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Lake Citizens in Action: How local land use can help your lakes

**When:** May 10th, 2008

**Where:** Adams County Community Center

**Conference fee:** \$10 (Includes lunch, refreshments at breaks, materials)

**Registration information:** call (608) 339-4237 or visit the WAL website for the conference brochure

[www.wisconsinlakes.org/Events/pdf/08centralconf.pdf](http://www.wisconsinlakes.org/Events/pdf/08centralconf.pdf)

- Paul McGinley  
Professor & Scientist, Lake water quality, UW Stevens Point
- Matt Janzen  
Wastewater Septic System Specialist, Wisconsin Dept of Commerce, Stevens Point
- Scott Provost  
Lake & Water Specialist, Wisconsin DNR, Wisconsin Rapids
- Lisa J. Reas  
Lake Shoreland Restoration Specialist, LJ Reas Environmental Consulting, Green Lake
- Patrick Goggin  
Lake Specialist, Wisconsin Lakes Partnership, UW Extension Lakes Program

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## Lake Fair on Lake Wissota

**When:** June 8th, 12:00 to 4:00 PM

**Where:** Wissota State Park near Chippewa Falls

**Conference fee:** Free!

*This date coincides with free fishing and state park admittance in Wisconsin*

### Event details

Lakes are a vital part of our communities, and we all have a valuable role to play in keeping our waters healthy. The Wissota Lake Fair offers an opportunity for a fun, hands-on approach to lake issues and emphasizes family participation.

The Lake Fair will kick off at noon with music by Jerry Way. The natural beauty and history of Wisconsin and the Chippewa Valley will be celebrated in story and song by composer-singer-guitarist Jerry Way. All ages are invited to hear tales of the Badger State and join in the singing! Join us in this entertaining and educational experience for the whole family. Lunch can be purchased on site from the Wissota Lions Club.

Other family activities include free kayaking, water safety instruction, and fishing clinics. You can take an up close look at beneficial aquatic bugs, fish, and other neat lake critters— plus learn how to make your yards and shorelines better places for these creatures to live. Families will have the opportunity to build a bluebird house and hike a bluebird trail with the Lake Wissota State Park Naturalist as your guide. Art projects and games for children will be provided as well.

Pontoon classrooms led by lake scientists will demonstrate ways that

you and other lake enthusiasts can learn more about your favorite lake, collect valuable data, and watch for changes in lake health over time. Learn how the assistance and enthusiasm of local volunteers is playing a key role in monitoring and managing Wisconsin's lakes. Plus, explore Lake Wisconsin's shorelands and shallows to discover the vital habitat these areas provide for all kinds of aquatic life, birds, and other wildlife.

Exhibitors and speakers at the Wisconsin Lake Fair will address soil testing and lawn fertilizer, septic systems, shoreland restoration and rain gardens, aquatic plants, and invasive species. Opportunities for individuals to get involved with lakes, such as LoonWatch, Clean Boats Clean Waters, and NatureMapping Programs will also be presented.

Visit WAL's website for more event details: [http://www.wisconsinlakes.org/Events/08lake\\_fair.html](http://www.wisconsinlakes.org/Events/08lake_fair.html)

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## Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Conference

**When:** June 19-20th

**Where:** Telemark Resort and Convention Center, Cable Wisconsin

**Conference fee:** \$45

*(includes: program materials, lunch and refreshments, and admittance to the Big Top Chautauqua Wild Woods and Waters matinee show)*

**Registration information:** **Early bird deadline June 14!**

To register call Wisconsin Association of Lakes at 800-542-5253 (toll-free in WI only) or 608-661-4313. Online registration coming soon!

### Event details

Join us for a keynote address by Dr. John Magnuson, UW-Madison Center for Limnology professor emeritus, world-renowned lake scientist and an expert in global climate change and its relationship to our lakes. Magnuson will discuss the changes occurring in waters of the Midwest that are already affecting us in his remarks on Friday, June 20. Magnuson spent a decade building a database of ice records from all over the world, and it is now one of the largest and longest records of observable climate data ever assembled. Here in Wisconsin, these records show that over the last 30 years the duration of ice cover on Dane County's Lake Mendota decreased 8.6 days per decade. "Loss of lake ice in Wisconsin is a miner's canary of how rapidly warming is occurring," Magnuson says.

