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WELCOME | 2022 SLA ANNUAL MEETING

# 2022 SLA ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

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- 2021 Overview & Highlights
- 2021 Year End Video | Allie Ketelson
- Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM)
- SLA Financial & Budget Update | Lauren Peters
- Carp Bait Trapping Video | Camille Will
- Prior Lake Spring Lake Watershed District | Joni Giese
- Spring Lake Park Overview | Patricia Freeman
- 2021 SLA Survey Results
- 2022 Mission & Objectives



2021 Spring Lake Association Overview & Highlights





2021 YEAR END VIDEO | ALLIE KETELSON

2021 Spring Lake Association Overview & Highlights

# 2021 FISH STOCKING

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PLSLWD & SLA to Stock Fish in Spring Lake, with Donations from SLA, PLA and Rotary Club of Prior Lake and Slater Realty!

**6/12/2021** | Bluegills Stocked In Spring Lake carp spawning areas. Part of the PLSLWD Carp Management plan.

**11/17/2021** | 1,000 Yearling Walleye Stocked

This Fish Stocking Should Greatly Enhance The Fishing Population In the Coming Years and Is Part of the Ongoing Efforts to Improve Spring Lake. Walleye stocking every other year.





# 2021 SPRING LAKE ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEERS

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**Earth Day** | Organized by Dan Kelly, Volunteers  
Made and Installed Bird Houses for Raymond  
Park



**Raymond Park** | Vergus Avenue Volunteer Team  
Cleaned-Up Brush, Added Additional Walking  
Paths, Built and Placed 4 Benches



**Raymond Park** | Eagle Scout Parker  
Kohout Completed Project by Removing  
Buckthorn and Adding Mulch to Walking Paths



# 2021 SPRING LAKE ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEERS

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**Spring Lake Boat Landing** | Vergus Avenue  
Volunteer Team Cleaned-Up Center Island Near  
Boat Launch, Plan to Coordinate with DNR  
2022 with native flower planting - May



**Clean Water Clean-Up Day** | SLA Volunteers  
Worked with the PLSLWD with storm drain  
stenciling!





# EURASIAN WATER MILFOIL (EWM) REVIEW

- EWM was found on Spring Lake July 2021
- EWM can create dense mats which impacts water recreation
- PLSLWD paid for and coordinated hand pulling by DNR and Blue Water Science
- Identified areas northwest side of lake revealed a much heavier infestation- were not hand pulled.
- Board made the decision to address heavier infestation and take a more aggressive approach.

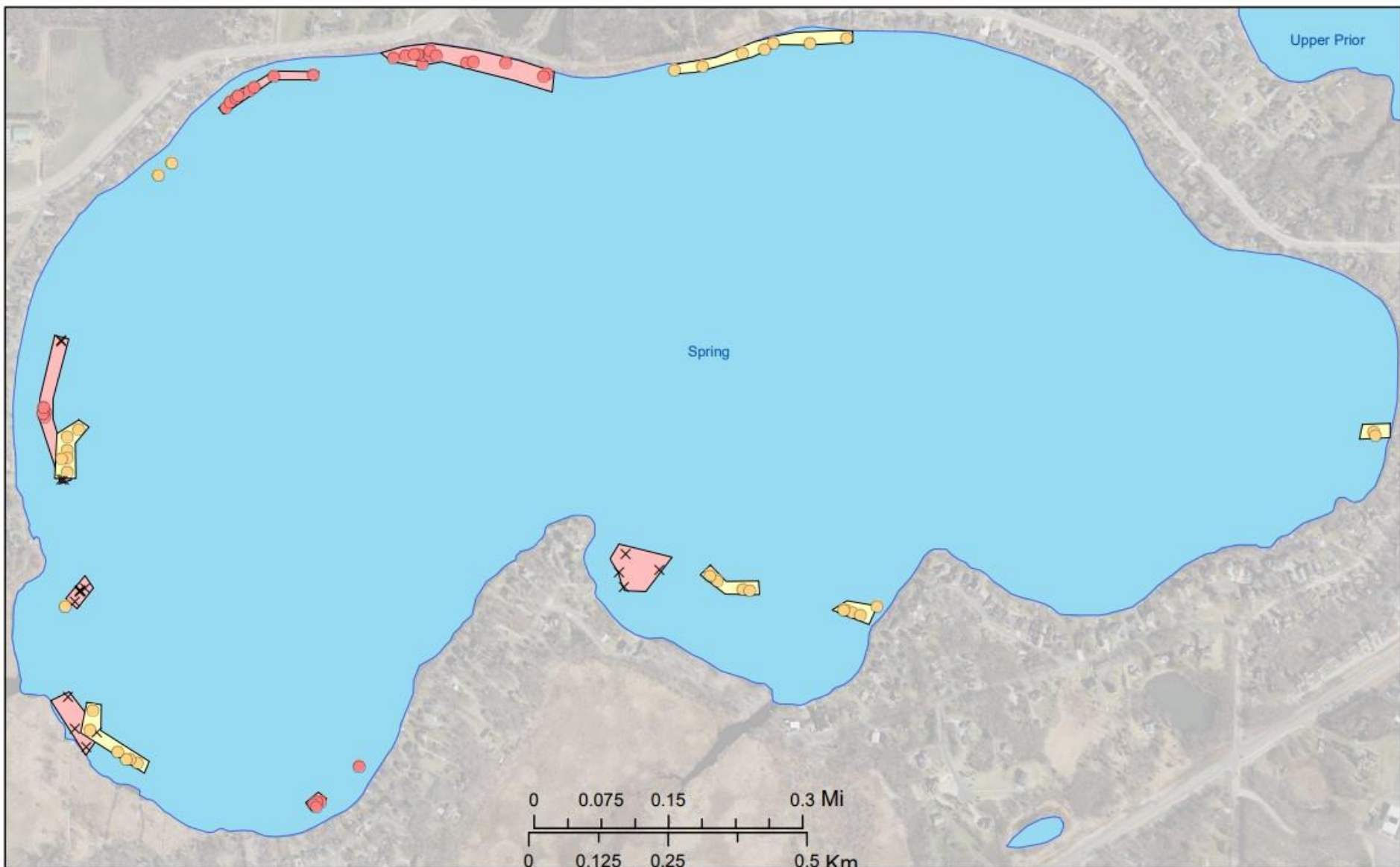


# EURASIAN WATER MILFOIL (EWM) REVIEW

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- September 2021, PLM Lake & Land Management Corp hired by SLA to Treat 8.1 Acres with Herbicides at the cost of \$4,800
- DNR and SLA Representatives Conducted a Lake EWM Survey – Late September
- Survey Showed Good Results for Treated Areas
- New areas were identified – additional funding needed
  - Reason for Donation Request on Member form





### Legend

- Summer EWM Observations
- Fall EWM Observations
- × Fall EWM Removed (Hand Pull)
- 2022 Potential Treatment Areas (5.1 Acres)
- 2021 Treatment Areas (8.16 Acres)

Observers: PLM and DNR  
 Dates of Sureveys:  
 Summer- August 9, 2021  
 Fall- September 30, 2021



# 2022 SLA DNR GRANT

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- For 2022 DNR allocated \$800,000 for Aquatic Invasive Species management
- In February SLA applied for and received in March up to \$50,000 Grant to be used for 2022 and 2023
- Funds to complement fund raising efforts through donations.



