

1989 to 1999 - A Retrospective

Honoring a Decade of Community Conservation

Ten years ago this November, the Lake Waubesa Conservation Association was born. On a winter evening in late 1989, a roomful of neighbors assembled at the Waubesa Beach Community Center and were told they would soon be living next to a private landfill.

While the ensuing landfill fight consumed so many of us, there was much more going on. What occurred in our Lake Waubesa community during this past decade to further resource conservation is nothing short of phenomenal! In fact, the Libby Landfill battle is only one of a multitude of successful efforts that were driven by the deep emotional connection we all have to the extraordinary land and water resources surrounding us. The credit for these important accomplishments, many of which have resulted in permanent protection of our landscape, can be shared all across the spectrum — from the state, county, village and township governments to non-profit organizations, landowners, grass roots volunteers, and voters. Heroes abound at each and every one of these levels. Many of these efforts have involved the energies of LWCA members who have participated through other organizations and affiliations. All share a commitment and bond to our community, and a common goal and ethic to leave something worthwhile for others to enjoy long after we are gone. Here's a snapshot of these outstanding achievements:

Permanent Land Protection

Town of Dunn - In 1989, recognizing the opportunity to acquire a strategically located parcel on the south end of Lake Waubesa, the Town of Dunn and its Park Commission purchased the 28-acre property known as Dunn Heritage Park. Located between Tower and Jordan Drives, this township park has approximately 300 feet of lake frontage and was purchased with matching Federal LAWCON funds.

When faced with the possibility of a multi-unit development in their Lake Kegonsa neighborhood, residents of Colladay Point contributed half the dollars needed to purchase a 7.3-acre parcel from developers in 1990. With matching funds from the Town of Dunn and the Wisconsin Stewardship Program, the property was transformed permanently into a Dunn neighborhood park. A portion of the property doubles as a prairie restoration and sedimentation basin, filtering runoff before it enters Lake Kegonsa.

Building upon an already nationally recognized land use model, in 1997 the Town of Dunn embarked upon a new

venture in permanent land protection to preserve its valuable farmland and rural way of life. The Town's voters endorsed the plan, taxing themselves \$.50 per \$1,000 of property valuation to establish the state's first Purchase of Development rights program. The significance of the program has attracted two matching land purchase grants totaling \$616,000 from the USDA. In two short years, the Town has participated in four easements totaling 507 acres, including two pending transactions. Though permanently protected, these properties will remain in private ownership. Special thanks to the participating farm owners who are pioneers of the program — the Uphoffs, Margaret Lalor, the Mansons, and the Jacobs. These transactions wouldn't have been possible without the financial and legal participation of the Dane County Natural Heritage Foundation, Gathering Waters, and the Wisconsin DNR. Another 12 properties representing 992 acres have applied to the Town for PDR program consideration.

As part of the purchase involving the Uphoff family, a 3-acre park was created on a breathtaking oak savannah knoll overlooking rolling farmland with a view of Lake Waubesa. The Park will be called Sinaiko Park in honor of the family that sold the property.

Village of McFarland - Several years ago, the Village of McFarland purchased a crucial three-acre parcel situated on the northern shore of the Upper Mud Lake Resource Protection area. This property had been zoned for condominium development, and is now being enjoyed by villagers as Grandview Conservancy. **(Cont' Next Page)**

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A Decade of Conservation . . . Continued

Dane County - The County has consistently recognized the significance of our community's natural resources through its Parks and Open Space Plans. Dane County's high priority for land acquisition in the Lower Mud Lake Resource Protection Area has resulted in recent purchases of the 95-acre Affolder Farm, and 127 acres from the Dyreson estate. In the Nine Springs E-Way, which surrounds the creek that flows into Upper Mud Lake, land purchases continue as this area becomes a more heavily used recreational open space for metropolitan Dane County. The 1995-2000 Open Space Plan has proposed adding resource protection areas for the Door Creek Wetlands and the South Waubesa Marsh.

A Wisconsin leader in land protection, Dane County has financed its land purchases in large part through the Dane County Conservation Fund at \$1.2 million annually. The incredible 76% margin of support for an advisory referendum this spring may triple the monies available over 10 years to complete these resource protection plans for the enjoyment of future generations (see article Pg. 7). The importance of open space to our quality of life in Dane County was affirmed from all sectors and by numerous and diverse constituencies. This, coupled with the professionalism and capability of the Dane County Parks staff, was the key to voter endorsement of this important program.

