

RALALA Annual Meeting

August 08, 2026



RALALA Annual Meeting Agenda

- MAISRC Update – Madeline Hayden
 - Zebra Mussels
- RALALA Board Business
 - Meeting Minutes from 2025
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Board Member Review
- RALALA Updates for 2026
 - Aquatic Invasive Species
 - Protecting our Lakes
 - Channel Update
 - Community Participation
- Projects for 2026/27
 - Zebra Mussel Safari
 - Lawrence/Roosevelt Channel Depth
 - Opportunities - Support
- Questions
- Adjourn



Guest Speaker

Madeline Hayden
Research Outreach Specialist
Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Research Center (MAISRC)

Zebra Mussels



Meeting Minutes for 2025

- All RALALA Meeting Minutes exist on the RALALA Website
 - www.RALALALakes.org
- Paper copy is available at this meeting

Treasurer's Report – Budget vs Actual

2026 BUDGET vs ACTUAL INCOME	2026 BUDGET	Actual thru 7/31
Business Member Dues	4,500	5,000
Corp. Donations	2,200	
Grants	19,000	
Interest	7,750	3,079
Member Donations	40,000	36,057
Member Dues	15,000	11,450
TOTAL INCOME	88,450	55,586
EXPENSES		
AIS*	29,860	2,468
Buoy repairs & maintenance	300	
Crooked Creek Maintenance	200	
Decontamination Unit maint.	1,000	
Fees--PayPal & credit cards	300	69
ILIDs expenditures	3,300	
Insurance	1,100	1,139
Information Technology	1,140	870
Meetings & Events	1,850	271
Membership Solicitation	2,700	1,892
Newsletter Printing & Mailing	2,000	1,185
Office Supplies	290	78
Other Business Expenses	25	66
PO Box Rental	78	
POL Expenses	1,500	
RALALA Memberships	825	325
Recognition Event	2,500	
Signs & Kiosk Launch Area	300	
Water Testing (Enbridge)	1,290	645
TOTAL EXPENSES	50,558	9,008
Net Gain	37,892	46,578

*Note re AIS expenses: City of Emily is expected to pay \$7,924 (1/3 of Emily Waters fund for AIS) directly to vendors. Without this contribution, RALALA's expense (above) would increase by this amount.

Treasurer's Report – Financial Position

Statement of Financial Position

As of July 31, 2026

	Total
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Certificate of Deposit (First Western Bank & Trust)	152,945.87
Certificate of Deposit (Pine River State Bank)	45,000.00
Checking (-876)	274.13
Savings (-783)	146,741.19
Total Bank Accounts	344,961.19
Other Current Assets	
Uncategorized Asset	
Initiative Fund Partner Fund	18,752.26
Total Uncategorized Asset	18,752.26
Total Other Current Assets	18,752.26
Total Current Assets	363,713.45
TOTAL ASSETS	\$363,713.45
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
3rd Party Liabilities	
Emily Food Shelf	2,470.00
Fireworks	3,315.00
First Responders	4,515.00
Total 3rd Party Liabilities	10,300.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	10,300.00
Total Current Liabilities	10,300.00
Total Liabilities	10,300.00
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	101,249.17
Retained Earnings	205,586.47
Net Revenue	46,577.81
Total Equity	353,413.45
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$363,713.45

Current Board Members and Terms

<u>BOARD</u>	<u>INDIVIDUAL</u>	<u>*Term</u>
President	Robert Eddy	2025-28
Vice President	Gary Langer	2025-26
Secretary/Treasurer	Diana Lee	2025-28
CIO and Asst.Trea.	Open	
Director	Kim David	2025-28
Director	Bob Lee	2024-27
Director	Mark Mosman	2024-27
Director	Lloyd Thyen	2024-27
Director	Bonnie McGowan	2025-28
Director	Betsy Skagen	2025-28
Director	Lisa Mackall Bonafede	2025-28

