much brushy areas will be cleared to perform the construction. The remaining portion of the site actually occupied by the lake will be permitted to remain in its natural state except in those areas where ancillary facilities will be provided. The location and configuration of the lake has been established in such a manner so as to preserve as much of the natural wooded area as possible.

The excavation of the lake will expose the underlying groundwater strata. Significant changes in water quality are not ancitipated.





## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT EFFECTS OF PROPOSED ACTION (EVALUATION)

#### Beneficial Effects Α.

- 1. Provide an outdoor laboratory facility for acquatic and terrestrial study, outdoor classroom teaching, and independent research.
- 2. Provide sorely needed acquatic recreational facilities for the student body and faculty.
- Provide relief to existing municipal parks which presently receive high usage by student population.
- 4. Provide temporary storage of peak storm water flows from Moses Creek resulting in relief of potential flooding conditions downstream in the campus and adjoining City areas. Extent of this relief is dependent on ambient groundwater levels existing at the time of the storm.
- 5. Create a fishery.
- May tend to lower local water table thereby reducing Man Distriction neighborhood basement flooding.
- Elimination of a mosquito breading area. 7.
- Provide habitat and watering facility for wild animals, reptiles, amphibians, and birds.
- Provide a convenient source of earth fills necessary to complete the construction of the Sentry Insurance Company office facility. These fill materials are required to provide earth embankments required to permit access to multi-level parking ramps constructed at the lower levels of the office building complex. Alternatives would require that other borrow sources located further from the site be utilized, thereby expending significantly greater amounts of energy for fuel for transportation of these soils and possibly resulting in removal of farm land adjacent to the City from production. An alternative to the multi-level parking structure would be to provide many acres of paved surface parking lots surrounding the office building, thereby destroying significant amounts of natural wooded areas which otherwise could be preserved on the office building site, and resulting in significant increases in the amount of storm water runoff from the office building site which would further tax already overloaded storm sewer facilities in the City of Stevens Point.

#### B. Adverse Effects

The major adverse effect would be the loss of the natural ecological communities, their habitat and components (plants and animals).

The actual adverse impact (plus beneficial impact) depends to a large degree upon what is to be done to the entire property during and after construction. If the vegetation on all except the actual lake site and its immediate shoreline was left undisturbed, it would aid in minimizing the ecological impact on the area. If the lake area is developed into a large recreation area (swimming, picnic, park and camping areas) it would be detrimental to the ecological diversity and stability of the entire north campus area. Re-establishment of natural ecological communities on the lake shores and disturbed areas, limiting human access, and minimizing development of beaches, park, camping, and picnic areas may actually increase the ecological diversity of the area and thus increase the ecological stability of the north campus area.

To prevent overuse, it is recommended that access to the property managed to aid in preventing environmental degradation of the area.

- C. Irreversible and Irretrievable Commitments of Resources Involved in the Project if it is Implemented
  - I. The construction of this project will provide a permanent lake structure and will result in the loss of some wooded and brush areas. Although the site is presently zoned commercial, the construction of this lake project would effectively insure that the use of this land area would remain as one of conservancy and recreation.

# III ALTERNATIVES TO PROPOSED ACTION (Discussion and Alternatives)

#### A. No Action

- 1. Based on present zoning and trends evident in immediately adjoining areas, it is quite likely that this site would develop as high density residential and/or commercial usage. Proposed annexation action by the City of Stevens Point would cause the rezoning of these lands to conservancy use.
- 2. The University of Wisconsin Stevens Point would lose an opportunity to have a lake constructed for them by one of the major employers of the City of Stevens Point.
  - 3. Alternative earth borrow sources would have to be developed by Sentry Insurance Company to complete the work of their current office construction project. Alternative borrow sites might be located significantly further from the site and consequently result in the expending of significantly greater amounts of energy in the transportation of these materials to the site. These borrow sources possibly could be located in the agricultural areas to the north of the City.

#### B. Other Alternatives Considered

- 1. No other potential lake site located in the immediate vicinity of the campus is presently available to the University.
- 2. Other potential earth borrow sources have been investigated by Sentry Insurance Company. These sites are not as convenient to the office building site and would not provide the academic and recreational benefits which could be accomplished by this project.

