



WELCOME

2025 SLA ANNUAL MEETING



2025 SLA MEETING AGENDA TOPICS

- Welcome & SLA Board Members
- 2024 Year in Review Video
- Prior Lake Spring Lake Watershed District Update
- Scott County Sheriff Update
- Scott County Soil & Water Conservation District Review
- 2024 Financial Review & 2025 Budget Update
- 2024 SLA Overview & Highlights
- 2025 Goals & Initiatives
- Question & Answer
- Attendee Drawing

2024 SLA BOARD MEMBERS – PLEASE STAND

Officers | 3-Year Terms

- Wesley Steffan - President | 2021 - 2027 *
- Patsy Lundquist - Vice President | 2021 - 2027 *
- Audra Miears - Secretary | 2021 - 2027 *
- Larry Cox - Treasurer | 2024 - 2027
- Sandy Sauve - Communications | 2020 - 2026 *

Board Members | 2-Year Terms

- Matt Batulis | 2022 – 2026
- Jason Dejoy | 2023 – 2025
- Ken Rodning | 2021 - 2025 *
- Greg Tillotson | 2024 - 2026
- Aaron Van Beusekom | 2024 - 2026

* Indicates 2nd Term



2025 SLA BOARD CHANGES



Patsy Lundquist
Vice-President
Leaving the
board after
serving 5 years.



Ken Rodning
Board Member
Leaving the
board after
serving 4 years.

THANK YOU!

2025 SLA BOARD CHANGES



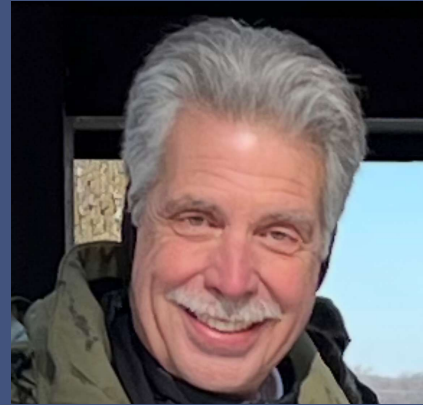
Matt Batulis

Moved to VP and is completing the remaining two years of Patsy's term.



Jason DeJoy

Signed up for a Second 2-Year Term



Bruce Lervoog

Joined in 2025 as a Board member.



Matthew Steiner

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WELCOME!

2025 SLA BOARD MEMBERS

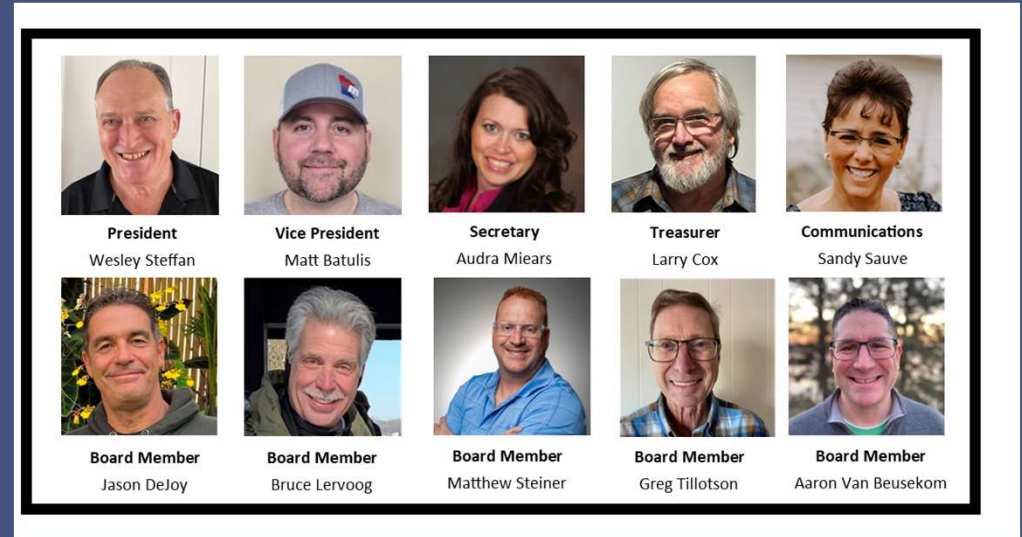
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2025 SLA YEAR IN REVIEW VIDEO





