Lake Management Planning

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Visualization

Run Through a Wall

Lake Management Planning

- Why is Planning Important
- The Planning Process
- Key Partners in Developing a Lake Plan
- Lake Management Plan Titles and Components
- Successful Implementation of Management Recommendations
- Grants

Why Is Planning Important?

- Development
- Habitat
- Fish / Aquatic Plants
- Recreational / Human Use Conflicts
- Nutrients / Water Quality
- Aquatic Invasive Species

The Planning Process

- Appraisal of Existing Information
- Public Education and Involvement
- Collecting New Data
- Analysis
- Recommendations
- Implementation

Who is Involved in Developing a Lake Management Plan?

- WDNR
- Applicant (sponsor or other partners of a grant/project,)
- Private sector
- Stakeholders

Deciphering the Terminology

- Comprehensive Lake Management Plan
- Lake Management Plan
- Aquatic Plant Management Plan
- AIS Control / Management Plan

What Is a Lake Plan?

- NR 198
  - Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grants
- NR 191
  - Lake Protection & Classification Grants

- Aquatic Plant Guidance Document

http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/uwexlakes/ecology/APM/APMguideFull07.pdf

Comprehensive Lake Management Plan Components

- Public Involvement & Education
- Watershed
- Water Quality
- Aquatic Plants
- Shoreland
- Woody habitat
- Fisheries
- AIS
- Capacity
- Other

Public Involvement & Education

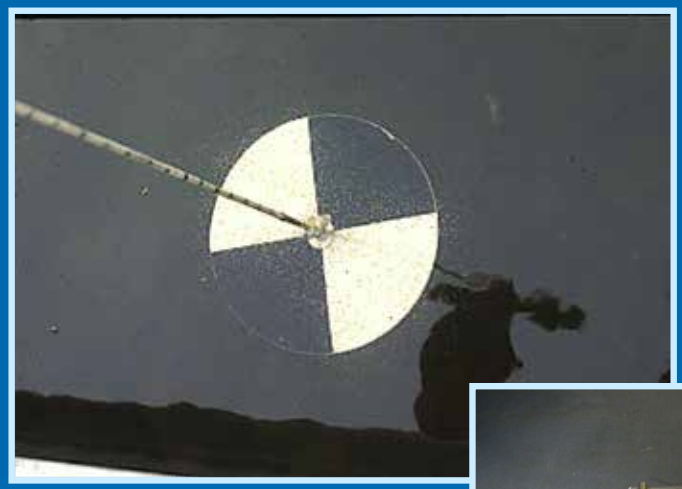
- **Educational Activities**
  - Workshops / Trainings
  - Packets / Literature
  - Presentations / Articles
- **Planning Meetings**
- **User Surveys**
- **LISTEN**

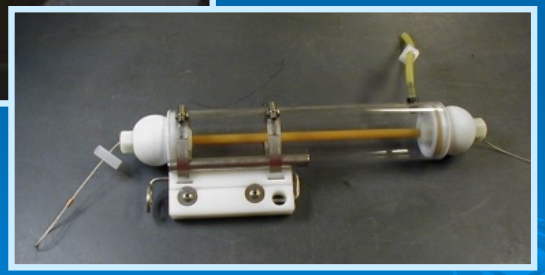
Watershed

- Delineate size & land uses
- Partition nutrient loading
  - Identify / prioritize nutrient loading concerns
- Assess riparian / shoreland area

Water Quality

- Citizen Lake Monitoring Network
  - Secchi
  - Phosphorus
  - Chlorophyll *a*
- Other Parameters
  - Nitrogen, Calcium
  - Suspended Solids
  - Temperature, Dissolved Oxygen
- Trophic State Index (TSI)
- Limiting nutrients