Proposed Board Changes

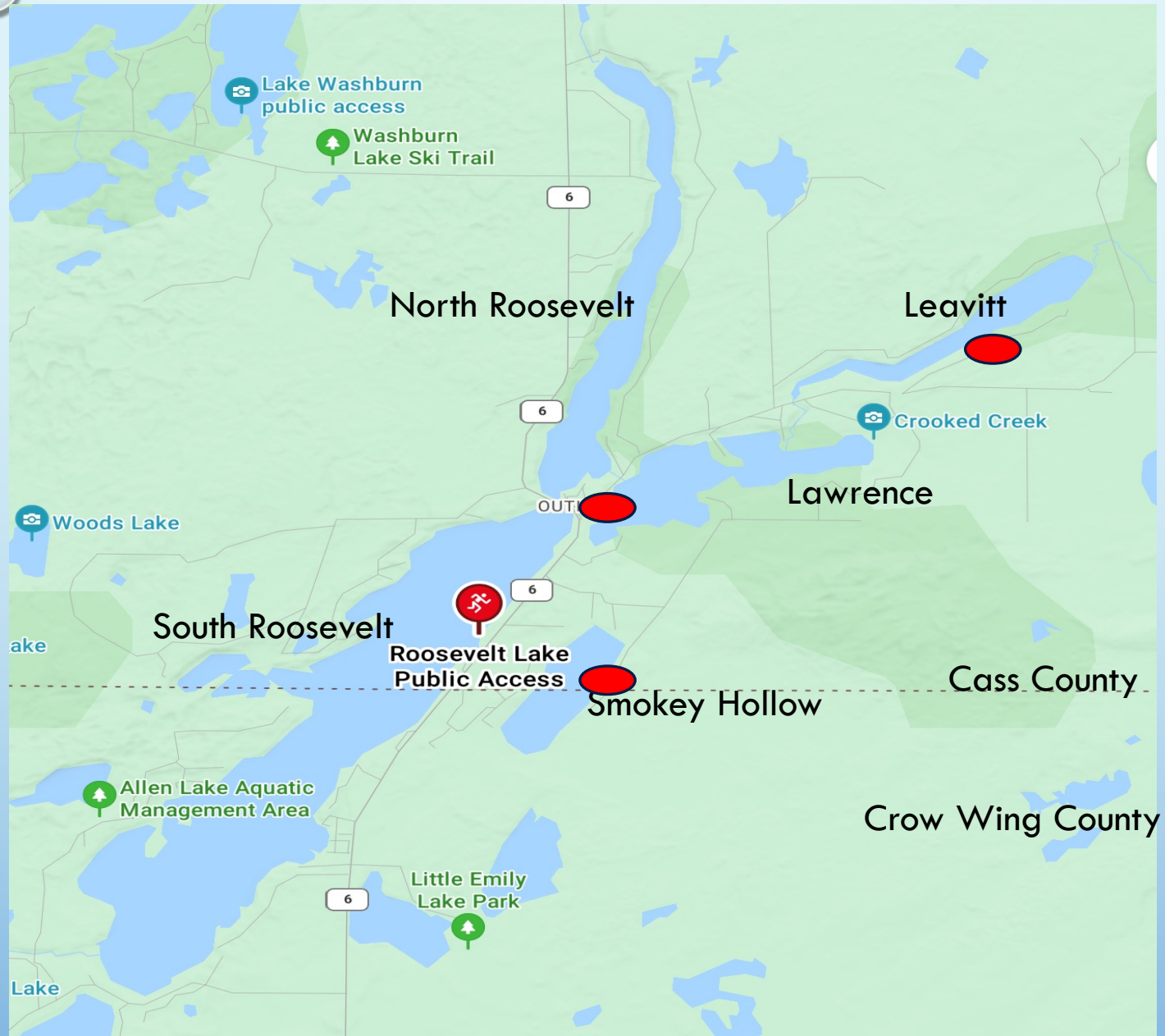
- Gary Langer

Retirement

RALALA Objectives

- Design, Organize and fund volunteer **projects** to preserve, protect and improve, Lawrence, Leavitt, Roosevelt, and Smokey Hollow Lakes and their watersheds
- Design, Organize, and fund **educational programs** designed to promote a healthy balance between recreational use of lakes and protection of the lakes as a natural resource
- **Aid, advise, and assist** municipal, county, and state **policymakers** in making decisions and taking actions that impact the lakes and the watersheds
- Receive funds, capital, gifts and other assistance, **financial**, or otherwise, to or for use in connection with the **preservation, protection, and improvement of the Lakes and their watershed**

Location & lakes



Aquatic Invasive Species

- AIS impacts the quality of our lakes and the value of our properties
- What is RALALA doing to support this?
 - Aggressive Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) Management
 - Participate in AIS search efforts (Launch site Dives and Surveillance)
 - Participate in Research Studies (Zebra Mussel Safari) where appropriate
 - Prevention through expanded programs at high usage launch sites

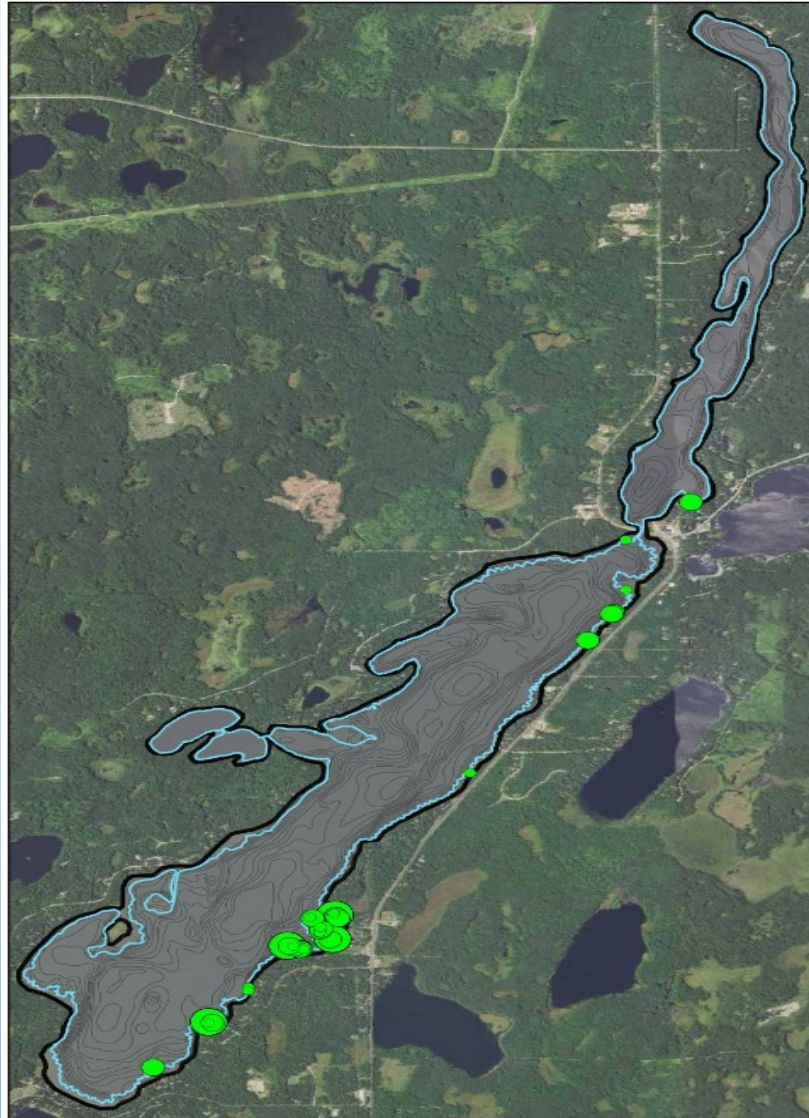
ALS – Eurasian Watermilfoil – Survey and Treatment



- Surveys Dates
 - Roosevelt June 25, 2026
 - 2nd Survey Late Summer
 - Lawrence Late Summer
 - Leavitt Late Summer
 - Smokey Hollow Late Summer
- Treatment Date
 - Roosevelt July 16, 2026
- Treatment Chemical this year
 - ProcellaCOR & Diquat