Spring Lake Association
2024 Highlights
Joni Giese
District Administrator

April 27, 2025

PRIOR LAKE
SPRING LAKE
WATERSHED DISTRICT

Three Guiding Principles of the



PRIOR LAKE
SPRING LAKE
WATERSHED DISTRICT



Water Quality

- Maintain or improve quality of water resources



Aquatic Invasive Species

- Manage existing and prevent new Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)



Flood Mitigation





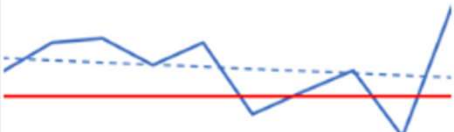


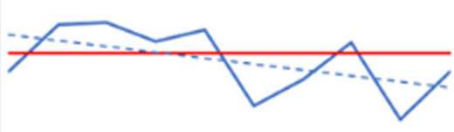

- Reduce Flooding Impacts

Water Quality

Spring Lake September 2017

Spring Lake Water Quality



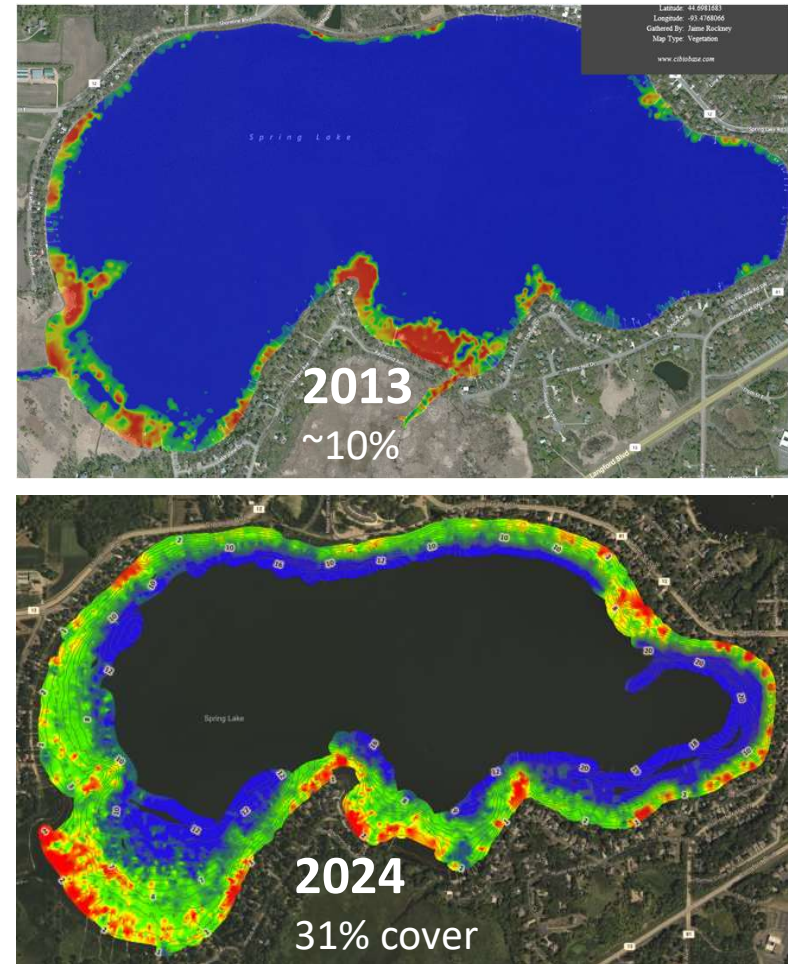
Water Quality Indicator	Grade (2022-2024)	10-Year Water Quality Avg (2015-2024)	10-Year Trend
 PHOSPHORUS	B		 No Trend
 CHL-A	C		**  Improving
 CLARITY	B		**  Improving

Grading Scale				
Excellent	Good	Average	Marginal	Poor
A All or most samples meet the desired threshold.	B Many samples meet or are near the desired threshold.	C Some samples meet or are near the desired threshold.	D Many samples do not meet the desired threshold.	F Most samples do not meet the desired threshold.