# 2022 / 2023 EURASIAN WATER MILFOIL (EWM) PLAN

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- SLA, DNR, PLSLWD, BWS, PLM, to coordinate efforts
- Lake Survey by BWS of CLP and EWM April 29
- PLM to treat for both CLP and EWM with herbicide,
  - New approach
- Second post treatment survey June
- Survey results to drive additional treatment actions
- Full lake point intercept survey August

# SLA FINANCIAL & BUDGET UPDATE

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LAUREN PETERS – SLA TREASURER

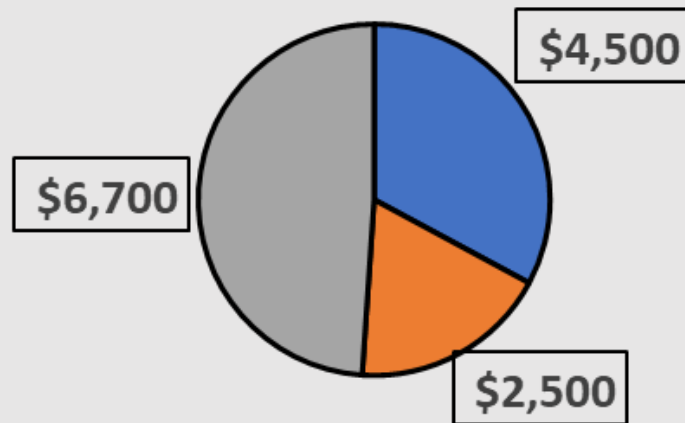
- **Current Cash Balance**
  - **(April 8, 2022) \$ 25,782**
- Year End Balance 2021 \$ 14,737





# 2022 BUDGET INCOME

SLA 2022 FUNDING / BUDGET  
Total \$13700

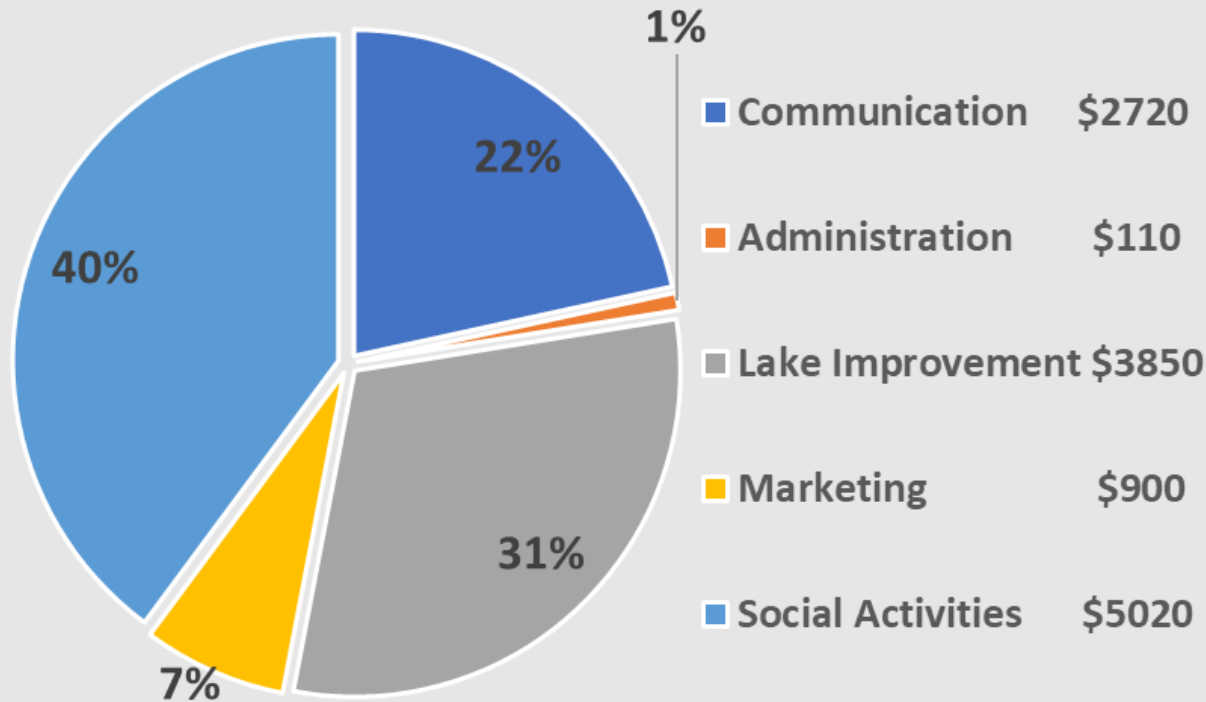


■ Membership Dues ■ Donations ■ Sponsors



# 2022 BUDGET EXPENSES

SLA 2022 SPENING BY CATEGORY



Communication  
Newsletter  
Annual Meeting

Lake Improvement  
Fish Stocking  
Education  
Boat Launch  
AIS

Social Activities  
Concert



**SPRING LAKE**  
ASSOCIATION



# CARP BAIT TRAPPING \ CAMILLEWILL

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[PLSLWD 2021 Internship -  
YouTube](#)



2021 Spring Lake Association Overview & Highlights



**PRIOR LAKE**  
**SPRING LAKE**  
WATERSHED DISTRICT

# 2021 Spring Lake Activities

Joni Giese  
District Administrator

Spring Lake Association Annual  
Meeting

April 24, 2022

# 2021 Highlights

- Carp Management
- AIS Program
- Upper Watershed Projects
- Water Quality
- Volunteer Opportunities





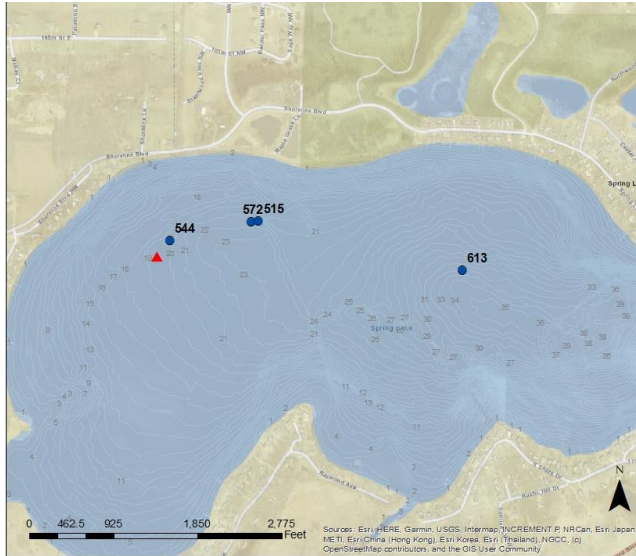
# Carp Management

# Carp Removals – Spring Lake

- Removed approximately 8,240 lbs of carp from Spring Lake in 2021
- Removal methods included:
  - Seine netting
  - Electrofishing
  - Gill-netting