Aquatic Plants

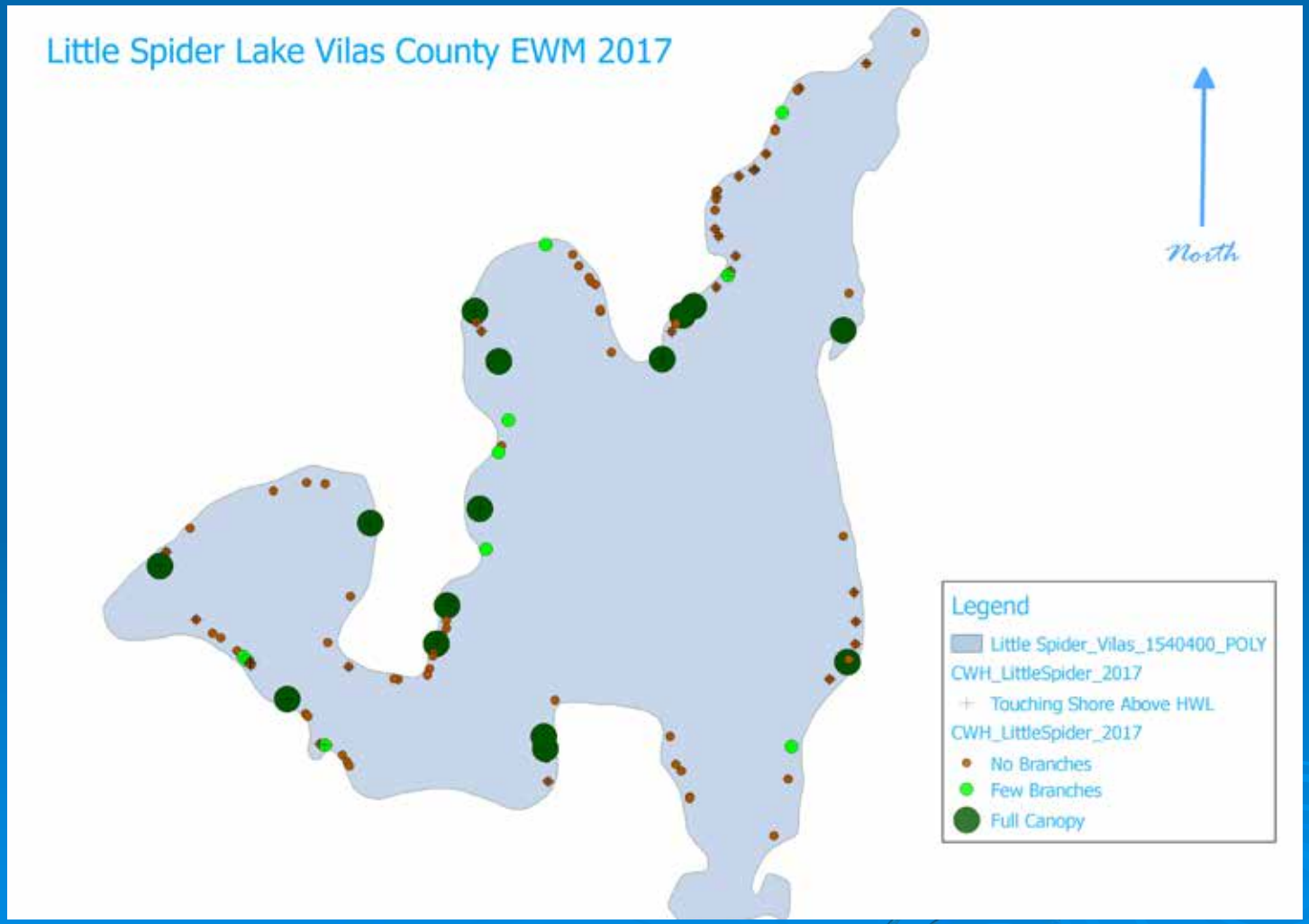
- Floristic Quality Index (FQI)
- Plant Communities
  - Submerged
  - Emergent
  - Floating
- Diversity
- Vouchers

Shorelands

- Parcel assessment
- Near shore area
  - 35’ above OHWM
  - 50’ below OHWM

- Impervious surfaces, piers, erosion, canopy, shrubs, grasses, aquatic plants……

Coarse Woody Habitat



Fisheries

- Existing community / life history
- Relate current fish populations to study
- Evaluate potential management impacts to fish community

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)

- Monitor and Map existing AIS
- Look for new AIS
- Prevention / Containment
- Control