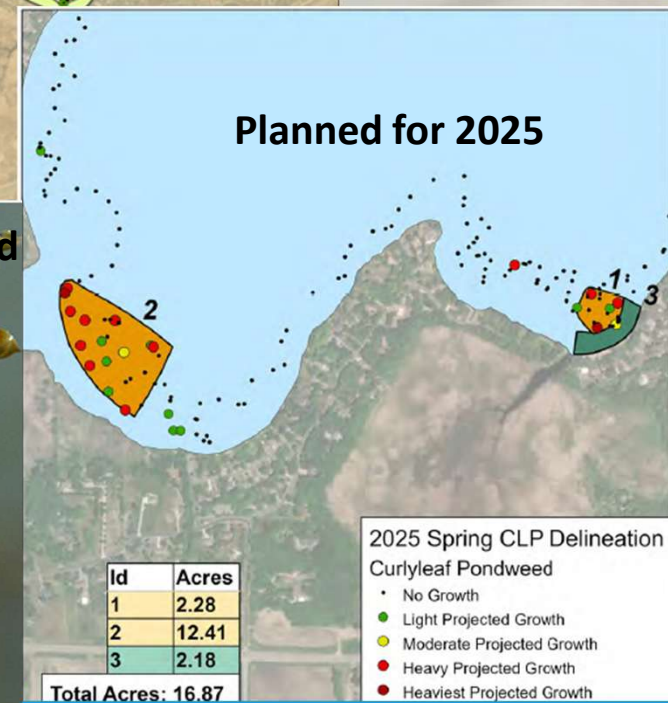
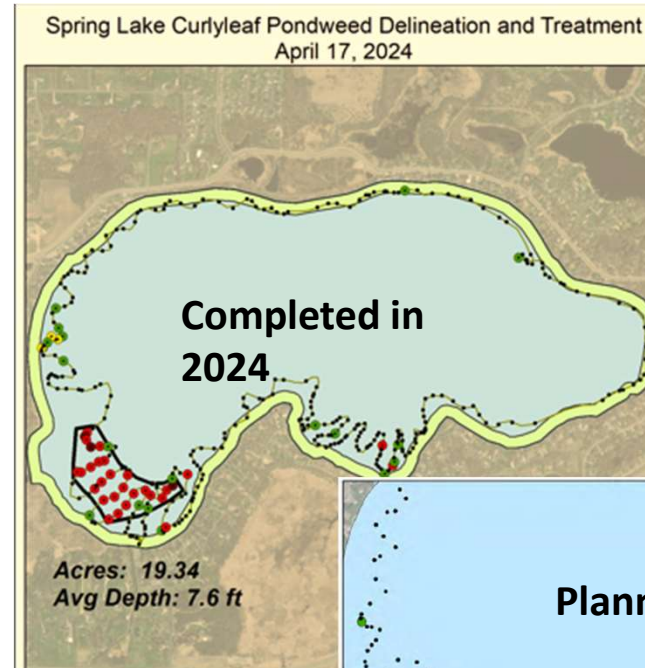
Aquatic Plant Improvement on Spring Lake

- Increased plant growth and diversity!
- Habitat for fish and wildlife
- Maintain long-term lake health
 - Absorb nutrients
 - Reduce shoreline erosion
 - Sustains water clarity



Managing Curly-leaf Pondweed for water quality

- CLP dies off early July releasing nutrients
- PLSLWD treats projected heavy growth location outside of 150' from shore
- Working with SLA to treat areas within 150'
- Look-alikes!