2026 Survey Map

Roosevelt Lake (#11-0043)
Eurasian Watermilfoil Delineation: June 2026



— Surveyed Path

EWM Density

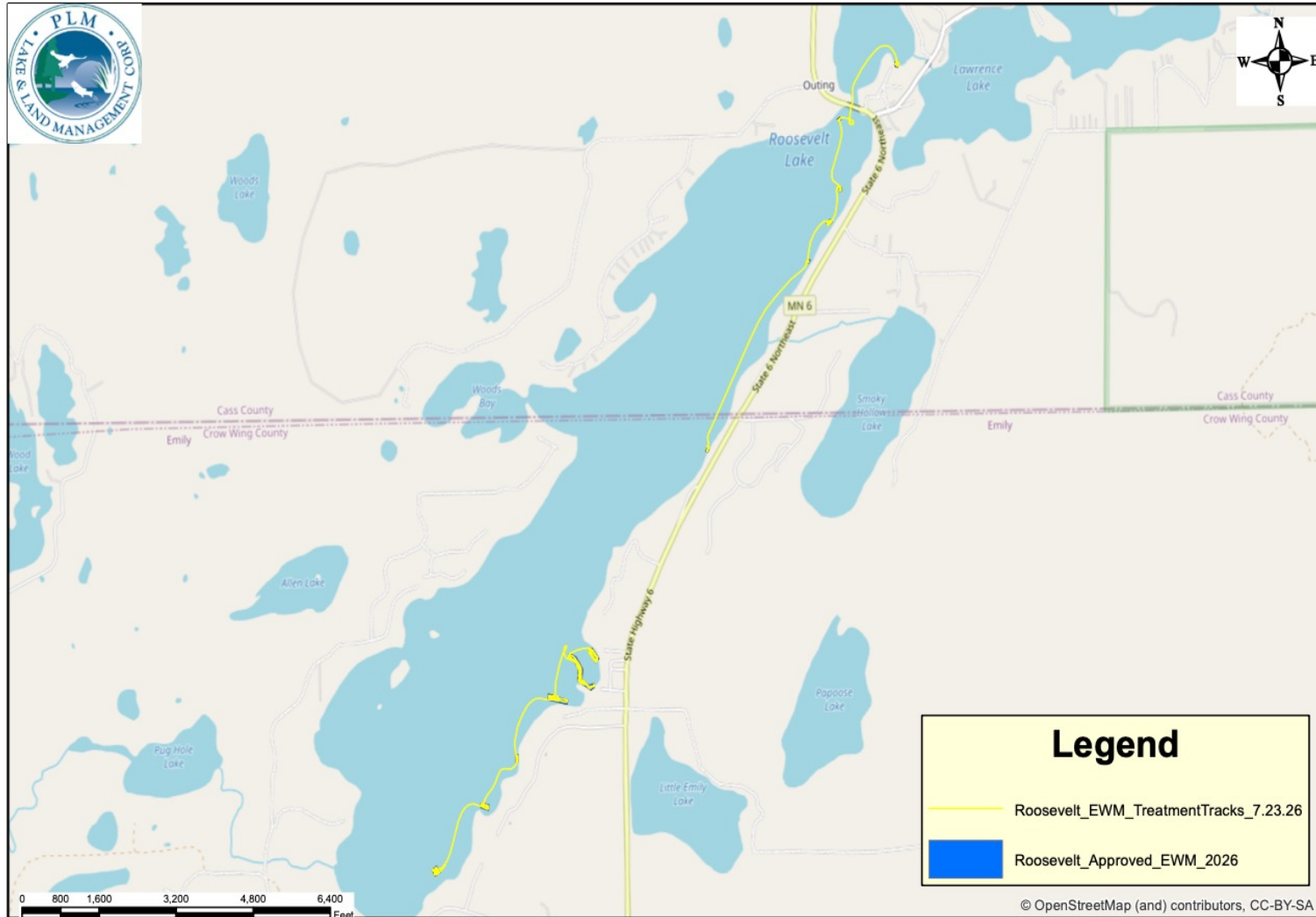
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Surveyed: June 25, 2026
Methods: Visual, Sonar, Rake
Surveyor: JA Johnson

 Certified Lake Manager
www.NALMS.org

 **freshwater**
SCIENTIFIC SERVICES
15771 Creekside Lane
Osseo, MN 55369
fixmylake.com
(651) 336-8698

2026 Treatment Map



Project Name:
Roosevelt, EWM Treatment 7.23.26

Resource:
Roosevelt (11004300)

County:
Cass

Watershed:
Pine River

Metro:
1511 Maras Street
Shakopee, MN 55379

Phone:(866) 687-5253
servicemw@plmcorp.net

Brainerd:
2509 Business Highway 371
Brainerd, MN 56401

Roosevelt Treatment Areas

Eurasian Watermilfoil

- Treatment Areas
 - 2026 5.5 acres
 - 2025 2.0 acres
 - 2024 39.78 acres
 - 2023 14.96 acres
 - 2022 3.3 acres
 - 2021 4.6 acres
 - 2020 8.1 acres
 - 2019 3.3 acres
 - 2018 3.7 acres
 - 2017 11.2 acres
 - 2016 12.1 acres

AIS – Eurasian Milfoil - Costs

	Leavitt										
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Survey Cost	\$0	\$0	\$528	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$200	\$590	\$610	\$610	\$610
Treatment Cost	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

	Lawrence										
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Survey Cost	\$0	\$0	\$822	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$200	\$915	\$1,380	\$1,560	\$1,560
Treatment Cost	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,055	\$0	\$0	\$0

	Roosevelt										
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Survey Cost	\$3,200	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,962	\$1,900	\$2,050	\$2,050	\$1,850	\$2,040	\$4,400	\$4,640
Treatment Cost	\$22,497	\$14,524	\$8,866	\$6,601	\$15,891	\$6,965	\$7,007	\$21,900	\$63,690	\$5,133	\$13,497

	Smokey Hollow										
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Survey Cost	\$0	\$0	\$612	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$200	\$680	\$700	\$700	\$700
Treatment Cost	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Total Costs	\$25,697	\$16,124	\$12,428	\$8,913	\$18,141	\$9,365	\$9,657	\$26,990	\$68,420	\$12,403	\$21,007
Acres Treated	12.1	11.2	3.7	3.3	8.1	4.6	3.3	14.96	39.78	2	5.5
Cost Per Acre	\$2,294	\$4,358	\$3,766	\$1,100	\$3,944	\$2,838	\$2,926	\$1,804	\$1,720	\$6,202	\$3,819

AIS - Curly Leaf Pondweed



Claspingleaf Pondweed
Native

Curlyleaf Pondweed
Invasive

- First seen in Minnesota in 1910
- Early Spring Bloom
- Disappears in mid Summer
- Spring/Early Summer Treatment