# Radio-Tagging Carp on Spring Lake



Spring Lake Carp Locations  
1/27/2022

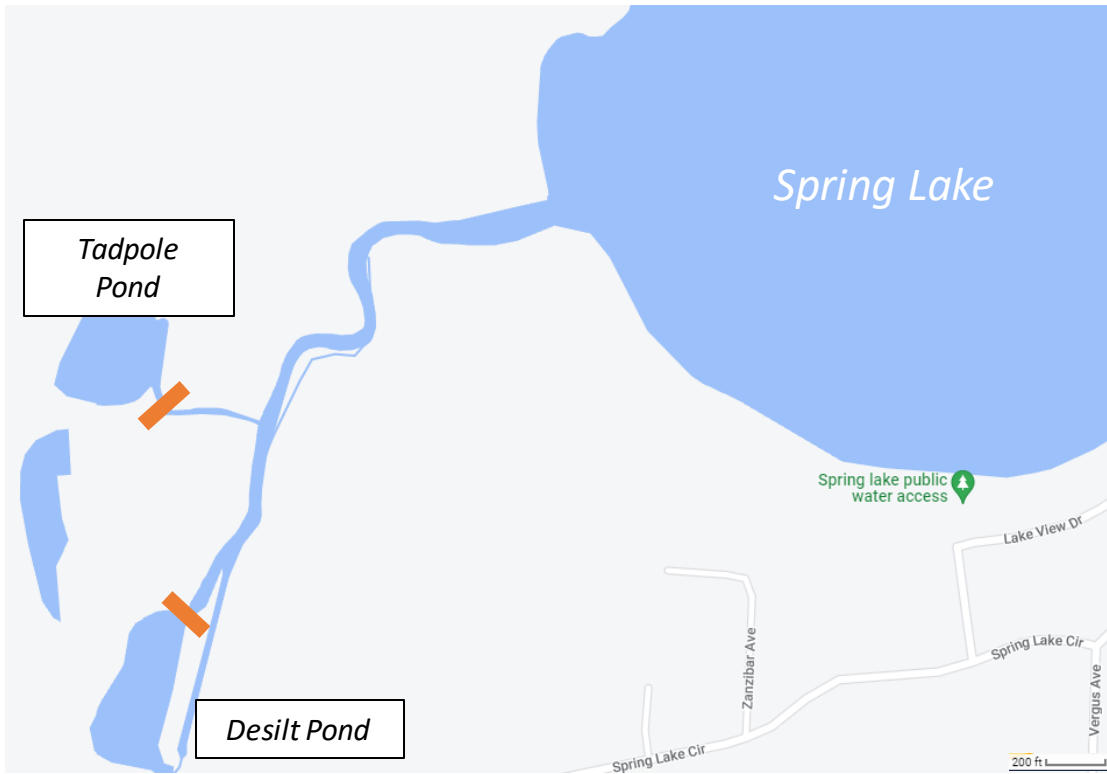


9 tags active in Spring Lake

Routinely tracking for potential removal events



# Carp Barrier Installations



# Bluegill Stocking

- Geis Wetland: 2,000 bluegill
- Tadpole Pond: 700 bluegill
- 2022 Stocking
  - Will share information when dates determined



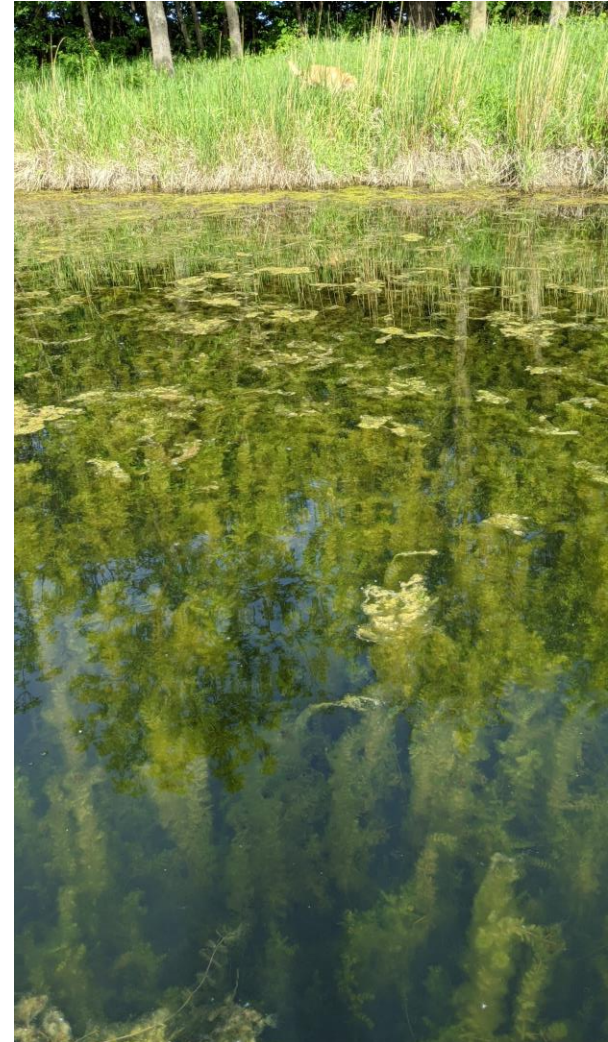
# Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Program





# Current AIS in Spring Lake

- Common Carp
- Eurasian Watermilfoil
- Curlyleaf Pondweed



# In-Person Boat Inspections

1670 boat inspections at Spring Lake boat launch

- 1 Entering Violation (zebra mussels)
- 32 Exiting Violations (plants)