Spring Lake: Carp Management

2024 Spring Lake

Tracking

- 12 Radio Tagged Carp on Spring Lake

Removals

- Much of 2024 spent on Upper Prior Lake Population Estimate: Populations are at a manageable level!
- Conditions on Spring Lake did not allow for any significant removals (poor ice conditions in winter 2024, low open water capture rate, variables did not align in winter 2025 for ice-sein)
- Spring Lake removals will be a priority in 2025

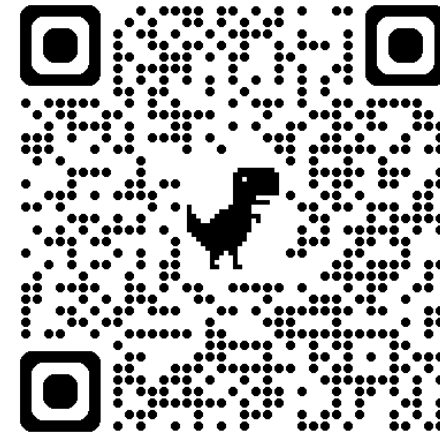


Spring Lake : Carp Management



Carp Espionage

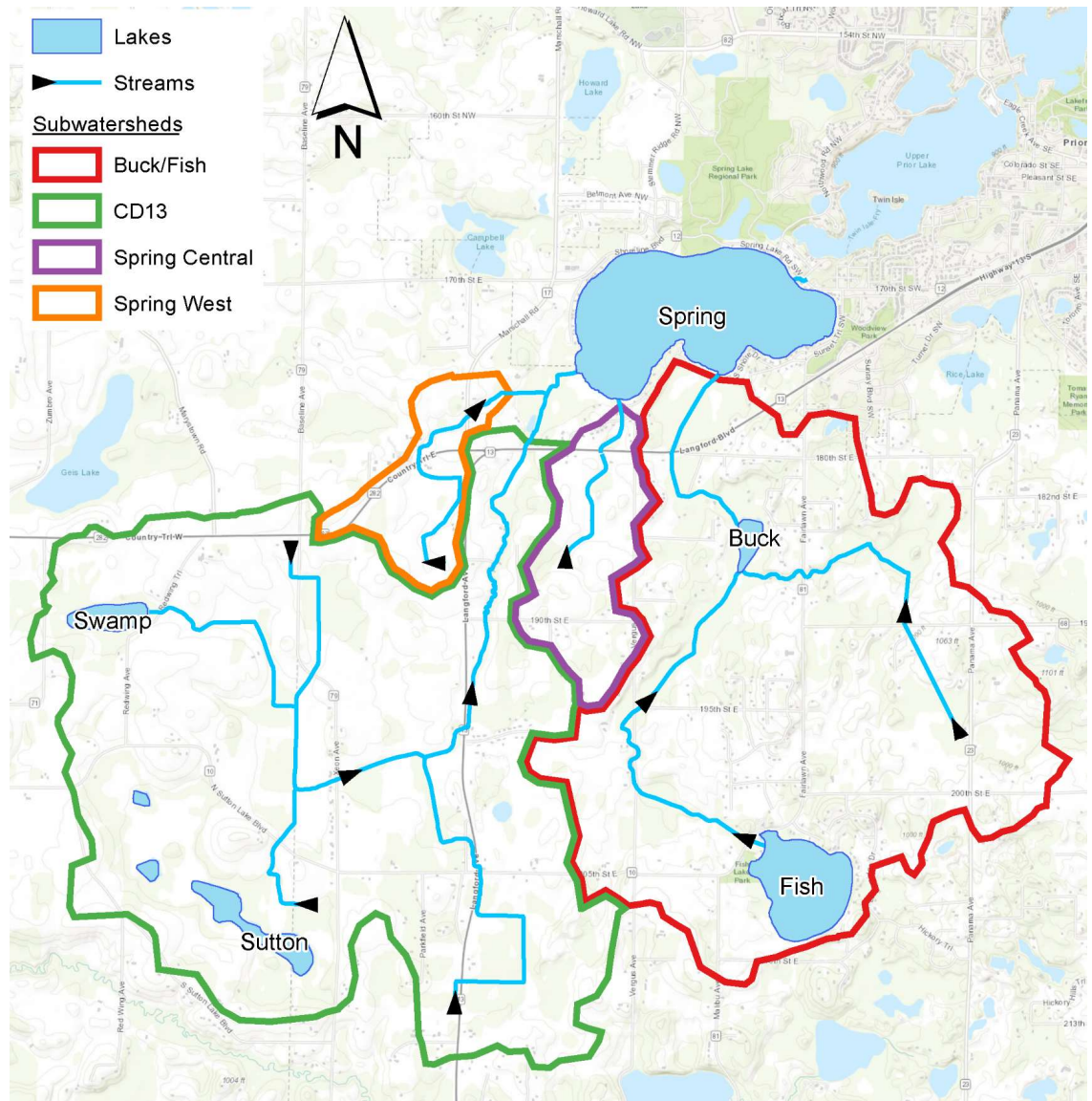
- Thank you to all the folks who have participated!
- Submit a sighting link