State of Wisconsin - Many of the land purchases by Dane County and non-profit land trust organizations have been made possible in part through matching grants from the State of Wisconsin Stewardship Program. This successful 10-year \$250 million statewide program will expire in the summer of 2000 (see article Pg. 6).

There are also several DNR-sponsored project areas in our community where the state makes acquisitions at 100%. These are the South Waubesa Wetlands, the Hook and Grass Lake Natural Areas, and Lower Mud Lake. During the past decade, a number of significant land acquisitions by DNR have been made in the Hook/Grass Lake Natural Area, including the 500+ acre acquisition from Jack McManus.

Restoration & Prevention Projects

In addition to land purchases, there have been a number of notable restoration and prevention projects benefiting our Lake Waubesa community. These include:

- *At McDaniel Park*, the Village of McFarland improved the stability of the shoreline by installing riprap along the length of this Waubesa lakeside property.

- *Wetland and prairie restoration at Dunn Heritage Park* - This multi-faceted project undertaken in 1995 was aimed at reducing upland sediment infiltration to Lake Waubesa, providing fish, waterfowl and grassland bird habitat, and recreational opportunities for Town of Dunn residents. Project partners included Wisconsin DNR non-point program, Wisconsin Waterfowl Association, Madison Fishing Expo (fish rearing pond), Dane County Land Conservation, Dunn Parks Commission, LWCA, local scouts and other volunteers.
- *Wetland and prairie restoration (Lathrop property)* - This project, carried out on private property adjacent to Dunn Heritage Park in 1996, had similar water quality and habitat objectives. This is a striking example of private land stewardship which greatly benefits Lake Waubesa and the community.



A panoramic autumn view across the Lower Mud Lake Area.

- *Wetland restoration at McFarland's Legion Park* - As mitigation for a wetland disturbed during the Highway 51 reconstruction near McFarland's Pick 'n Save, a wetland restoration was undertaken at Legion Park adjacent to Lower Mud Lake. This wetland was reclaimed after being improperly filled by a previous owner.
- *In 1996, the Village of McFarland received an award from the Dane County Lakes & Watershed Commission* - for its strict enforcement of stormwater and construction site erosion practices.
- *Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District lagoon remediation* - remediation of MMSD's lagoon system will be completed in 1999 to remove or contain PCB-laden soils. MMSD is reconvening it's Citizen Advisory Committee to discuss potential end uses for this property, including restoration for wildlife habitat (see article Pg. 9).
- *Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District return effluent line* - Construction was completed in 1998 after the City of Verona's annexation into to the District's treatment facility. In many places, the line parallels the route of the Capital City Bike Trail through the Nine Springs E-Way. Because Verona is in the Sugar River watershed, the construction of this line will help maintain the water balance between the Sugar River and Yahara River basins.
- *Prairie restoration and grassland bird habitat* - at Lake Farm County Park and the Nine Springs E-Way has been completed incrementally over several years by Park staff under the direction of Dane County Naturalist, Wayne Pauly.
- *The DNR Hook Lake Preserve* - is the site of a large 150+ acre prairie restoration that was initiated in 1992. This prairie, along with other public and privately owned sites, have been part of the Town of Dunn Park Commission's "Parade of Prairies" periodically offered to showcase these gems to the public.

WHEELS ARE TURNING ON THE CAPITAL CITY TRAIL

The moment we've been anxiously anticipating is close at hand! Within the next year, you will be able to bicycle or hike the Capital City Trail through the Nine Springs E-Way and into downtown Madison!

We've all been watching with curiosity and enthusiasm the construction of this meandering promenade. Some have even ignored the trail closed signs to get a sneak peek! The Capital City Trail is the critical link that will ultimately connect a series of governmentally owned trails with a continuous recreational corridor from Waukesha to Dodgeville. The trail will tie the Glacial Drumlin Trail to the East with the Military Ridge Trail to the West to complete this spectacular east-west trail system covering Southern Wisconsin. Lake Farm County Park on Lake Waubesa's western shore is the major connecting hub.