- Most likely introduced at launch site
- Most likely spread through boaters

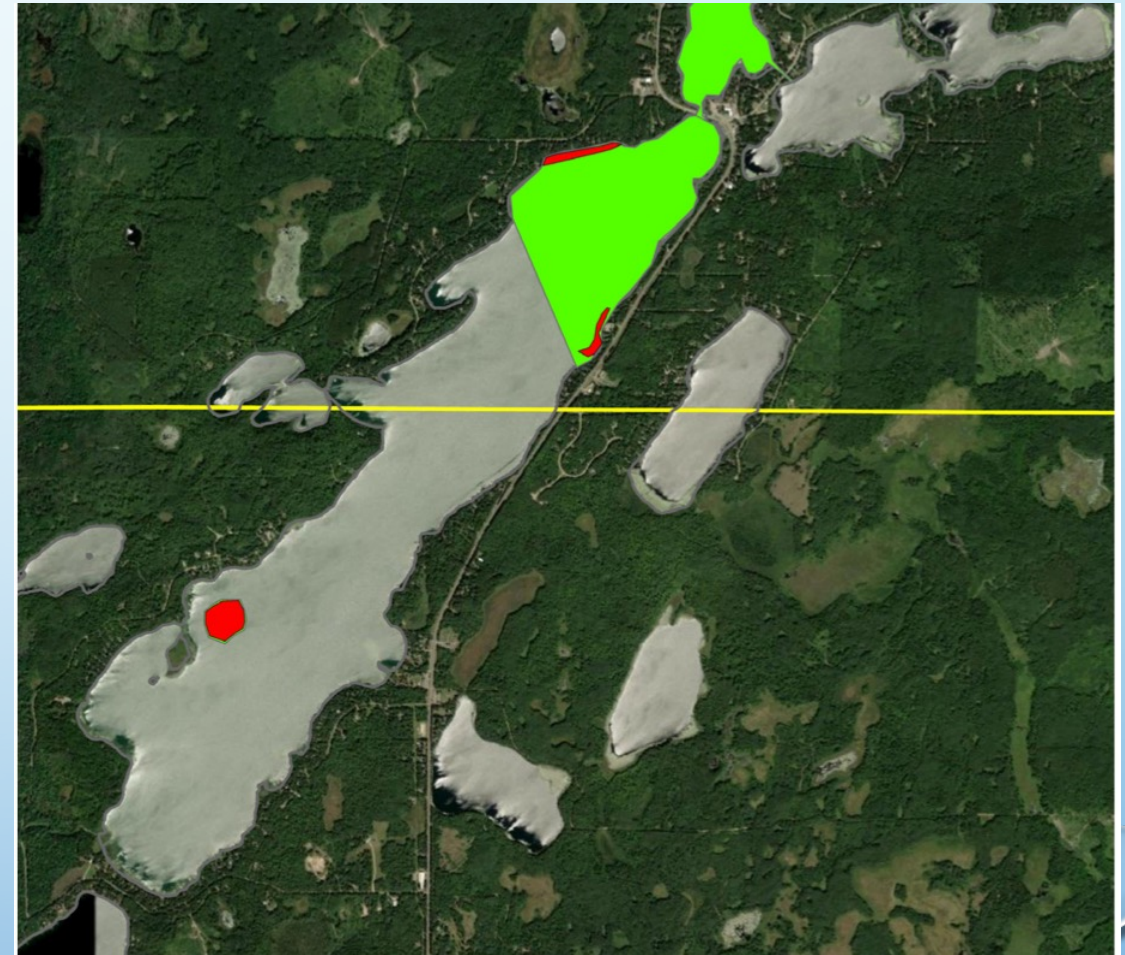
Zebra Mussels

- Zebra Mussels Identified at Roosevelt Launch Site – August 2025
- DNR follow-up Lake review confirmed Zebra Mussels in three locations
- Since Lawrence is channel connected the DNR consider it infested also.
- Multiple water bodies south of Lake Roosevelt are also considered infested.



Zebra Mussel Actions

- Communicated to our members that Zebra Mussels were found
- Reached out to the DNR, MAISRC and other lake Associations for support/knowledge
- Provided our community with the known actions steps that they need to take.
- Joined the Zebra Mussel Safari Research Program in 2026
 - 19 Volunteers on Roosevelt and Lawrence



Zebra Mussel Safari Volunteers

- **Roosevelt**

Mark & Carolyn Howell
Therese Kunz
Jay & Karen Schwartz
Michael Oelrich
Tom Exley
Dave & Anne Bonnerup
Carole Godbout
David Lawson
Todd Stafford
Michelle Allen
Jeremy Exley
Lisabeth Bonafede
Mary Andresen
Greg Floyd

- **Lawrence**

Jessica Wegner
Tim Donnay
Hugh Heinecke
Gregory Frane
Lawrence Launch Site

Zebra Mussel Safari

- This project will monitor annual settlement rates on identical sampling devices spaced evenly around a lakeshore.
- This is to learn how and why zebra mussel populations shift in density, abundance, and distribution within a lake during and after establishment.



Zebra Mussel Safari Timeline

- **January - March:** Recruiting & registration for the year
- **March:** Kick-off webinar
- **April - May:** Local conditions survey
- **May:** New or replacement samplers shipped, install at end of the month
- **June - August:** Sampling plates remain in the water
- **September:** Remove plates and submit end-of-year data
- **October - November:** Data processing
- **December:** Annual data reporting

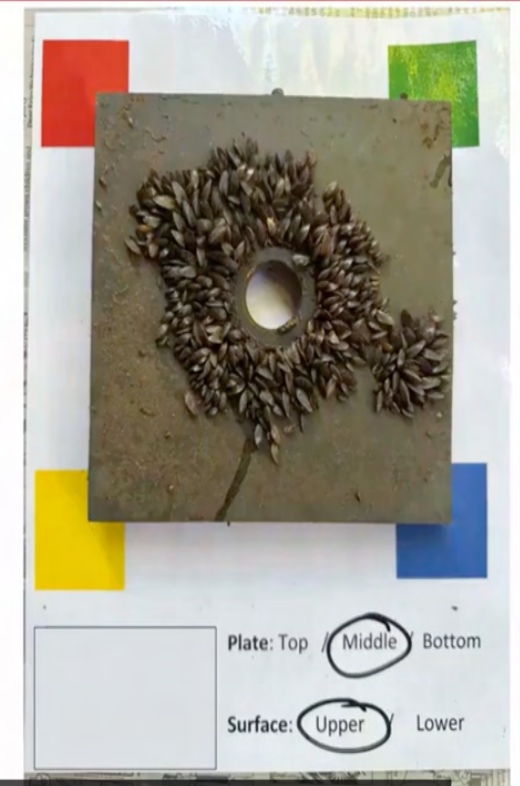
Zebra Mussel Safari Year End Data Submission

Record water hardness when removing plates



Photo: Hach

GOOD photo examples



Launch Site Management

Critical to the Success of Preventing Additional AIS

- Landa Decontamination unit at Roosevelt Lake launch site
- Partnership agreement – Cass Co. SWCD, Crooked Lake Township & RALALA
 - The unit is stationed at Roosevelt (Thursday – Sunday, mid-May through mid-September)
- Expanded Inspector Hours – Lawrence and Roosevelt Lakes (stationed Wednesday – Sunday)
- Launch Site Kiosk – Roosevelt Lake
- Own Your Wake signage – Lawrence, Leavitt, Roosevelt, and Smokey Hollow Lakes launch sites
Outing public dock
- Monofilament Fishing Line Collection Tubes
- Ilids for off hours support



Landing Device Sensors - ILID's



Launch Site Inspections (May – August)