Upper Watershed

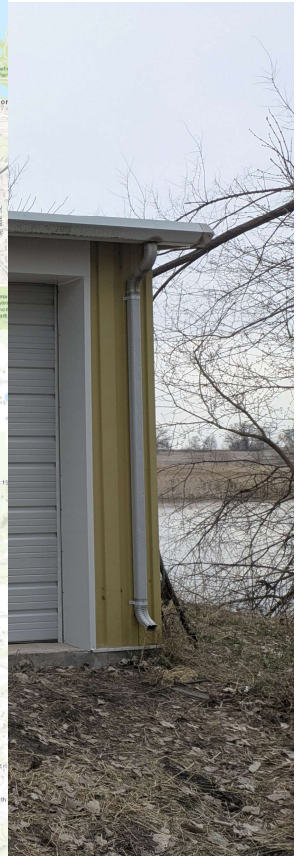
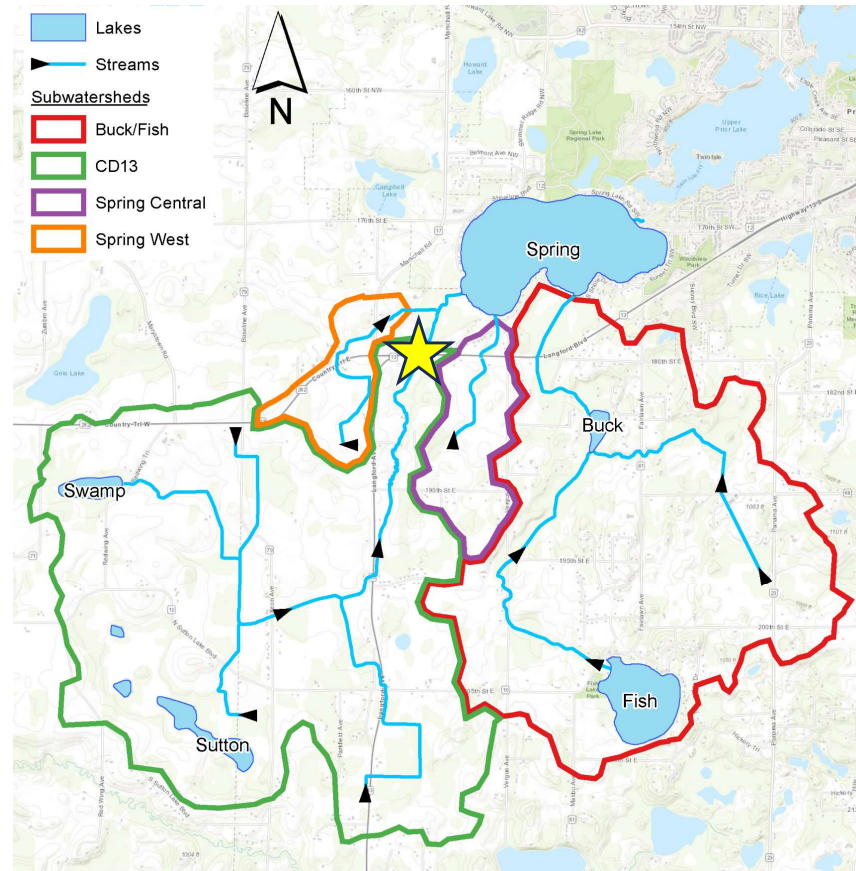
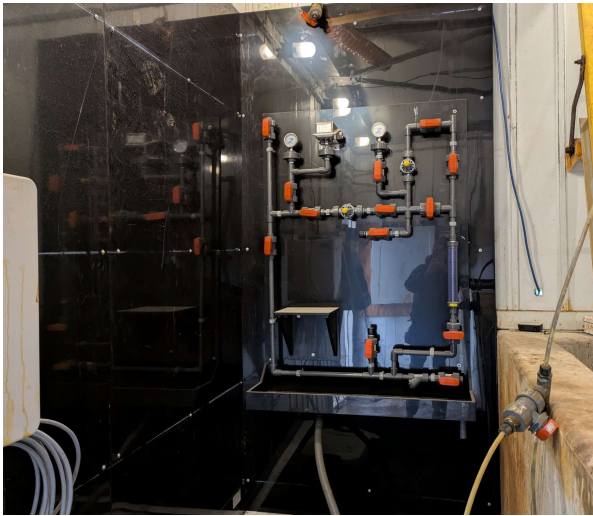
GOAL:

Reduce nutrients from all areas that flow into Spring Lake

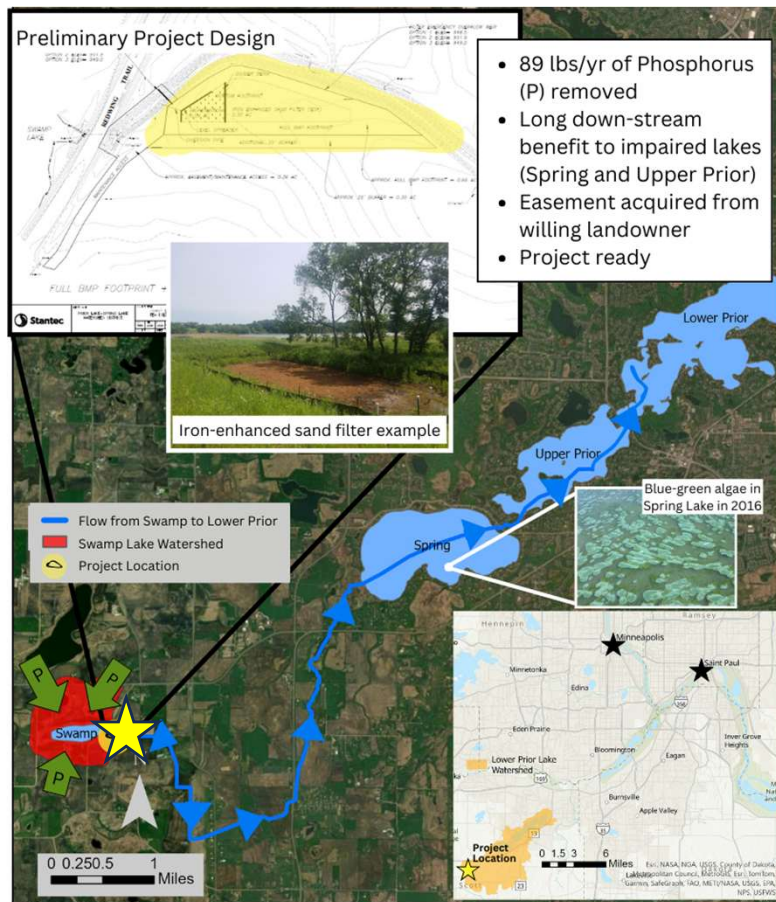


FeCl Improvements

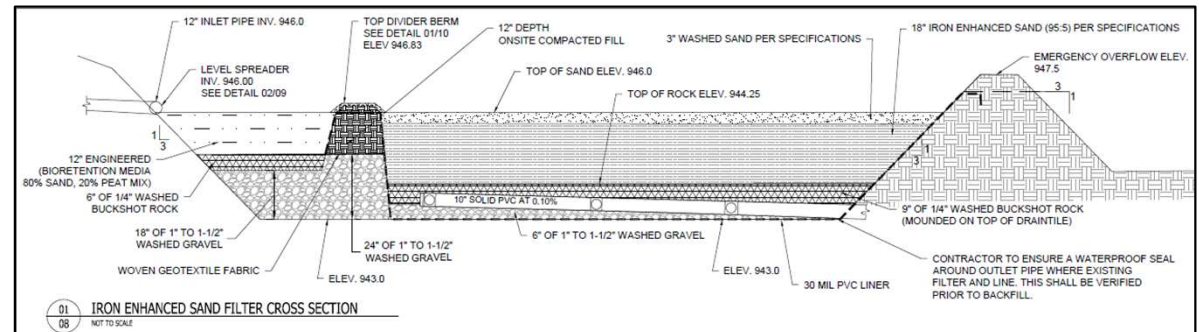
- “Powerhouse” for nutrient reduction
- Removes almost 60% of the phosphorous that is readily available to algae