The Capital City trail is an overnight ten-year success story in intergovernmental cooperation. The idea for this

trail system and the Capital City Trail arose out of the planning process for the 1990-95 Dane County Parks and Open Space Plan. A staff committee representing Madison, Fitchburg, DNR and Dane County began work in earnest within the next year. In 1994 Dane County received the first US Department of Transportation Grant of \$400,000 which was matched with \$100,000 of County money to begin trail construction. In 1995, the first phase of construction began. It is expected that Dane County Park's portion of the Trail will be complete by the end of this summer.

The trail will extend from Nob Hill through Lake Farm Park along the South portion of the E-way to the Nevin Fish Hatchery, and then to Dunn's Marsh and the Arboretum. It won't be long before residents of our area will be able to enjoy passively or actively another link in the trail systems of Dane County.



Community Recreation, Education & Participation

- *The Capital City Bicycle Trail* - through the Nine Springs E-way is scheduled to open by early 2000. Eventually this trail will link the Military Ridge and the Glacial Drumlin State Trails with a continuous recreational corridor from Waukesha to Dodgeville (see article above).
- *Recreational facilities at Babcock, Lake Farm, and Goodland Parks* - including upgraded parking, boat launch, fish cleaning facilities, and informational kiosks have been added in the last few years.
- *Ground breaking on the Dane County Heritage Center at Lake Farm County Park* - is anticipated by 2000. The Heritage Center will provide visitors with recreational, educational and interpretive experiences celebrating

- the natural and cultural heritage of Lake Farm Park and Dane County.
- *Lake awareness and clean-up activities* - such as "Take a Stake in the Lakes" and other similar independent projects (see related articles) demonstrate the increasing consciousness and responsibility that citizens have taken to be good stewards of the environment in their communities.

The Lake Waubesa Conservation Association is pleased to have been an awareness and information resource as well as a catalyst for positive conservation efforts in our community.

Water Law Authority To Keynote Wednesday, June 2, 1999 LWCA Annual Meeting

Has your spouse put you to work on a shoreline landscaping project? While canoeing, you noticed a dump truck suspiciously depositing a load of soil in a wetland next to the lake. Or, you're wondering how many boat lifts you're allowed to keep at your pier to store your water toys. As a cigarette boat flies across the water at the speed of light sounding like a B-17, you wonder if there any rules about noise or speed for watercraft? And who on earth do you call to find out – the town? Village? County? DNR? Corps of Engineers? Sheriff?

You don't have to be a lake property owner to be concerned about proper use of Wisconsin's natural resources. If you're confused like most of us about all the different agencies in charge, don't miss LWCA's Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 2 at 7 PM at the Dunn Town Hall. Chris DeRemer, Wisconsin DNR Water Management Specialist for our area, will help us sort it out! Chris's responsibilities include administration of Wisconsin's water law program in Dane, Rock, and Jefferson Counties. He is responsible for investigation and

evaluation of permit applications and violations for physical alteration of waterways, and wetlands. Chris also assists local municipalities with shoreland-wetland and floodplain zoning administration. Be sure to bring your list of questions!!

Our Official Business

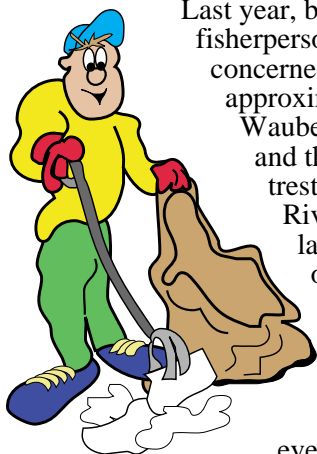
The June 2, 1999 LWCA gathering is also our official Annual Meeting to elect Board of Directors and officers. Currently we have 17 Board members, two new Board nominees, and two existing Board members not seeking re-election because of relocation. Interested people are urged to seek nomination or to nominate others, as our By-laws provide for up to 20 Board members. A sample ballot of nominees is included with the newsletter insert, and additional nominations will be taken from the floor.

This meeting will also be your opportunity, if you choose, to chat with LWCA Committee members and to put your enthusiasm and skills to work on one of our eight special project or operations committees! For a minimal time investment, you can make positive change in your community that could last a lifetime . . . or more!

DON'T MISS IT!!