# IV AGENCIES, GROUPS, CLUBS, COMMITTEES OR INDIVIDUALS CONTACTED REGARDING PROJECT

| January 10, 1974    | Meeting - Vickerstaff and Specht   |
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| January 11, 1974    | Meeting - Vickerstaff and Mayor of Stevens Point                           |
| January 23, 1974    | Meeting - Vickerstaff and Industrial Development<br>Group                  |
| January 30, 1974    | Meeting - <u>Vic</u> kerstaff with Environmental Awareness Council         |
| February 1, 1974    | Meeting - Vickerstaff with Specht  |
| February 5, 1974    | Meeting - <u>Vickers</u> taff with Exo, Bert Anderson, and Don Gerhard     |
| February 19, 1974   | Meeting - <u>Vic</u> kerstaff with Mayor of Stevens Point and Mr. Hoffbeck |
| February 19, 1974   | Meeting - Vickerstaff and representatives of<br>Sentry Insurance Company   |
| February 27, 1974   | Meeting - Vickerstaff and Specht   |
| March 18, 1974      | Meeting - Vickerstaff and Borham   |
| April 11, 1974      | Meeting - Vickerstaff and Charles Gust                                     |
| April 11, 1974      | Meeting - Vickerstaff and Mayor of Stevens Point                           |
| April 16, 1974      | Meeting - Vickerstaff and Mr. Exo  |
| April 23, 1974      | Meeting - Vickerstaff with Industrial Development                          |
| April 24, 1974      | University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Foundation<br>Meeting                |
| April 25, 1974      | Regional Planning Commission Meeting                                       |
| April 29, 1974      | Conference in Madison  |
| May 9, 1974         | Conference in Madison  |
| Ма <b>у</b> 9, 1974 | Meeting - Vickerstaff and Mr. Exc  |
| May 10, 1974        | Meeting - Vickerstaff with Mayor of Stevens Point and Mr. Exo              |

| May 20, 1974       | Meeting - Vickerstaff and Trainor   |
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| June 3, 1974       | Meetings - Vickerstaff with Specht and Mayor of<br>Stevens Point                                    |
| June 11, 1974      | Stevens Point Board of Public Works Meeting   |
| June 25, 1974      | Meeting - Vickerstaff and Trainor   |
| July 8, 1974       | Meeting - Vickerstaff and Willard Warzyn  |
| July 16, 1974      | Meeting - Vickerstaff, Warzyn, Trefz, Good, Gremmer, and the Mayor                                  |
| July 30, 1974      | Meeting - Vickerstaff, Warzyn, Trefz, Good,<br>Kumlien, Roden, Gerhard, Gebken, and Besadny         |
| August 5, 1974     | Meeting - Vickerstaff and Specht  |
| August 27, 1974    | Meeting - Vickerstaff, Warzyn, and Trainor  |
| August 27, 1974    | Meeting - Vickerstaff and the Mayor   |
| August 27, 1974    | Meeting - Warzyn and Hiram Krebs  |
| August 27, 1974    | Meeting - Warzyn and Gremmer  |
| September 3, 1974  | Conference - Warzyn and LaVerne Morehouse   |
| September 5, 1974  | Meeting - Vickerstaff and the Mayor   |
| September 12, 1974 | Conference - Warzyn and Morehouse   |
| September 13, 1974 | Meeting - Vickerstaff, Warzyn, Trainor and<br>Hillier   |
| September 17, 1974 | Meeting - Vickerstaff, Trainor, Warzyn, Anderson, Copes, Freckmann, Hillier, Shaw, White and Specht |
| September 26, 1974 | Conference - Warzyn and Morehouse   |
| September 30, 1974 | Conference - Warzyn and Wally Berg  |
| September 30, 1974 | Meeting - Vickerstaff and City of Stevens Point<br>Common Council                                   |
| October 1, 1974    | Meeting - Fred Copes and Jeffrey Littlejohn   |
| October 2, 1974    | Meeting - Vickerstaff and Lyle Updike   |
| October 3, 1974    | Meeting - Vickerstaff and Mayor Borham  |

| October 7, 1974                                 | Meeting - Copes and Steven Gutreuter  |
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| October 8, 1974                                 | Meeting - Copes and Littlejohn  |
| October 9, 1974                                 | Meeting - Copes and Gutreuter   |
| October 10, 1974_                               | Meeting - Copes and Environmental Council   |
| October 10, 197 <u>4</u>                        | Meeting - Copes and Updike  |
| October 10, 1974                                | Meeting - Vickerstaff and Zoning Commission   |
| October 11, 1974                                | Meeting - Copes and Robert Wiza of the Ecological<br>Task Force   |
| October 14, 1974                                | Meeting - Vickerstaff and Environmental Council   |
| October 15, 1974                                | Meeting - Vickerstaff and City Planning Commission  |
| October 15, 1974                                | Meeting - Copes and Wiza  |
| October 18, 1974                                | Conference - Warzyn and Morehouse   |
| October 23, 1974                                | Meeting of Staff Members of the Biology Department and College of Natural Resources   |
| October 29, 1974                                | Meeting - Copes and Wiza  |
| Period from September<br>20 to October 28, 1974 | Conferences - Copes and approximately 30 interested students  |
| November 1, 1974                                | Conference - Warzyn, Trefz and Copes  |
| November 5, 1974                                | Meeting - Vickerstaff, Trefz, Warzyn, Copes, Gerhard, Updike and others   |
| November 5, 1974                                | Informal public hearing moderated by Updike, sponsored by the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point Student Government  |
| November 6 to date                              | Numerous items of correspondence, conferences, meetings, with County Zoning staff, University staff, McKnight, Gebken, Nestigen, Morehouse, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and other parties who have expressed interest in the project and/or have offered comments and suggestions pursuant to the November 5, 1974 meeting. |