- Updates to the system



Swamp Iron Enhanced Sand Filter



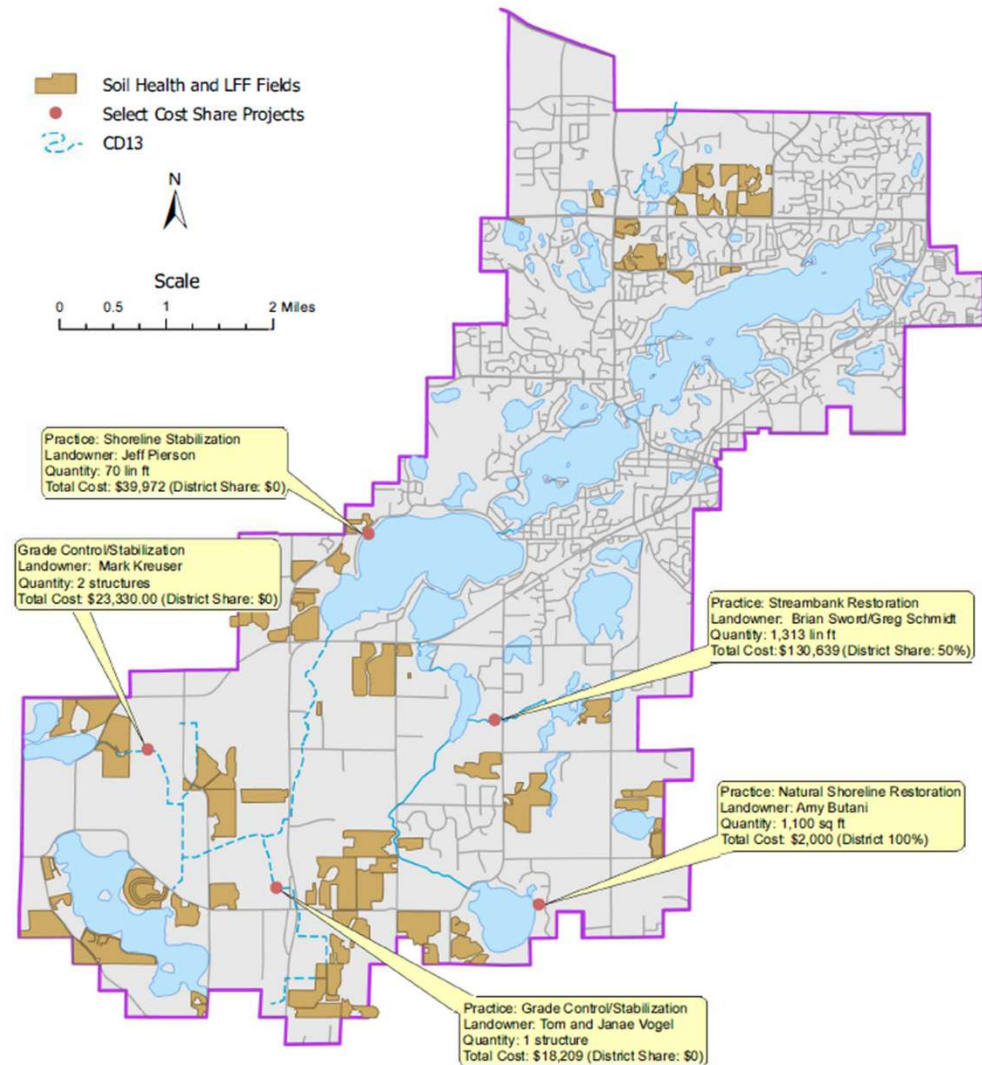
- Most upstream project, long downstream benefit
- Funding support from Clean Water Funds, Watershed Based Implementation Funds and Spring Lake Township