2ND ANNUAL LAKE WAUBESA CLEAN-UP MAY 22 FROM CHRISTY'S LANDING

The resounding success of last spring's event has inspired organizers Christy's Landing, the Waubesa Beach Neighborhood Association, and Dave and Pam Crossen, to repeat this wonderful independent lake clean-up event on Saturday, May 22 beginning at 10 AM. The event participants will tackle some of the toughest debris trouble spots along Lake Waubesa and nearby shorelines early in the season when the lack of weed and plant growth expose more of the submerged trash. While the county-sponsored "Take a Stake in the Lakes" program focuses on park and public properties accessible by land, the Christy's event concentrates efforts in areas unreachable except by boat. This clean-up event rewards volunteers with an afternoon of free food, beverages and live music at Christy's Landing.



Last year, between 30 and 35 fisherpersons, waterskiers, boaters, and concerned citizens, headed out in approximately 10 boats to the South Waubesa Wetlands, Upper Mud Lake, and the area surrounding the railroad trestle near the mouth of the Yahara River. Many boats returned heavy laden with treasures ranging from old tires, to lawn chairs, driftwood, beer cans, bottles, snagged fishline, and shotgun shells.

The event was the brainchild of event sponsors Dave and Pam

Crossen from Oregon, Wisconsin. The Crossens were disturbed by the array of discarded trash they noticed along the shoreline while fishing and boating.

This is an outstanding example of lake stewardship initiated by private citizens taking responsibility for solving an identified problem in our community. See the enclosed flyer to read more about how you can help others enjoy another summer of clean shorelines on Lake Waubesa while having lots of fun to boot!

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Wednesday, June 2, 1999 – 7 PM

Lake Waubesa Conservation Association



ANNUAL MEETING

Dunn Town Hall
4156 County Trunk B
McFarland WI

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Chris DeRemer, DNR Water Management Specialist

"Wisconsin Water Law: The History and Present Day Application of Water Law in Wisconsin"

Mr. DeRemer will sort out the mystery of shoreland and wetland zoning, permitting, pier construction and location, and riparian zones and rights. Chris will present an audio visual program followed by plenty of time to answer your burning questions, so come prepared!

Annual Election of Board of Directors:

Board members seeking re-election this year include: James Bowen, Sally Ann Miller, Judie Pfeifer, Scott Zimmermann, Kevin Kesterson, Joe Lynch, Dale Ollhoff, Judy Plambeck and Stan Solheim.

New Board candidate nominees are: Kitty Brussock (current LWCA Pollution Committee Chair), and Tim Zinkgraf (LWCA Webmaster and Newsletter Committee member).

If you would like to be considered for nomination, or if you are interested in nominating someone for LWCA Board membership, please contact LWCA Treasurer, Judie Pfeifer at 222-0070 or Executive Director, Jan Zimmermann at 221-8423.

Christy's Landing

Hosts the 2nd Annual

"LAKE WAUBESA CLEAN-UP"

Where: Christy's Landing

When: Saturday, May 22nd, 1999
10 AM boats depart

(please come early for coffee & donuts)

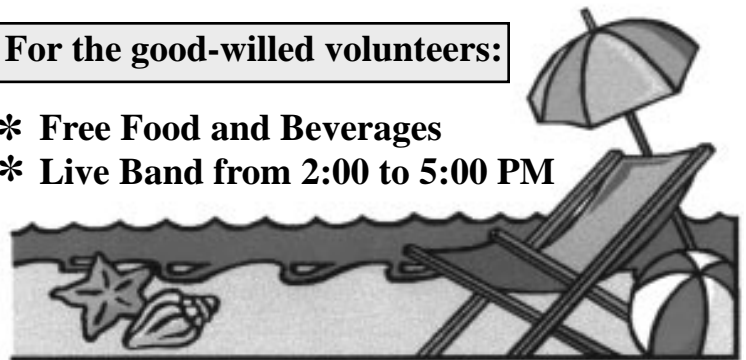
Where: To enjoy another summer of clean shorelines

Who: Anyone who uses and appreciates the lake

For the good-willed volunteers:

* Free Food and Beverages

* Live Band from 2:00 to 5:00 PM

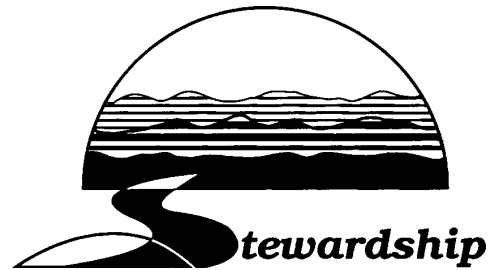


There will be a huge manufacturers reps sale with a percent of the proceeds going to offset the expense. This includes swimwear, footwear, jackets, hats, and much more!!!