NWLC attendees will also have a rare opportunity this year to join Dr. Magnuson in a lake science session. Magnuson will share his scientific understanding of lakes after decades of long-term ecological

research. After this session, you are certain to leave with a better understanding of how lakes behave in the landscape around you. This session is one of 12 choices in Friday's program.

Workshops on Thursday, June 19, will also offer lake enthusiasts:

- Training in Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention and Education. This 2-part workshop series includes: Monitoring AIS beyond the Boat Landing and Clean Boats Clean Waters Volunteer Watercraft Inspection.
- Tips for managing lake grants and projects, featuring example projects with area WDNR staff, citizens, and consulting partners.
- Opportunity to participate in a new regional collaboration: the Northwest Wisconsin Water Resource Consortium.
- Opportunity to guide the direction of a candidate Fish Habitat Partnership that focuses on the conservation Upper Midwest natural lakes.

The two part AIS workshop has a separate fee to cover materials. All other workshops are free.

Stay for a BBQ supper on Thursday at Telemark with music by Erin O'Brien. Erin performs story-driven roots-folk music, and she's currently working on a project called *Rhythms of Our Rivers*. Her finely crafted songs, warm stage presence and dynamic voice have earned her many accolades and awards. Cost to attend the BBQ is \$15\person.

Up to 30 youth (under 18 years old) can attend the NWLC on Friday for free. Pre-registration is required, and all youth must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

For more event details visit WAL's website:

<http://www.wisconsinlakes.org/Events/08nwlc.html>

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## Lake Management Planning: Shaping the Future of Your Lake

**When:** June 26th, 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

**Where:** Nicollet College in Rhinelander

**Conference fee:** \$15 (before June 9)  
(fee includes refreshments, lunch and program materials)

**Registration information:** Register by **June 9th** for the early bird rate!  
To register call 800-542-5253 (toll-free in Wis. only) or 608-661-4313.  
Online registration coming soon!

## Event details

Creating a common vision that meets the needs of lake residents, the surrounding community, and lake visitors— while still protecting or restoring lake health— can be a challenge for any lake organization.

Learn how holistic lake planning can help translate your community's vision into effective lake management goals. Examples shared by area lakes groups at this workshop will also illustrate:

- why a lake management plan is a key first step to getting things done at your lake,
- how the lake management planning process works, and
- plan implementation strategies.

### ***Know your lake, know your options***

Effective lake management requires a holistic view of lake ecology and surrounding factors that are affecting lake health. Workshop speakers will describe how to assess your lake's current conditions and its future potential, plus how to chart your course with lake goals that reflect your community's values— whether it's to safeguard a healthy lake, or to restore a lake that's been harmed by aquatic invasive species or pollution. Comprehensive lake management plans will result in:

- more realistic expectations and lake management goals.
- more effective management strategies that are suited to your lake's ecology and watershed conditions.
- better economic and environmental outcomes.

Visit WAL's website for more event details:

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### ***Networking Sessions with County Lakes Groups***

Meet with members of Northwoods area county lakes and rivers associations over lunch at the June 26 event as well. Individual rooms will be available at Nicolet College for county lakes and rivers groups to host concurrent meetings from 12:30 – 2:00. This is a great opportunity to:

- meet other lakes folks from your county,
- discover the benefits of having countywide lakes and rivers associations,
- learn more about these groups' activities,
- see how these groups are organized, and
- explore ways that you can be involved in county lake matters.

Groups that will host afternoon networking sessions at the workshop include:

- Forest County Association of Lakes
- Langlade County Waterways Association
- Lincoln County Lakes and Rivers Association
- Oneida County Lakes and Rivers Association

- Price County Waterways Association
- Vilas County Lakes Association (*This will be VCLA's annual membership meeting*).

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