Launch Site	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Roosevelt	1 196	1 488	1 366	1 294	1 580 *
Lawrence	332	468	496	412	340

* 5th – Inspection numbers, 1st in Decon, 1st in hours staffed

Imperative that Everyone



**Clean.
Drain.
Dry.**



PROTECTING OUR LAKES

Shoreline Initiative

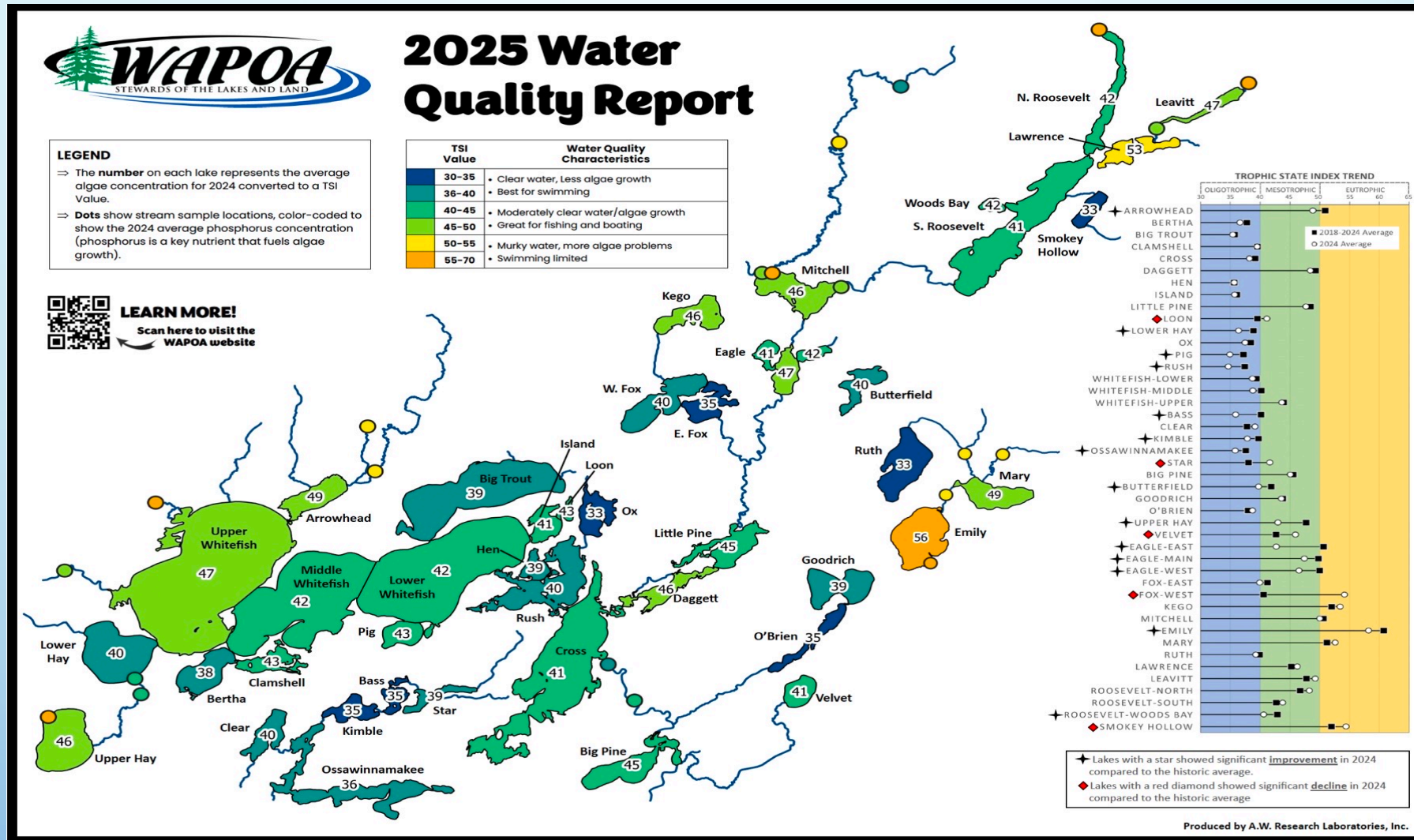
Water Quality - Water Testing In Partnership with WAPOA

- Why we do it
 - Water Testing helps determine the health of the lakes
- What can you do
 1. Keep phosphorus out of the water by preventing run off containing sediment and chemicals.
 2. Do not use fertilizer with phosphorus! 1 pound of phosphorus = 500 pounds of algae
 3. Maintain septic systems.
 4. Let the vegetation at waters edge grow up to form a protective barrier.
- “Water is the driving force of all Nature”
 - Leonardo Da Vinci
- Water Testing Volunteers
 - Mark Mosman
 - Dave & Anne Bonnerup
 - Chad Shilson
 - Larry Zdenik
 - Darril Wegscheid - Lead
 - Bob Eddy
- Water Testing Schedule
 - Monthly - May through September

Water Testing Process



Water Quality Report - 2025



The **lower the TSI figure, the better the water quality**. The table on the right shows the current water quality compared to the average 2018-2024.