*Special thanks to:
Waubesa Beach Neighborhood Assoc.*

GREAT CAUSE ! GREAT PEOPLE ! GREAT FUN !!!

SUPPORT RENEWAL OF WISCONSIN'S STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM



The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund will be renewed as part of the 1999-2001 state budget. The Stewardship Program is one of the state's biggest environmental success stories.

In our local area, the Stewardship Fund has enabled the protection of lands in the Nine Springs E-Way, the Hook and Grass Lake Natural Areas, and the Lower Mud Lake Resource Protection Area.

The Stewardship 2000 program as proposed in the Governor's budget would severely undermine the ability of non-profits and local units of government to effectively participate in this program.

An amendment to restore the purchasing power of Stewardship and to encourage non-profit partnerships is anticipated yet this month.

Call or write your state senator or legislator today to support a fully-funded Stewardship Program for 2000 to 2010.

Established by the Wisconsin legislature in 1989, Stewardship is an ambitious and comprehensive 10-year \$250 million fund designed to conserve the state's land and water resources, protect wildlife habitat, and provide quality outdoor recreation opportunities. During these nine short years, roughly 200,000 acres of land have been permanently preserved under this program for future generations to enjoy. The current program will expire in the year 2000.

Over the last year, a number groups have provided recommendations for a new 10-year Stewardship 2000 program. This has included the DNR Stewardship Advisory Council, to which Jan Zimmermann (LWCA's Executive Director) was appointed in 1994 by DNR Secretary George Meyer. In addition in February, the Governor's Blue Ribbon Task Force released its report to Governor Thompson which called for strengthening the Stewardship program by encouraging greater flexibility and participation through partnerships with non-profit organizations and to restore the original purchasing power lost to inflation.

Despite these urgings, the current language contained in the Governor's budget would severely limit progress in land protection and increasing participation by non-profit organizations. This would occur for a number of reasons, including changes in the method of valuing property and a proposed funding level which effectively reduces the purchasing power for land acquisition by more than 50%.

Through the work of the Alliance for the Stewardship Fund and other concerned organizations, we are hopeful that a bi-partisan proposal will be introduced the week of May 17 before the Legislature's Joint Finance Committee. This amendment would correct many identified concerns with the current budget language and raise program funding to a level which will exceed the amount lost through inflation during the last 10 years of the Stewardship Program. This is particularly important for us in Dane County, as our commitment to land protection through an increased Conservation Fund is dependent upon our ability to match our dollars with State Stewardship funds.

We encourage you to contact members of the Joint Finance Committee (listing at www.legis.state.wi.us/lfb/jfc) or our local legislators to voice your support for a fully-funded Stewardship program.

Our Local Wisconsin State Legislators:

Dunn, Oregon, Fitchburg

Senator Jon Erpenbach (27th), 20 S. State Capitol,
Madison WI 53707, Call 266-6670

Rep. Richard A. Skindrud (79th), 18 West State
Capitol, Madison WI 53708, Call 266-3520

McFarland, Monona, Blooming Grove

Senator Charles Chvala (16th), 211 S. State
Capitol, Madison WI 53707, Call 266-9170

Rep. Mark Miller (48th), 3 North State Capitol,
Madison, WI 53708, Call 266-5342

Conservation Fund Referendum *Where Do We Go From Here?*

— Kevin Kesterson, Dane County Board Chair

Congratulations people of Dane County! On April 4th of this year, you voted, by overwhelming margins, approval for the County to spend up to \$30 million additional dollars on parklands, open space, and environmentally sensitive areas, as currently outlined in our Dane County Parks and Open Space Plan. Just for informational



purposes, a large amount of this land lies in the McFarland/Dunn area. The funding will allow us to continue purchasing property in the Lower Mud lake area, as well as the E-way, and Lake Farm Park areas.