# Automated Boat Inspections



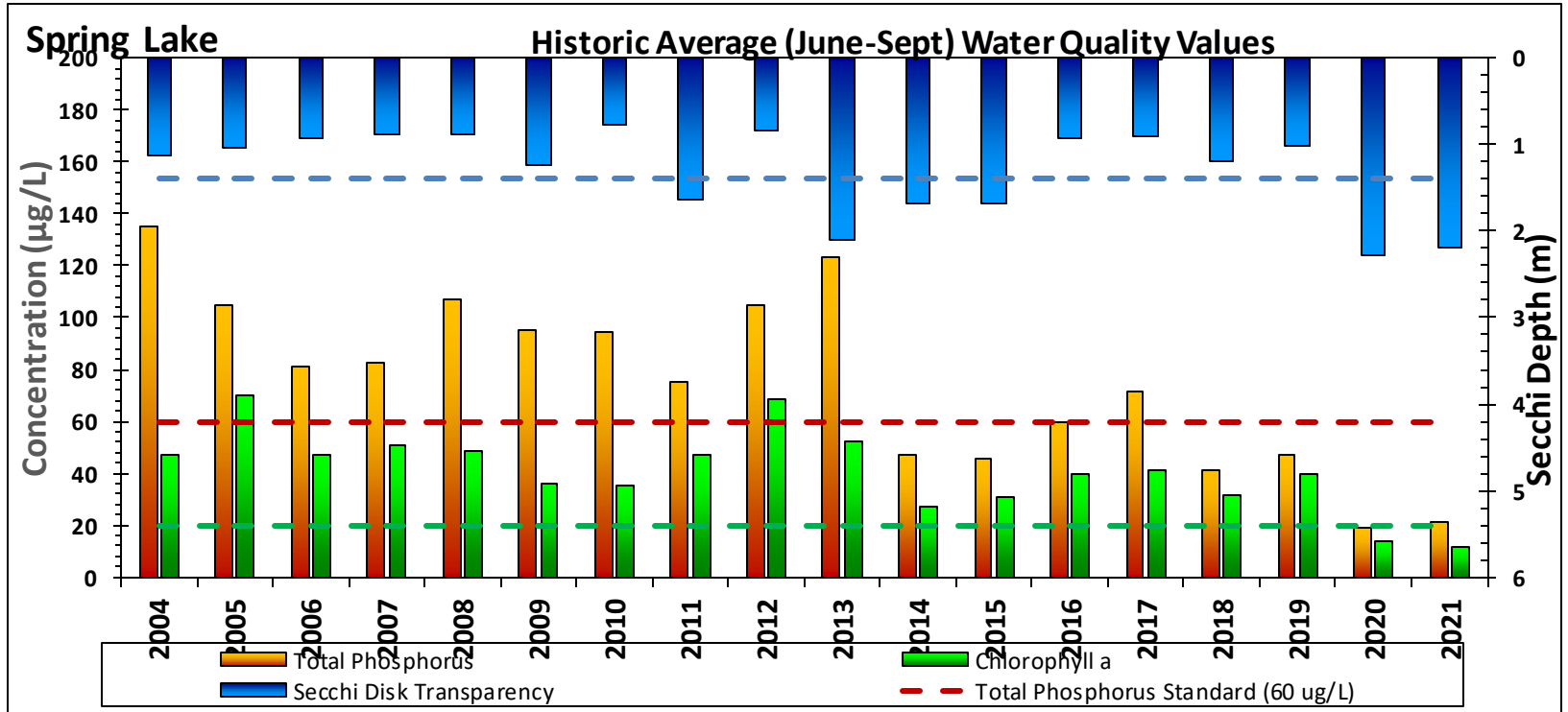
- 1086 launches recorded and reviewed
- 1 violation noticed
- Will continue program in 2022





# Water Quality

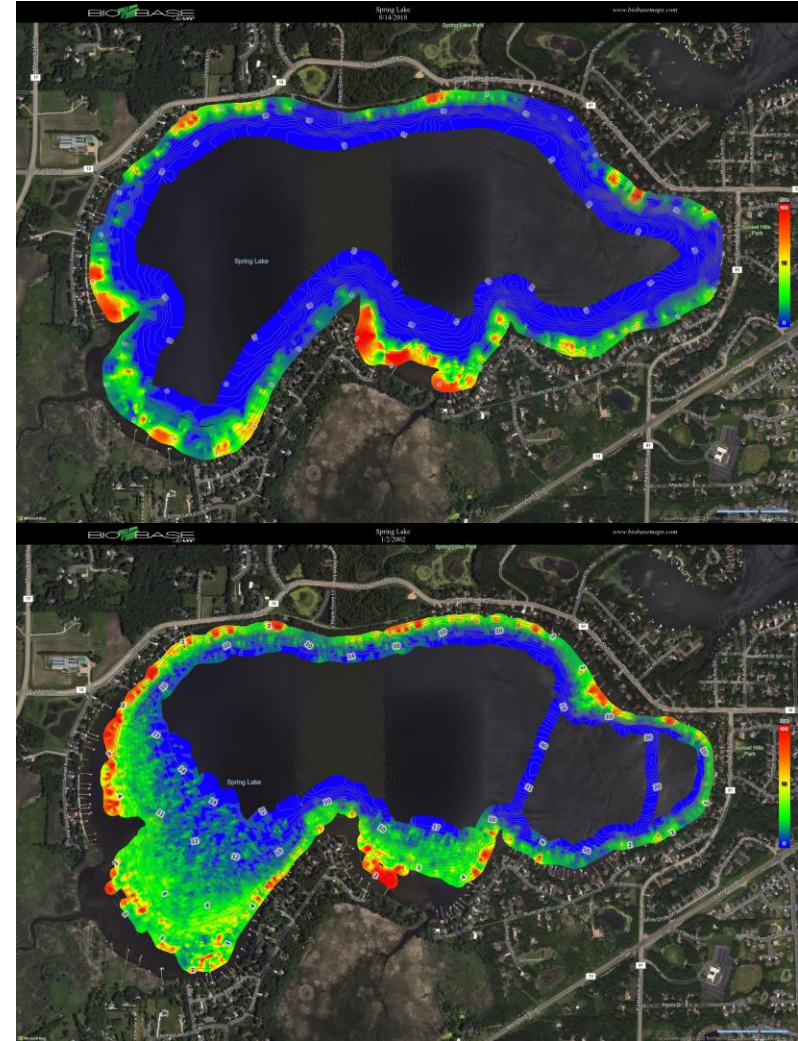
# Spring Lake Water Quality



Spring Lake	Total Phosphorus (mg/L)	Chlorophyll A (µg/L)	Secchi (m)	Average Grade
2020	19.21	13.52	2.28	A-
2021	20.87	11.29	2.20	B

# Improvements on Spring Lake

- Increased plant growth and diversity
  - Top picture: 2018
  - Bottom picture: 2021
- Alum treatments in 2013, 2018, and 2020
  - Next alum treatment: TBD