PROTECTING OUR LAKES

Shoreline Initiative

We Need Your Help

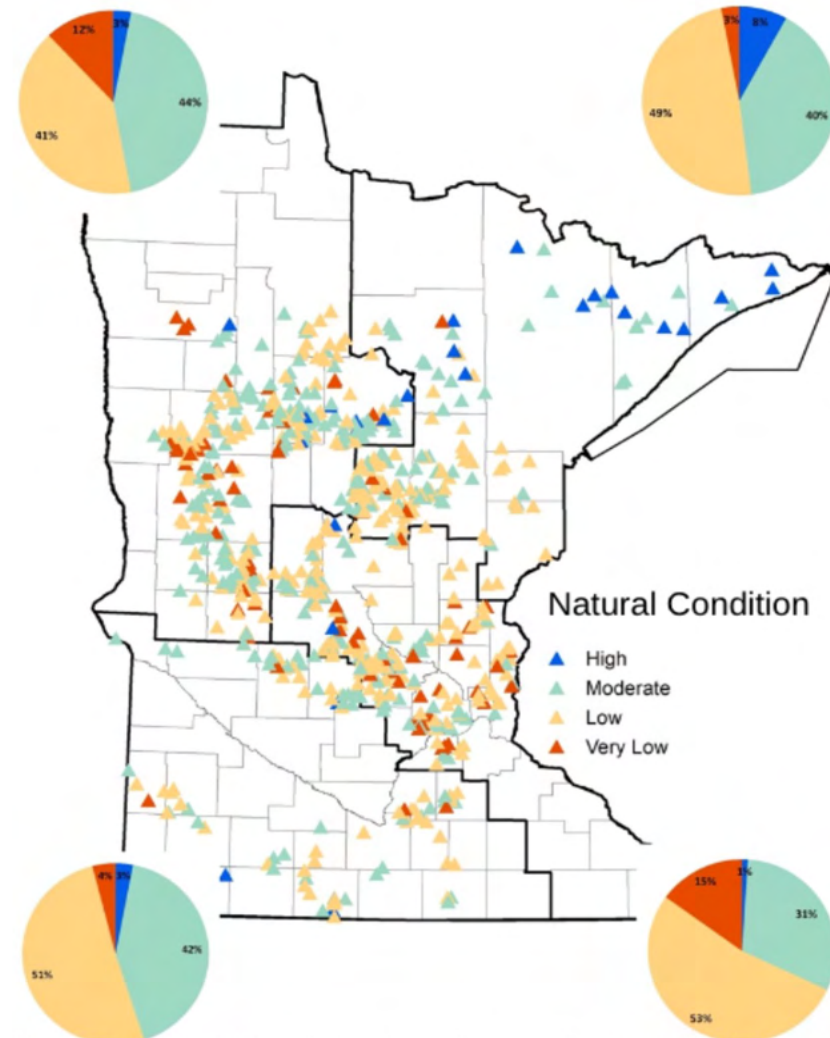
- Healthy Natural Shorelines create Healthy Lakes
- Protecting our Lakeshore (POL) is critical to our success in preserving and protecting our lakes, lakeshore and watershed

Why do we Focus on POL?

Lakeshore Buffers –

We've lost 40-50% of
our natural lakeshores

If we fail to protect these
natural shorelands, we will
lose lake water quality, and
maybe even the ability to
swim and recreate in our
lakes

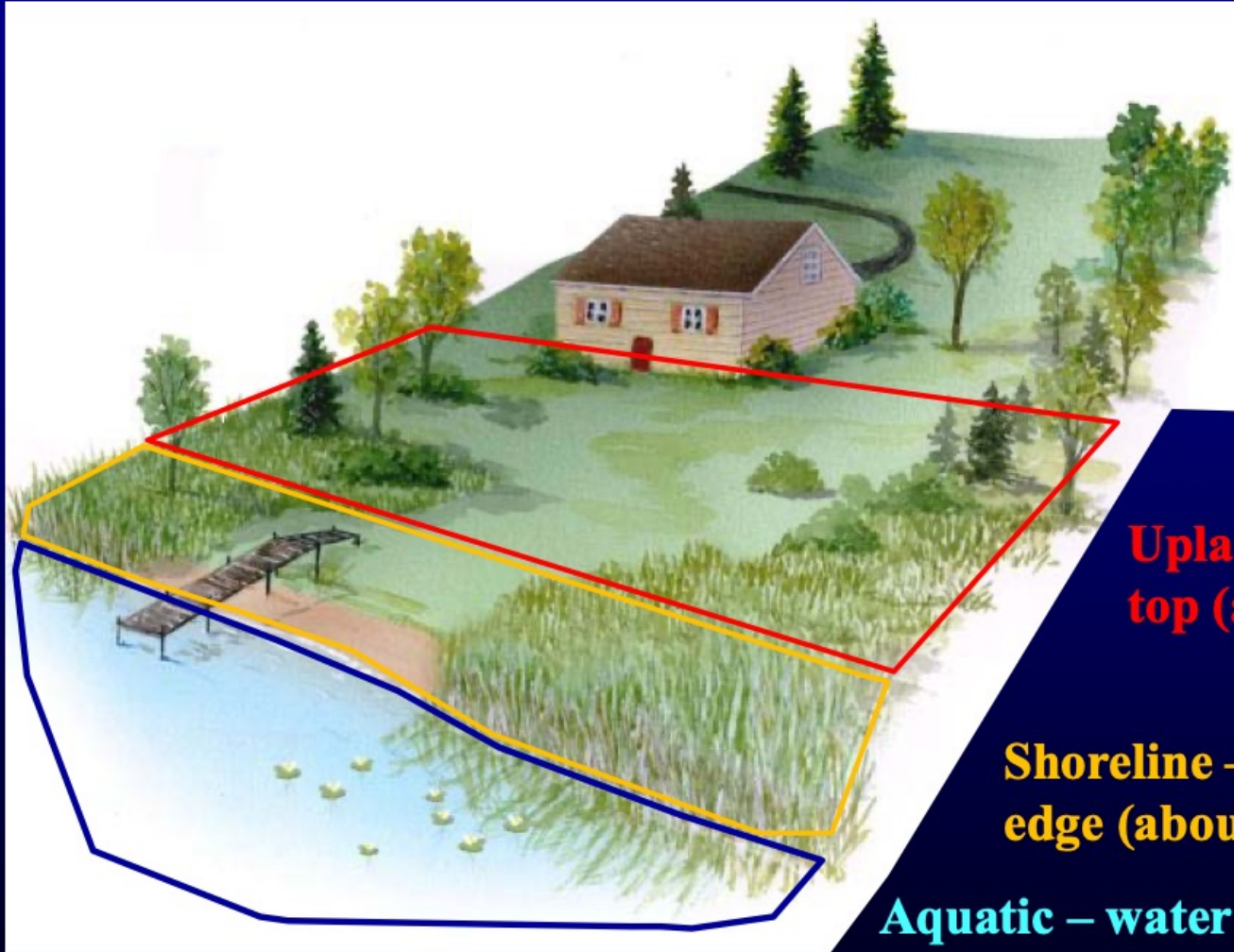


Score-the-Shore survey results by DNR administrative region rescored using developed sites for each lake.