Capacity

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Implementation

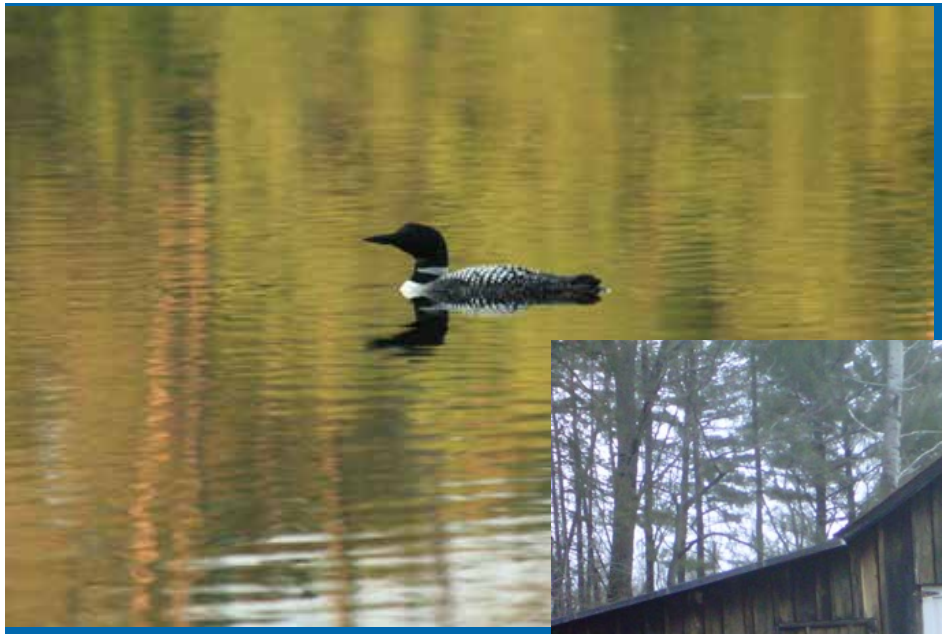
- Road map for next 5 years
- Recommendations from components
- Dept approved plan
- Identifies the
  - Who
  - What
  - When
  - Where
  - How

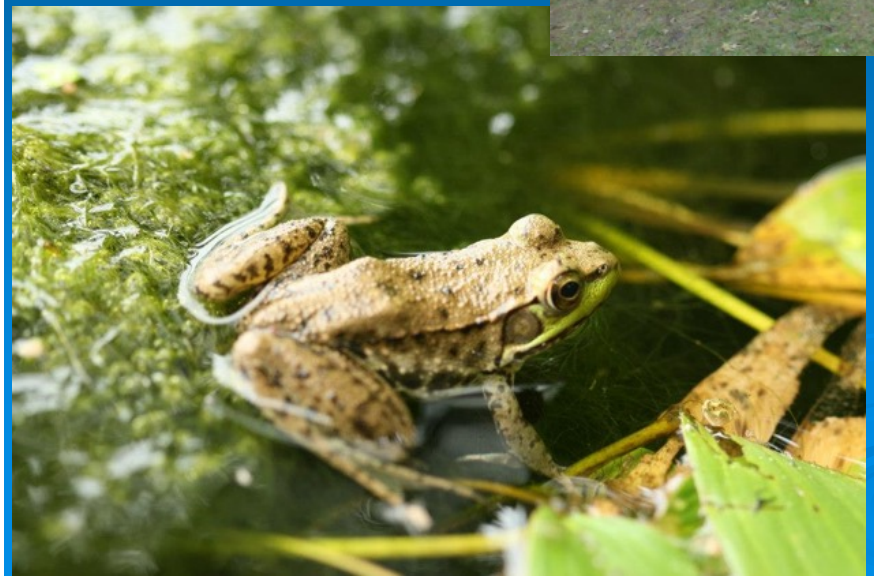
Management Recommendations

- Active management (nutrients, habitat, social)
- Monitoring activities (CLMN – water quality, AIS, aquatic plants)
- AIS prevention
- Lake protection options (conservation easements – land trusts)
- Education
- Others (ordinances, critical habitat, fisheries, lighting, noise, etc.)
- Go Fishing (Insert any interest, other than "cleaning" the shoreline…..)

WDNR Surface Water Grants

- Lake Planning Grants
  - Small scale
  - Large Scale
- Lake Protection Grants
- Healthy Lakes
- Aquatic Invasive Species Grants
  - Education, Planning and Prevention
  - Rapid Response
  - Established Population
  - Research and Demonstration
  - Maintenance





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