# Upper Watershed Projects



# “Upper Watershed Blueprint” Feasibility Studies

Spring West Iron-Enhanced Sand Filter

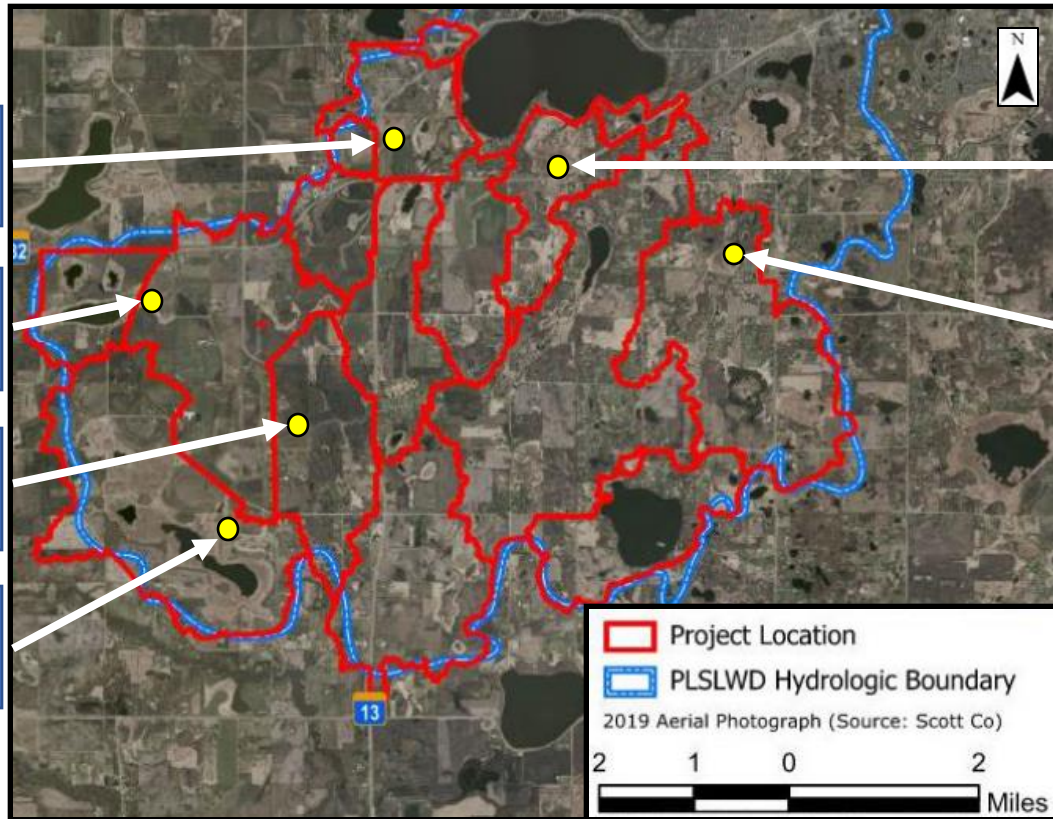
Swamp Lake Iron-Enhanced Sand Filter

Co Ditch 13 Chemical Treatment System

Sutton Lake Iron-Enhanced Sand Filter

Buck Lake Chemical Treatment System

Buck Lake Wetland Enhancement



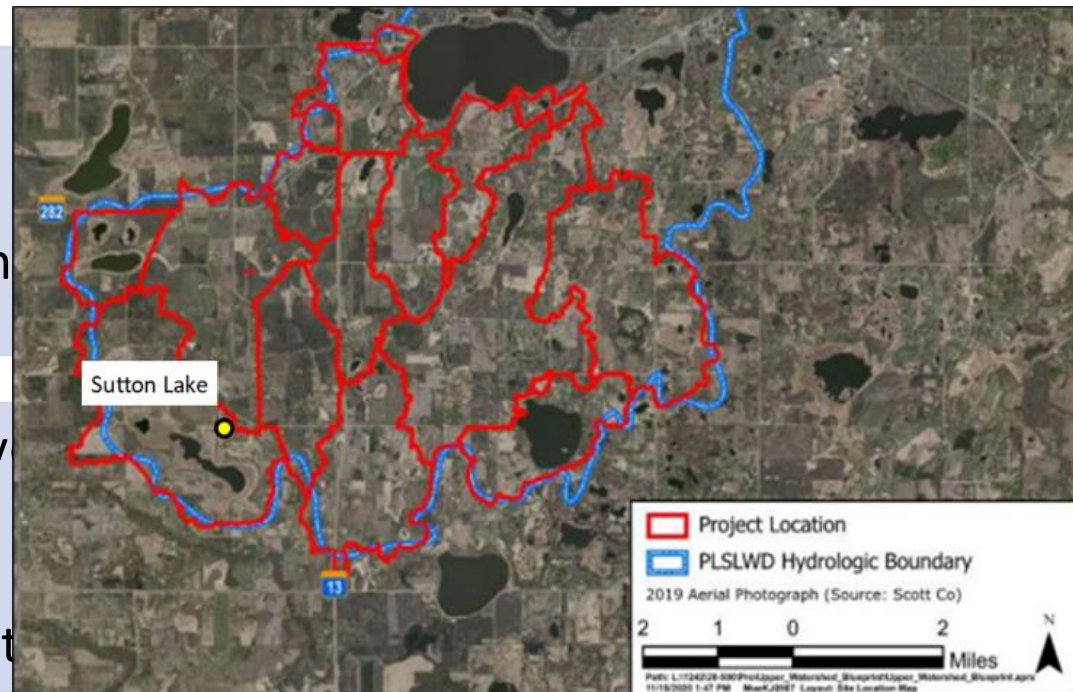
# Sutton Lake: Outlet Structure and Lake Management Plan