The biggest question remaining - and the one that I hear most often is - What happens now? Several things. To implement this historic plan, County Executive Kathleen Falk will include it in her

year 2000 capital budget plan. From there, along with the operating budget, it will go to County Board Committees, a Public hearing on the budget, and ultimately to the full board for approval. Even though this is a large amount of money on a new initiative in tight budget times, I anticipate little opposition, given that it passed in every County

Board district! The end result, combined with current levels of funding, will be \$4.2 million per year for acquisition!

There are several options for raising the revenues from you, the approving voters! The County has asked the State to allow us to enact a 10-year, 1/12 of 1% increase to Dane County's sales tax to pay for the initiative. If this fails, we have the option of bonding and adding it to the tax rate, or forming a park district with taxing authority and including a separate line item on tax bills. There are advantages to each: we receive a high percentage of sales tax revenue from non-Dane County residents, so in effect, tourists and visitors are paying for a lot of the program. A separate line item would show people exactly how much they were paying for what they voted for, and not increase the County rate for basic services. County bonding and levying would allow us to take advantage of the County's AAA bond rating, and keep the cost of borrowing low. Any debate on the Conservation Fund is sure to center around the method of paying for it and not the fund itself!

And of course, as always, the County is only interested in purchasing property from willing sellers. For those of you whose property is included in any plan area, the County is not going to come in and attempt to condemn your land for parks or open space!

I would like to personally thank each and every one of you who supported the referendum, and voted for it! I have long advocated increasing our annual expenditure in the area of parks and conservation acquisition. I'm happy and proud to say, we are on our way to preserving the Dane County we all love!

LWCA Has An Address On The World Wide Web!

— Tim Zinkgraf, LWCA Webmaster

You can't seem to find the old newsletter with the article on the prairie restoration project on the south end of the lake? You won't have to tear up the house looking for it, because it will soon be available on the Internet! LWCA's presence on the web is either www.lakewaubesa.org or lakewaubesa.org, if you want to save a couple of keystrokes. Want to send a message to the president of the organization, just mail it to president@lakewaubesa.org. Comments on the newsletter? Send it to newsletter@lakewaubesa.org. The mail will automatically go to the correct person, even after the election of officers!



Having a website will allow the organization to add more information that just won't fit into the newsletter. For example, the whole four page DNR pier planner wouldn't fit in the current newsletter.

But the website will have all of the pictures and diagrams always available & can be easily updated.

The organization got its own domain, to keep things consistent and because the price of owning a domain has come down dramatically in the last year. It allows the group to always have the same web address and email addresses, no matter what firm is hosting our site. So why wasn't the domain called LWCA.org. Two reasons, lakewaubesa.org is more descriptive of the organization and LWCA.org was already taken by the LongWave Club of America!

The website & email addresses should be active by the time you receive this newsletter. Check out what information is there already and what will be added in the near future. Happy Surfing!

TAKE A STAKE IN THE LAKES



SATURDAY, JUNE 12
9 AM TO 1 PM

It's hard to believe, but it's time for "Take a Stake in the Lakes '99." The LWCA is delighted to again be actively participating with a multitude of other community organizations on this worthwhile project.

The goal of this 12th annual event, sponsored by the Dane County Lakes & Watershed Commission, is to raise public awareness and support for shoreline, lake and watershed improvement and protection. The event brings sponsors and volunteers together for a series of citizen shoreline cleanup events on lakes in the Yahara Watershed over two weekends. The focus is to rake weeds and pick up shoreline trash in areas of easy access where most waste accumulates.

On **Saturday, June 12 from 9 AM to 1 PM**, "Take a Stake" will tackle Lakes Waubesa and Monona. The Lake Waubesa Conservation Association has committed to participate in "Stake in the Lakes" in several ways:

- ★ LWCA has adopted **Babcock Park**. LWCA's Pollution Committee will convene a work party from **9 a.m. til 1 PM at Babcock** on the McFarland side of Lake Waubesa. In addition, LWCA Board member, Jim Bowen, and kids from the McFarland Spartan Sharks swim team have adopted Dunn Heritage Park.
- ★ LWCA has donated **\$100** to Dane County Lakes & Watershed to defray costs of running "Take A Stake in the Lakes '99."

LWCA Needs Volunteers !!!