Impacts of Disappearing Natural Shorelines



3 Habitat zones at site



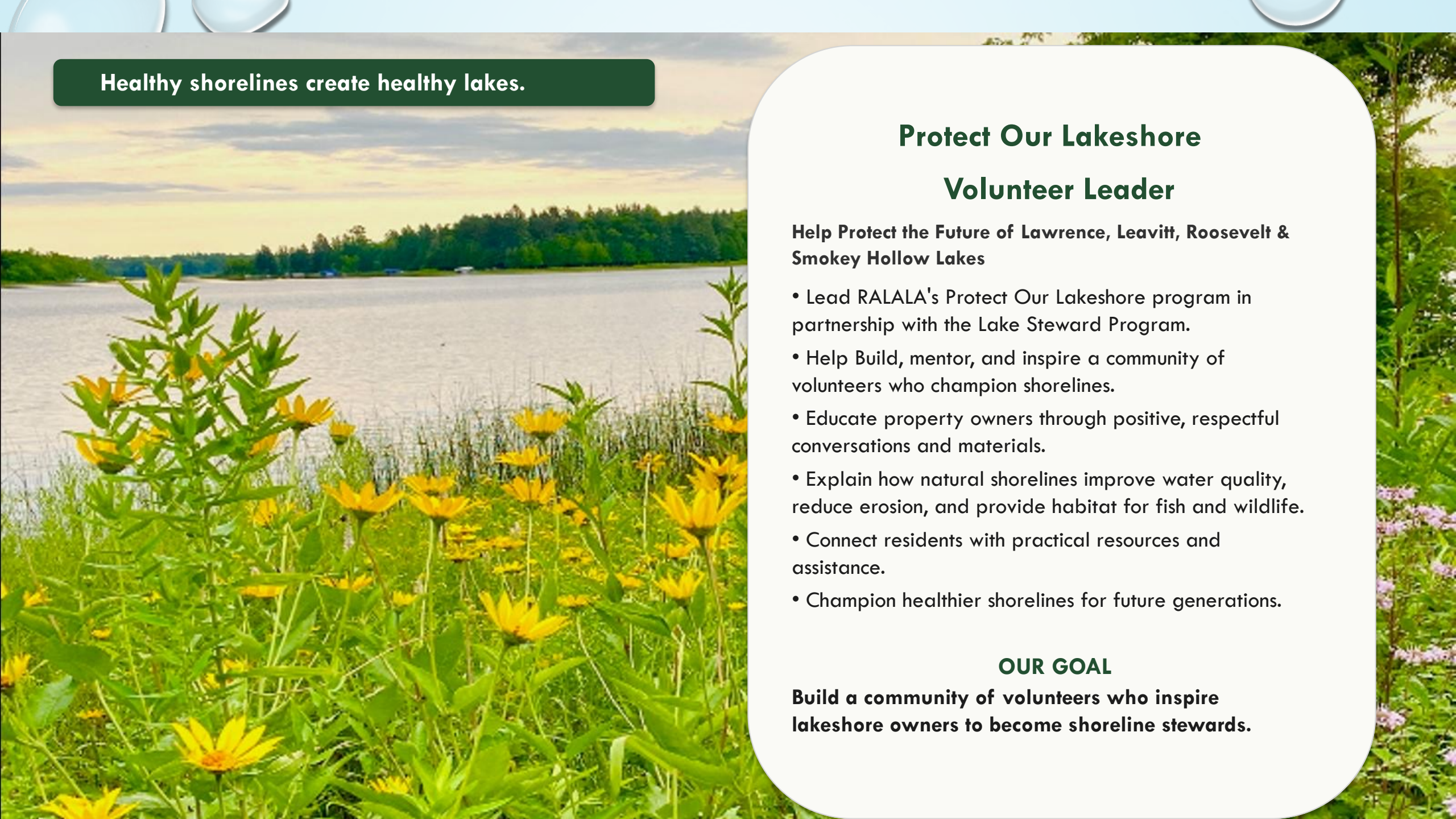
Upland – house to bank top (about 2/3rds of lot)

Shoreline – bank top to water's edge (about 1/3rd of lot)

Aquatic – water's edge to deep end of weed bed (or to 15 feet depth)

Lake Steward Program





Healthy shorelines create healthy lakes.

Protect Our Lakeshore

Volunteer Leader

Help Protect the Future of Lawrence, Leavitt, Roosevelt & Smokey Hollow Lakes

- Lead RALALA's Protect Our Lakeshore program in partnership with the Lake Steward Program.
- Help Build, mentor, and inspire a community of volunteers who champion shorelines.
- Educate property owners through positive, respectful conversations and materials.
- Explain how natural shorelines improve water quality, reduce erosion, and provide habitat for fish and wildlife.
- Connect residents with practical resources and assistance.
- Champion healthier shorelines for future generations.

OUR GOAL

Build a community of volunteers who inspire lakeshore owners to become shoreline stewards.

Enbridge Water Testing - Status

- Twice a year testing started in early 2025 based on recommendations of an independent hydrologist and former EPA scientist.
 - Normal Water Level
 - High Water Level
- Test results are in normal ranges.
- Enbridge Pipeline Leak
 - Cambridge WI – 70K gallons – 12/21/24 (give or take a few days)
 - Older pipeline, leak was at a shutdown valve

Lawrence/Roosevelt Channel Depth Study



- Depths measured on August 4, 2026
- Channel Length – 560 feet
- Measurements:
 - Every twenty feet from Roosevelt to Lawrence
 - Channel Center
 - Eight feet off center both sides
 - Lake Level
- Average depth:
 - Center – 25.9 inches
 - North – 20.4 inches
 - South – 20.4 inches
- Detailed measurements will be posted on the web site
- Team: Bob Lee, Gary Langer, Mark Mosman



RALALA Survey of Channel Between Roosevelt and Lawrence Lakes Conducted on August 4, 2026

Each set of measurements is 20 ft from preceding set starting at the "Slow No Wake" sign on Roosevelt Lake at northwestern entrance to the channel and ending at the sign on the Lawrence Lake entrance. The reading on the lake elevation gauge at time of the survey was 0.60

North Depth (in.) (8 ft. from center)	Center Depth (in.)	South Depth (in.) (8 ft. from center)	Bearing to Next Measurement Set (Deg. magnetic)
19.0	20.5	14.5	150.0
12.5	23.5	20.5	150.0
28.5	24.5	25.5	120.0
24.5	26.5	23.5	95.0
24.5	29.5	30.0	65.0
22.5	26.5	21.0	60.0
19.5	23.5	21.5	65.0
19.5	21.5	18.5	85.0
17.0	23.5	15.5	100.0
19.5	24.0	16.0	115.0
22.5	21.5	17.0	115.0
18.5	23.5	20.5	120.0
18.5	24.0	14.5	115.0
17.5	23.0	19.0	115.0
23.5	24.5	18.0	110.0
21.0	25.5	22.0	110.0
18.0	26.0	22.0	110.0
19.5	27.5	21.5	125.0
30.0	33.0	23.5	130.0
25.0	30.5	27.0	135.0
16.5	27.0	20.5	135.0
16.5	26.5	18.5	145.0
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20.5	26.0	22.5	155.0
22.0	28.0	22.0	155.0
20.0	27.5	18.5	155.0
15.5	30.0	18.5	-
20.4	25.9	20.4	Average Depth
12.5	20.5	14.5	Minimum Depth

Key Activities - Community

- Participate in local Government
 - Crooked Lake Township (Outing) Lakes & Shore Committees
 - City of Emily, Emily Waters
- Maintain the reclaimed shoreline in downtown Outing and on the Lawrence Lake launch site
- Adopt a highway – Hwy 6
- Sponsor and collect funding for the Local First Responders, Food Shelf and Fireworks
- Get the Lead Out program
- Youth Boater Training
- Loon Liaison Program – National Loon Center
- Work with local businesses to sponsor Association activities
- Communicate with the community on critical issues (Enbridge, Zebra Mussels..)