Sutton Lake  
Outlet  
Modification  
Project

- Outlet Structure construction completed in 2021

Sutton Lake  
Management Plan

- Goal: improve habitat
- Plan in development

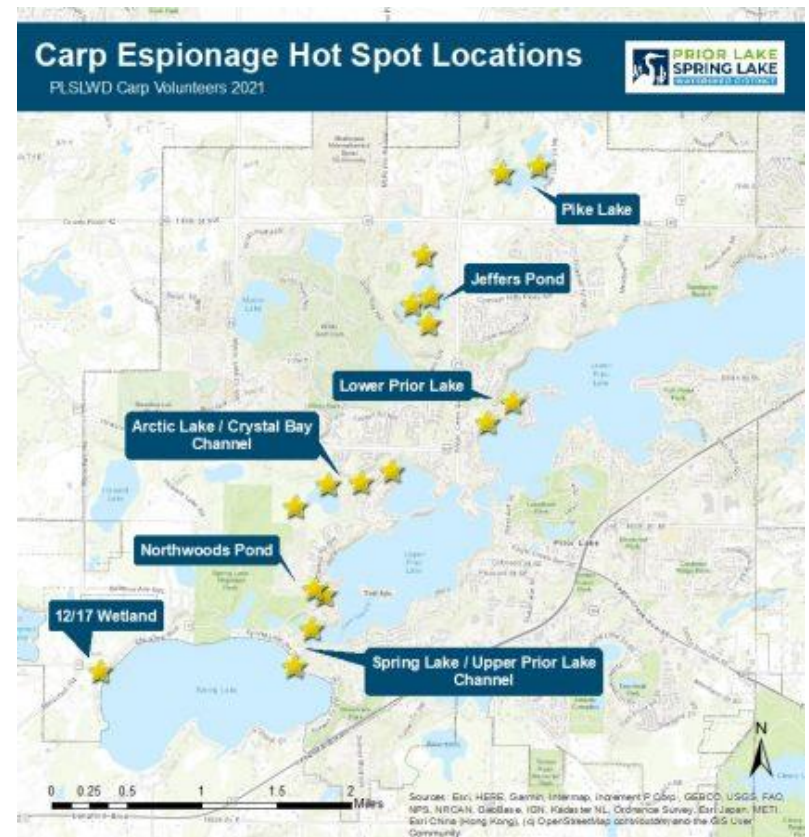


# Volunteer Opportunities



# Carp Espionage

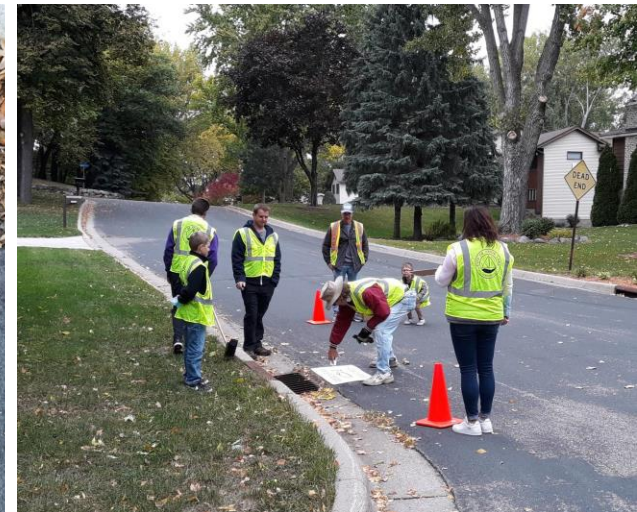
- Volunteers report carp sightings to the District
- Staff checks on size of aggregation and pursues a removal event if appropriate
- Interested in volunteering? Contact **Shauna Capron** at [scapron@plslwd.org](mailto:scapron@plslwd.org)





# Volunteer Stenciling Event

- Drain stenciling done in October 2021
  - 40 volunteers and 70 drains
- Second stenciling event planned for Summer 2022 (likely early to mid June)



# Spring Lake Vegetation Identification Event – July 2022





# Lakefront Project

Spring Lake Regional Park

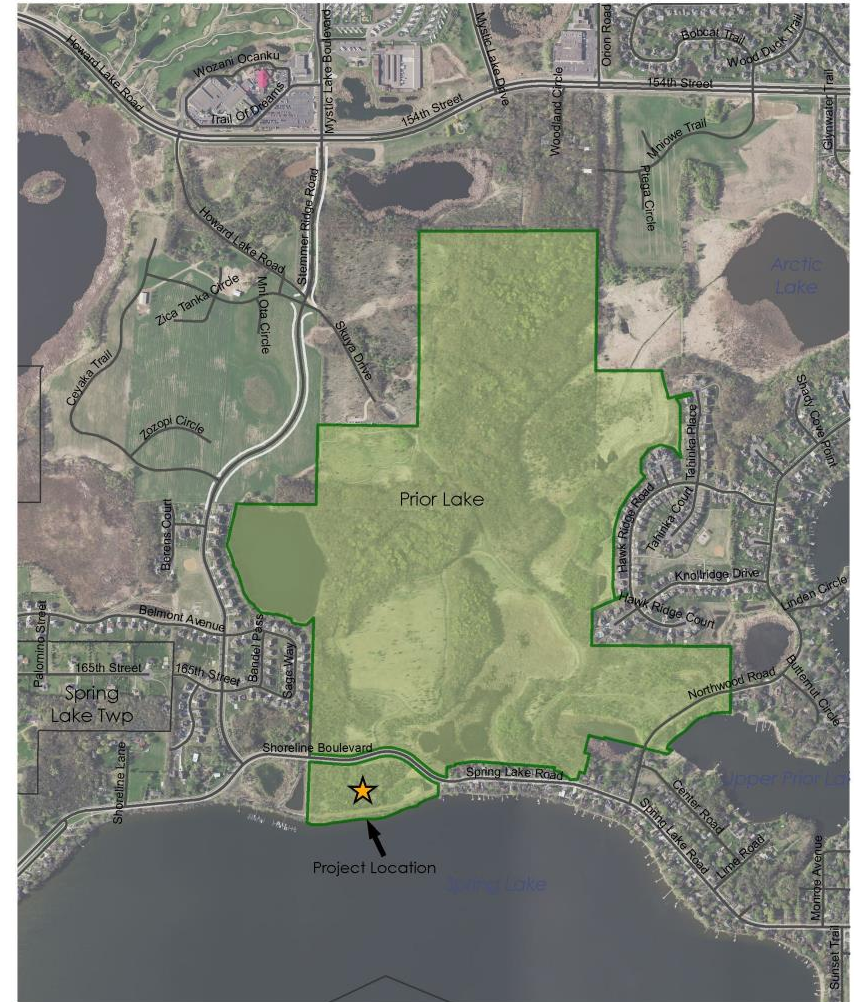
**Spring Lake Association Annual Meeting 2022**

By Patty Freeman, Scott County Parks and Trails  
(952)496-8752; [pfreeman@co.scott.mn.us](mailto:pfreeman@co.scott.mn.us)



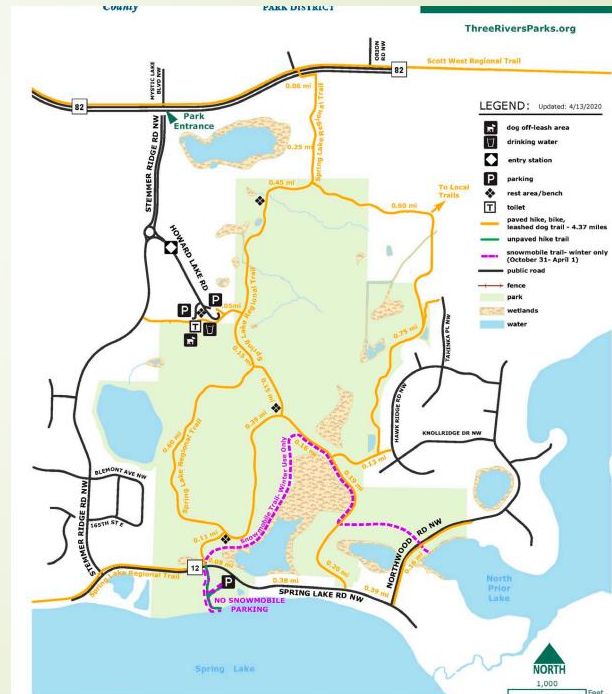
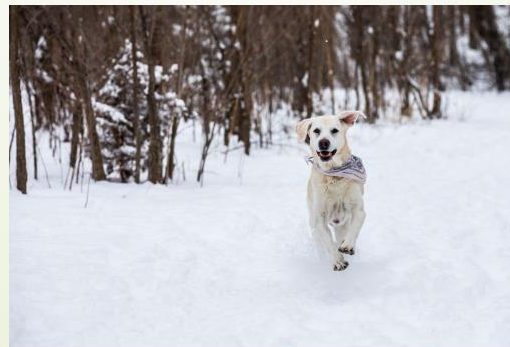
## Overview