If you are able to help, please contact Kitty Brussock, LWCA Pollution Committee chair at 838-8561.

- No special skills required
- Volunteers should bring rakes & pitchforks
- Volunteers should wear old clothes, gloves and shoes that can get wet
- Liquid refreshments and snacks will be provided
- Commemorative T-shirts free for volunteers
- Volunteer prizes for unique trash items
- Garbage bags donated by Madison Fishing Expo
- Waste hauling on Lake Waubesa by Dane County Public Works



Sponsor Prizes for shoreline and SCUBA cleanup volunteers will be awarded for the most unique or highest volume of debris collected:

- Weekend kayak rental from Carl's Paddlin'
- \$300 in gift certificates from Rutabaga
- 4 model sailboats from Lighthouse Nautical Gifts
- REI merchandise
- SCUBA compressed air from a number of sponsors

SPECIAL NOTE: Lake Waubesa shoreline residents will have a special debris pickup service at their piers Monday, June 14. (See article below).

Join In the Fun With One of these Volunteer Groups

McDaniels Park - call Mary Horton, 838-3550
Babcock Park - Lake Waubesa Conservation Assn., call Kitty Brussock, 838-8561.
Dunn Heritage Park - McFarland Spartan Sharks, call Jim Bowen, 838-3495

Goodland Park - Southern Wisconsin Parrothead Association (Jimmy Buffett Fan Club)
Lake Farm Park - Madison Power Squadron

A special service for **Lake Waubesa shoreline residents** is being offered again this year. Dane County Public Works barges will collect shoreline trash and aquatic weeds and debris from your private piers as part of "Take a Stake in the Lakes '99."

Please have your debris and waste on the end of your pier by **6:00 AM on Monday, June 14, 1999** for pickup. **No yard waste or household refuse, please.**



The barges you may see circling the lake on Saturday, June 12 will be collecting shoreline trash from the public cleanup of parks and beaches for "Take a Stake in the Lakes" described in the article above. They will **not** collect debris from private piers **until** the following Monday, June 14.

LWCA encourages all private lakeshore residents to demonstrate their stewardship and commitment to Lake Waubesa by participating in this wonderful cleanup opportunity.

CITY OF THE SECOND LAKE: A History of McFarland, Wisconsin

- Contributed by Judie Pfeifer with information from Jane Licht

This book which was originally a bi-centennial project published in 1976 has been up-dated and reprinted, funded in part by a grant from the Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission with additional support from the Madison Community Foundation. In this latest or third edition, authors Barbara Houghton, Jane Licht, and Margaret Nielsen included a section on the Town of Dunn. Here are a few excerpts from this last chapter:

Land Preservation in the Town of Dunn

"Was it the never-give-up attitude of Norwegian ancestors, the gritty political activism born of Irish descent, or an appreciation of the beauty and abundance of the area shared by all resident groups which fostered the will to do things a bit differently in Dunn? No one is quite certain of the answer but for some reason, appreciation and preservation of land and waters has long had a home in the Town of Dunn."

The Fight to Protect Lake Waubesa: the Second Campaign

"In 1989, the Lake Waubesa Conservation Association (LWCA) was formed by lakeshore residents and others



concerned with fighting the Libby landfill. The LWCA, headed by Scott and Jan Zimmermann, presented information to many area groups and gained support from a wide cross-section of the community. Jan devoted her energies full time to fighting the landfill with considerable savvy and spunk and soon gained the title of Dane County's official 'Dump Lady.'"

In addition to the historical record on McFarland, there are sections of the volume devoted to the geological features and the prehistoric and early Native American inhabitants. The entire original chapter on the early days of Lake Waubesa when rustic summer cottages and stores line the lakeshore has been reprinted.

The City of the Second Lake can be purchased for \$16.80 from Earth Designs in the historic McFarland House in downtown McFarland, or can be secured from one of the authors.