Get the Lead Out - 2026



**Saturday,
August 15**

*The Crooked Lake Township
Lakes and Shores
Committee*

**Visit the CLT-LS Booth
at the Lions Corn Feed**

Event Details



Event Date

August 15
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM



Location

Pickled Loon Saloon
44025 Hwy. 6
Emily, MN



What to Bring

Any lead fishing tackle
Minimum of 2.0 oz
to qualify for prizes

Activities

Lead Tackle Contest
T-Shirt & Tote Coloring Transfers
Army Corps Giveaways
Lake Association & AIS Info

Prizes

Grand Prize for most lead weight

Minn Kota Endura Max
5 Speed Trolling Motor

2nd Prize for most lead weight

18 Holes + Golf Cart
at Emily Greens Golf Course
for 4 people

Raffle Prize \$50 Gift Cards

Deer Haven on Thunder
Pickled Loon Saloon
Red Pine Cookhouse
Village Inn

Raffle winners will be announced at 3:00 PM.
Winners need not be present to win.



Contact Information
Gary Langer
gflanger92@gmail.com

Help rid our lakes of this poisonous material that kills loons and other wildlife.

Youth Boater Training – June 2026

Sponsored By RALALA and Washburn Lake Association

Hosted at the Lakeside Cookhouse





RALALA - Adopted Part of Hwy 6



Buoy Management





Supporting RALALA

Local organizations help protect Lawrence, Leavitt, Roosevelt and Smokey Hollow lakes

Businesses who help preserve and protect RALALA lakes deserve our attention and gratitude. Please show your appreciation of these area businesses by shopping with them and using their services whenever possible.

Supporting RALALA Lakes

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SUNDAY: Chef Special

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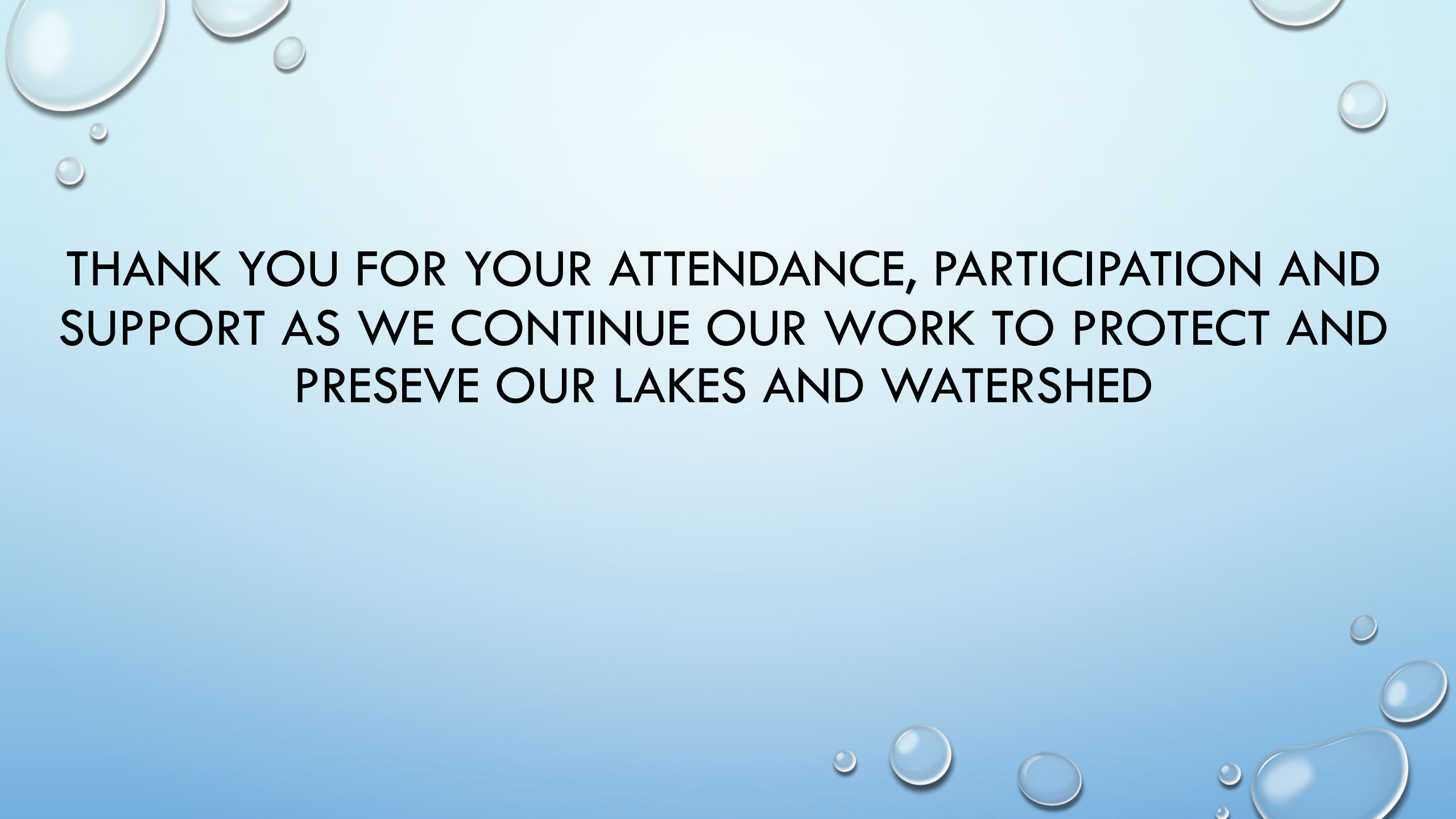
Projects for 2026/27

- 2026
 - Complete the Zebra Mussel Safari for 2026
 - Channel Measurements & Lake Level are complete, recap report to members
 - Continue to develop New Lake Owners Manual
 - Continue to pursue Volunteers
- 2027
 - Participate in the Zebra Mussel Safari for 2027
 - Measure Channel, recap to members – set tentative direction
 - Roll out new Lake Owners Manual
 - Redeploy our POL strategy

RALALA Board Opportunities

- Protect our Lakeshore (POL) Lead
- Technology Support Lead
 - Website
 - Member Database...
- Business Interface & Membership Lead

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