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| Changes to or Results in:   | YES | NO | Positive       | Negative                     | Some      | Major | Known | Comments (Add additional pages if nece         |
| A. Campus Plan  |     | Х  |                |                              |           |       |       | Proposed action is consistent with campus plan |
| B. Community Plan   |     | Х  |                |                              |           |       |       | No community plans for this area exist         |
| C. Regional Plans   |     | Х  |                |                              |           |       |       | No regional plans for this area exist          |
| D. Land Use (Zoning)  | Х   |    | Х              |                              |           | Х     |       | See attached for comments                      |
| E. Urban Development Encouraged Requiring Additional Service Expenditures   |     | X  | X              | equal of boundaries and dist | ,         |       |       | •  |
| F. Vehicular Traffic Patterns/Services                                      | X   |    |                | X                            | X         |       |       | See attached for comments                      |
| G. People Traffic Patterns  | X   |    | Х              |                              |           | Х     |       | See attached for comments                      |
| H. Archeological, Historic, Scientific or Other Unique Sites                |     | .X | X              |                              |           |       |       | ,  |
| I. Unique Environmental Land Forms or Sites                                 | **  | Х  | Χ              |                              |           |       |       |  |
| J. Water Quality/Supply, i.e., Lakes, Rivers,  Marshes                      | ·X  |    | X              |                              |           | Х     |       |  |
| K. Air Quality and Pollution  |     | Χ  | X              |                              |           |       | ·     |  |
| L. Energy Requirements .  |     | Х  | Х              |                              |           |       |       |  |
| M. Erosion or Siltation Except Temporary Effects during Construction Period |     | Х  | Х              |                              |           |       |       |  |
| N. Temporary Erosion during Construction                                    | X   |    |                | X ·                          | Х         |       |       | See attached for comments                      |
| O. Flant or Animal Life   | Х   |    | Х              | . !                          | Х         |       | :     | See attached for comments                      |
| P. Health Hazard  |     | χ  | X              |                              |           |       |       | ,  |

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| Q. Mineral and Fuel Use  |      | X  | , X                                |  |      |           |       |  |
| R. Services, i.e., Sewer, Water, Electric Communications, Police, Fire   | Χ    |    |                                    | X  | Х    |           |       | See attached for comments  |
| S. Local Economy   |      | X  |                                    |  |      |           |       |  |
| T. Social Impact   | X    |    | X                                  |  |      | X         |       | See attached for comments  |
| U. Aesthetics and Visual Effects   | X    |    | χ                                  |  |      | X         |       | See attached for comments  |
| V. Transporation, i.e., Parking, Transit, Bicycle  | X    |    | X                                  |  | X    |           |       | See attached for comments  |
| W. Effect on Public Use  | χ    |    | Х                                  |  |      | Х         |       | See attached for comments  |
| X. Noise Except Temporary during Construction  |      | X  | X                                  |  |      |           |       |  |
| Y. Odor Except Temporary during Construction   |      | X  | X                                  |  |      |           |       |  |
| Z. Potential for Resolving Conflicts   | Х    |    | Х                                  |  |      | Х         |       | See attached for comments  |
| * Miscellaneous (add items that may aid in evaluation  |      |    |                                    |  |      |           |       |  |

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- D. Site is presently zoned commercial and quite possibly would otherwise be developed as high density residential and/or commercial usage.

  Present annexation action pending would change this zoning to conservancy.
- F. The proximity to the campus in absence of parking facilities should effectively minimize the generation of vehicular traffic relative to this facility.
- G. This construction will make this area much more accessible to students and faculty.
- N. Scheduling of major portions of work during Winter months and conscientious actions by the contractor and developer should result in minimal affect.
- O. Lake construction will provide a habitat for fish and other acquatic life as well as terrestrial animal life.
- R. Extremly limited services would be required for public safety and sanitation.
- T. A much needed recreational facility will be provided for students and faculty.
- U. This construction should provide a very attractive recreational facility.
- V. Some facilities for bicycle parking would probably be provided.
- W. The lake development would very substantially increase the use of this site by the public.
- Z. The recreational attributes of this facility will reduce significantly conflicts between local residents and students in the use of present municipal park facilities. Municipal park facilities would still probably be utilized for group and non-water sport activities.

|     | VI.  | CON | CLUSIONS (Check appropriate answers)  | YES | NO |
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|     | ١    | Α.  | Contrary to campus, community, regional plans?                              |     | X  |
| · . | .' . | В.  | Substantial effect on waters?   |     | Х  |
| ``, |      | С.  | Substantial land use alteration?  | X   |    |
|     |      | D.  | Significant effect on air quality?  |     | X  |
|     |      | Ε.  | Substantial environmental change without replacement or improvement?        |     | X  |
|     | VII. |     | COMMENDATION (Check appropriate box) significant impact (EIS not necessary) | X   |    |
|     |      |     | repare EIS (Mandatory if 3 or more items<br>a conclusions are positive)     |     |    |

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