MMSD Ponders Conservation Uses for Lagoon Site

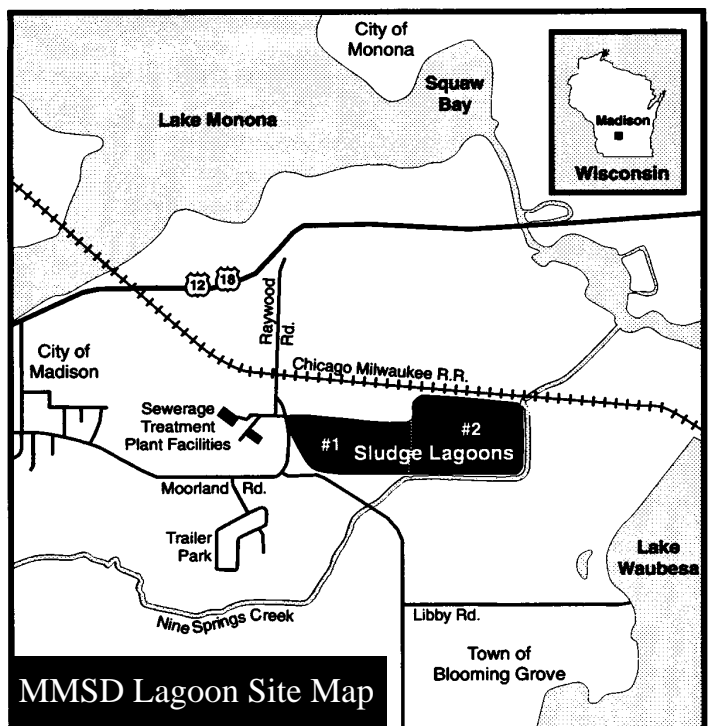
The Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District is a major land inholding in the easternmost Nine Springs E-Way adjacent to Lake Waubesa. The District is responsible for treatment of wastewater from the City of Madison and many of the towns, villages, and cities surrounding the Yahara lakes.

Over the last four decades, improvements in technology and facilities at MMSD, together with the establishment of sanitary districts surrounding our lakes, have effectively reversed the negative effects from years of discharge into our waters. Today, MMSD is a responsive and responsible community partner and an active leader in many problem-solving and conservation discussions.

In 1993, the Lake Waubesa Conservation Association was invited to participate along with a number of other environmental and community groups in preliminary discussions to chart the future of 140 acres of MMSD property comprising the District's lagoon system. This Citizens Advisory Committee was asked to identify potential end uses and long-term management of the lagoon property once an EPA remediation was completed to dispose and isolate PCB-laden soils deposited in earlier years of MMSD operation.

With this cleanout and closure operation nearing completion, MMSD is reconvening the Citizens Advisory Committee later this month to revisit a number of end-use and management options to enhance the resource potential of this lagoon system. For instance, the lagoon site has historically been frequented by a wide variety of migratory shorebirds, waterfowl and other birds, and is a "must see"

site for area bird watchers. A Madison fishing club has expressed an interest in using one of the cells to rear fish fry for stocking the Madison lakes. And the future Dane County Heritage Center nearby would be an ideal educational interpretive area and trailhead for passive nature walks through this unique environment. We are excited about taking part in planning the future of this community natural resource.



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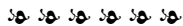
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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Membership in the Lake Waubesa Conservation Association is free. However, what we do to further the objectives of the Association is not. We continue to operate with an all-volunteer effort as in the past, and many of our members have expended a great deal of their own time and money in furthering LWCA goals.

The Lake Waubesa Conservation Association is a non-stock, non-profit corporation. Your contributions are tax-deductible.



We encourage new people, new ideas, and talent to get involved with LWCA activities. If you have ideas to share, or would like to become more involved, please call Jan Zimmermann at 221-8423. Visit our new Web site at www.lakewaubesa.org for the latest information and current opportunities.



Upcoming Events/Actions

MAY

- 22 Saturday - "Lake Waubesa Clean-Up"**
Christy's Landing - 10 AM Boats Depart
2 to 5 PM - Bands and Refreshment

JUNE

- 2 Wednesday - LWCA Annual Meeting**
Dunn Town Hall - 7 PM - Chris DeRemer
DNR Water Mgmt. Specialist, Keynote
- 12 Saturday - "Take a Stake in the Lakes"**
LWCA at Babcock Park - 9 AM to 1 PM
- 1-15 State Stewardship Program Renewal**
Contact your legislator early in June to
support a fully-funded program (Pg. 6)

LWCA MISSION STATEMENT

To engage in informational and educational activities required to preserve and enhance the land, air, and water resources in and surrounding Lake Waubesa to ensure a quality environment.