- Coming 2023 !!! **New park amenities and land stewardship at Spring Lake Regional Park**
- The park today
- Park Master Plan and Implementation to Date (2 major phases)
- Phase 3 Implementation – current project



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# Spring Lake Regional Park - Today





# Master Plan Vision & Projects Implemented

- Phase 1 – 2012
  - Trails, parking lots
  - Off-leash dog area
  - Oak savanna and forest restoration
- Phase 2 – 2017
  - Completion of a trail gap
  - Water quality practice
  - Partnership with SMSC, Prior-Lake Spring Lake Watershed District, and City of Prior Lake



## Current Project – Phase 3

- Phase 3
  - Consistent with master plan
  - Design and Construction 2020-2021 (**original plan!**)
  - Confirmed scope 2018-2019
  - Outreach 2018 - 2022
- Updated Project Timeline
  - Design and Construction 2022-2023/2024
- A portion of the envisioned amenities included





# Phase 3 Project Components

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1. Fishing Pier and Platforms
2. Lakeside Gathering
  - Family picnic areas
  - Observation deck
3. Canoe/Kayak hand carry
4. Trails
5. Driveway, Parking
6. Woodland enhancement, pollinator plantings, buckthorn removal
7. Re-align snowmobile trail





### Fishing Facilities



### Observation Deck





# Accessible Kayak/canoe dock



# Picnicking





# Phase 3 Project Schedule

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1. Design March - August
  2. Bidding Fall
  3. Construction – 2023/2024
- Open House June 2022





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# 2022 SPRING LAKE ASSOCIATION NEW LOOK!

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## New Spring Lake Association Logo



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# SLA 2021 SURVEY RESULTS

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## **We Received 61 Responses from our Fall Survey**

- **Water Quality** | 61 Responded with Very or Somewhat Important
- **Social Events** | **Members Indicated that Events Still Play a Role Towards Uniting our Members and our Community**
- **Fish Stocking** | 46 Responded with Very or Somewhat Important  
– Walleye Stocking every other year - consider for 2023
- **Fundraising** | 55 Responded That They Would Support Fundraising if Required

Results Were Used to Focus Efforts on 2022 Goals

# 2022 SLA MISSION \ OBJECTIVE

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- **Our Mission:** To **Educate** and **Unite** The Residents and/or Users of Spring Lake Located in Scott County, Minnesota, In A Common Cause Of **Lake Preservation and Improvement.**
- **Our Objective:** To **Support, Educate** and **Encourage** Lake Users on an Enjoyable and Safe Lake Experience Through **Education, Communication** and **Social Interaction** Amongst its Community.



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# 2022 SPRING LAKE ASSOCIATION GOALS

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# 2022 SPRING LAKE ASSOCIATION PREVIEW

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**Improve Water Quality | Partner with Prior Lake Spring Lake Watershed District & DNR**

- Carp Management
  - Bluegill stocking
- Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM)
  - Member Donations
  - DNR Grant
- Education – Aquatic Plant Seminar



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# 2022 SPRING LAKE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

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## Spring Lake Association Membership

- Our SLA Member Community has grown from 12 - 170 in 2021!
- In 2022, the SLA will focus on **Member Engagement**:
  - Member Engagement with our Timely **Communication**
  - Member Engagement with our **Education**
  - Member Engagement at our **Events**
- Offer an Online Store so Members are Able to Order Apparel

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# 2022 SPRING LAKE ASSOCIATION COMMUNICATIONS

## Relevant and Timely Communication

- Communicate via Newly Designed Website, Email and Facebook
- 4 Quarterly Newsletters in 2022
- Work with PLSLWD to Create an Aquatic Plant Seminar
- Showcase SLA History by Sharing Stories
- Promote 70th Anniversary at All Events and With Quarterly Wine at Viking Liquor



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**SPRING LAKE ASSOCIATION**

### 2022 SLA Events Calendar

We hope you will add our events to your calendar, save the dates & plan to join us!

April 24 | Annual Meeting  
May 30 | Pick Your Paddle  
June 18 | Father's Day Kids' Fishing Event  
Date TBD | Spring Lake Aquatic Plants 101  
August 13 | Summer Concert  
September 5 | Pick Your Paddle  
October 8 | Bonfire & Smores

Visit us at [SpringLakeAssociation.org](http://SpringLakeAssociation.org)  
For updated details on our events.

#### THANK YOU SPONSORS!

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#### Presidents Message From Wesley Steffan

The Spring Lake Improvement Association, which now goes by the name Spring Lake Association (SLA), was organized in 1952 by interested residents of the lake area and was incorporated by Larry Wood, William R. Jensen and William J. Topka. The Association was originally formed to focus on improving lake quality; their early projects included releasing copper sulfate into the lake to help treat the green algae, concentrating on carp removal and hosting events to help foster the Spring Lake Community. The pursuits of the Association that led to their formation continue to exist today: Water Quality and Strong Community!

As we celebrate 70 years for the SLA, our board has been busy looking for historical information to share with you. In this newsletter we touch on stories about establishments that left their mark on Spring Lake, including Sunset Beach Resort, Craig's Resort and Ed Schmidt's Tavern. We are also thrilled with discovering that Spring Lake has a lot of water-skiing history, with many of those participants still living on the lake today! The SLA board will continue to explore further into Spring Lake Association history, so if you any have photos or stories to share, please reach out to us.

**Water Quality** - In 2021, Spring Lake achieved its best water quality in decades and much of the credit goes to the Prior Lake Spring Lake Watershed District (PLSLWD). PLSLWD's efforts in three key areas have helped manage phosphorus in Spring Lake. In 1998, the PLSLWD constructed a Ferric Chloride (FeCl<sub>3</sub>) Treatment System to precipitate phosphorus out of stormwater from County Ditch 13, the main inflow to Spring Lake. In 2020, the maintenance deck and carp barrier at the plant were replaced with a new structure that will prevent carp from spawning in the wetland. Aluminum Sulfate (Alum) Treatments were completed on Spring Lake in 2013, 2018 and 2020 to help reduce internal phosphorus in the lake. PLSLWD works year-round on Carp Management as carp are invasive fish that negatively impact habitat and water quality in the lake.

**SLA Awarded Grant** - In early 2022, the SLA applied for and was awarded a DNR Grant of up to \$50,000. These funds will be used to complement your donations in the management and mitigation of Eurasian Water Millifol. This work will be coordinated with the DNR, PLSLWD and the SLA in the development and implementation of a waterspread Lake Vegetation Management Plan (LVMP). We will continue to keep you updated as plans are finalized.

**Member Engagement** - In the past, you have heard us talk about increasing our membership growth. In the last six years, we have seen our membership numbers grow from 12 members to a record 170 in 2021! While we want to ensure that we continue to connect with as many Spring Lake residents as we can, our 2022 focus is to increase emphasis on member engagement. The board will be working to provide communication that is of interest to you as well as events that are not only fun but educational as well. And when other significant issues arise, regarding Spring Lake, we will work to share timely information with you so you can make an informed decision.

We hope that you enjoy 2022 as we remember the past, celebrate our present and create cherished memories for years to come!

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# 2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- Pick Your Paddle (Memorial Day) - **Monday, May 30**
- Father's Day Kids Fishing Event - **Saturday, June 18**
- Aquatic Plant 101 – **Wednesday, July 13**
- Summer Concert & 70th Anniversary Celebration  
**Saturday, August 13, @ Raymond /Rain event VFW**
- Pick Your Paddle(Labor Day) - **Monday, September 5**
- Bonfire & Smores - **Saturday, October 8**



*Thank you Solar Shield for providing event magnets!*




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# 2022 SPRING LAKE ASSOCIATION DONATIONS

## Spring Lake Association Donations

- 2021 SLA Spent \$4800 to Treat Eurasian Water Milfoil
- Donations will be used to Help Improve Water Quality and Education Initiatives
- Select a Gift if Donation is over \$50 | Bottle of Wine or a SLA T-Shirt



**2022 MEMBERSHIP / DONATION FORM**

The 2022 SLA Membership drive is now open! Please use the form below and pay via check or visit our website and pay via paypal!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



**Membership** | \$30 Annual Yearly Dues (January - December)  
 **Donation** | Please consider adding a donation to help with Spring Lake Water Quality & Education Initiatives.

If your donation is \$50 or higher, please select one gift:

70th Anniversary Leese-Fitch California Cabernet Bottle of Wine  
 70th Anniversary T-Shirt (Enter Preferred Size XS - 4XL) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Donations made by May 1 will be guaranteed their preferred t-shirt size)

**Pay with Check by Mail** | Complete this form and send check made out to Spring Lake Association with payment to P.O. Box 631, Prior Lake, MN 55372.  
**Pay via PayPal** | Visit our Membership page to pay online via Paypal at [www.springlakeassociation.org/Membership](http://www.springlakeassociation.org/Membership)

**Business Sponsorship:** Click here if you would like us to contact you about a business sponsorship.



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# 2022 SPRING LAKE ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES

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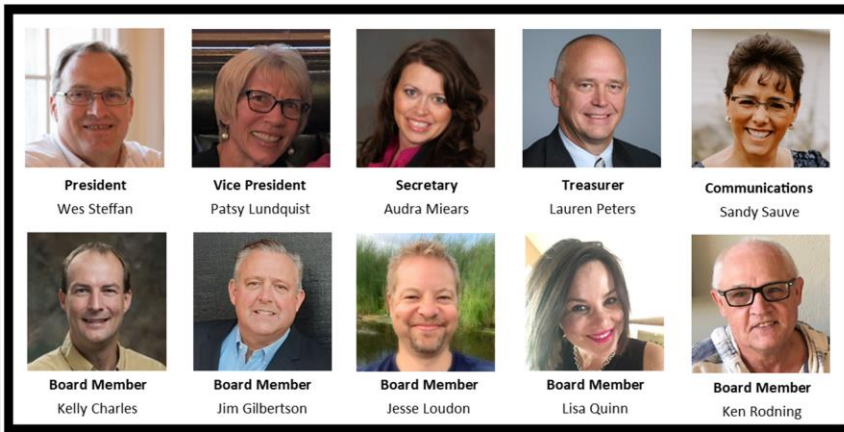
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Community Outreach	Membership	Business Sponsorship	Social Committee
<b>Focus:</b> Engages with Local Organizations on Educational, Environmental and Community Activities	<b>Focus:</b> Membership Recruitment and Retention along with Social Media Platform Postings	<b>Focus:</b> Engages and Communicates with our Local Businesses for SLA Business Sponsorship	<b>Focus:</b> Organizing Social Events for the Spring Lake Community
<b>Main Activities:</b> Eagle Scout Sponsorship, CAC/PLWSD Communications, Fish Stocking	<b>Main Activities:</b> January Membership Drive and Social Media Engagement	<b>Main Activities:</b> Fall/Winter Business Sponsorship Drive and Liaison s needed	<b>Main Activities:</b> Annual Meeting, Summer Concert, Summer Lake Events, Fall and Winter Event
<b>Roles:</b> As Needed	<b>Roles:</b> Newsletter Social Media Engagement	<b>Roles:</b> Liaison to different business as needed	<b>Roles:</b> Summer Concert Lead Summer Events Lead Non-Summer Events Lead

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# 2021 SLA BOARD MEMBERS

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**Thank You!**

Kelly, Jim and Lisa for your valued service to the SLA Board!

## Officers | 3-Year Terms

- Wesley Steffan - President | 2021 - 2024
- Patsy Lundquist – Vice President | 2021 - 2024
- Audra Miers – Secretary | 2021 - 2024
- Lauren Peters – Treasurer | 2020 - 2023
- Sandy Sauve – Communications | 2020 - 2023

## Board Members | 2 Year Terms

- Kelly Charles | 2020 - 2022
- Jim Gilbertson | 2020 - 2022
- Jesse Loudon | 2021 - 2023
- Lisa Quinn | 2020 - 2022
- Ken Rodning | 2021 - 2023



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- Matt Batulis | 2022 - 2024
- Monica Costello | 2022 - 2024
- Jesse Loudon | 2021 - 2023
- Ken Rodning | 2021 - 2023
- Valerie Selle | 2022 - 2024

**Welcome!**

Matt, Monica and Valerie! We look forward to working with you!



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# 2022 SPRING LAKE ASSOCIATION RECAP

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# 2022 SLA ICE OUT WINNER

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**Bill Gartman**

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

**Prize:**

\$50 Gift Card to Ace Hardware



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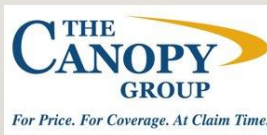


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# 2022 SLA MEMBER DRAWING

Jim Gilbertson – Edina Realty

- Spring Lake 5x7 Rug

Boat House Brewery

- Growler Package

Lauren Peters – Remax Preferred

- Cutting Board

Viking Liquor

- Quarterly Wine Selection

Sailers

- \$25 Gift Certificate



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# THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!

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# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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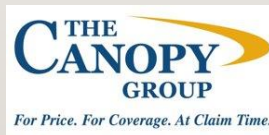


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