Resident Conservation Makes a Difference

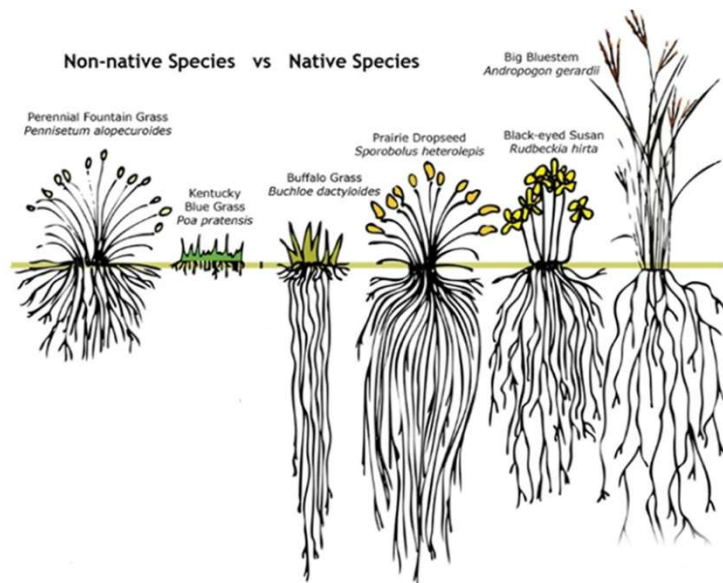
We cannot fix water quality
without resident conservation

- Very cost-effective tool
- Since 2018, conservation farming practices have prevented up to 1.7 million pounds of algae growth in Spring Lake
- Roughly 16% of fields are certified “Lake Friendly Farms”
- Since 2018, residential conservation practices prevented up to 102,000 pounds of algae growth in Spring Lake



Resident Conservation Makes a Difference

Contact Scott SWCD for support
on projects like shoreline buffers!



This is why you don't have to water native plants. And those roots act like sponges to control flooding.



Boat Inspections

- Contracted and DNR inspectors
 - 129 potential violations exiting Spring Lake
 - 11 violations entering Spring Lake
- May – October
- Common violations
 - Plants hanging off boat
 - Drain plugs in, water in watercraft
 - Snails



Questions?

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PRIOR LAKE-SPRING LAKE
WATERSHED DISTRICT

SCOTT COUNTY SHERIFF UPDATE



Ryan Trapp
Recreational Safety Deputy



Scott County Sheriff's Office
Recreational Safety

REC SAFETY UNDER OPERATIONS DIVISION



**Sheriff Luke
Hennen**

**Chief Deputy
Adam Pirri**

Captain Steve Collins

Sgt. Spencer Autenreith

Recreational Safety Deputy Ryan Trapp

Deputies for Grant Shifts (BWI/SWI)

Reserve Deputies

ADDITIONAL REC SAFETY EQUIPMENT

- Chevy Silverado
- Polaris ATV
- Two Patrol Snowmobiles
- Snowmobile trailer
- ATV trailer

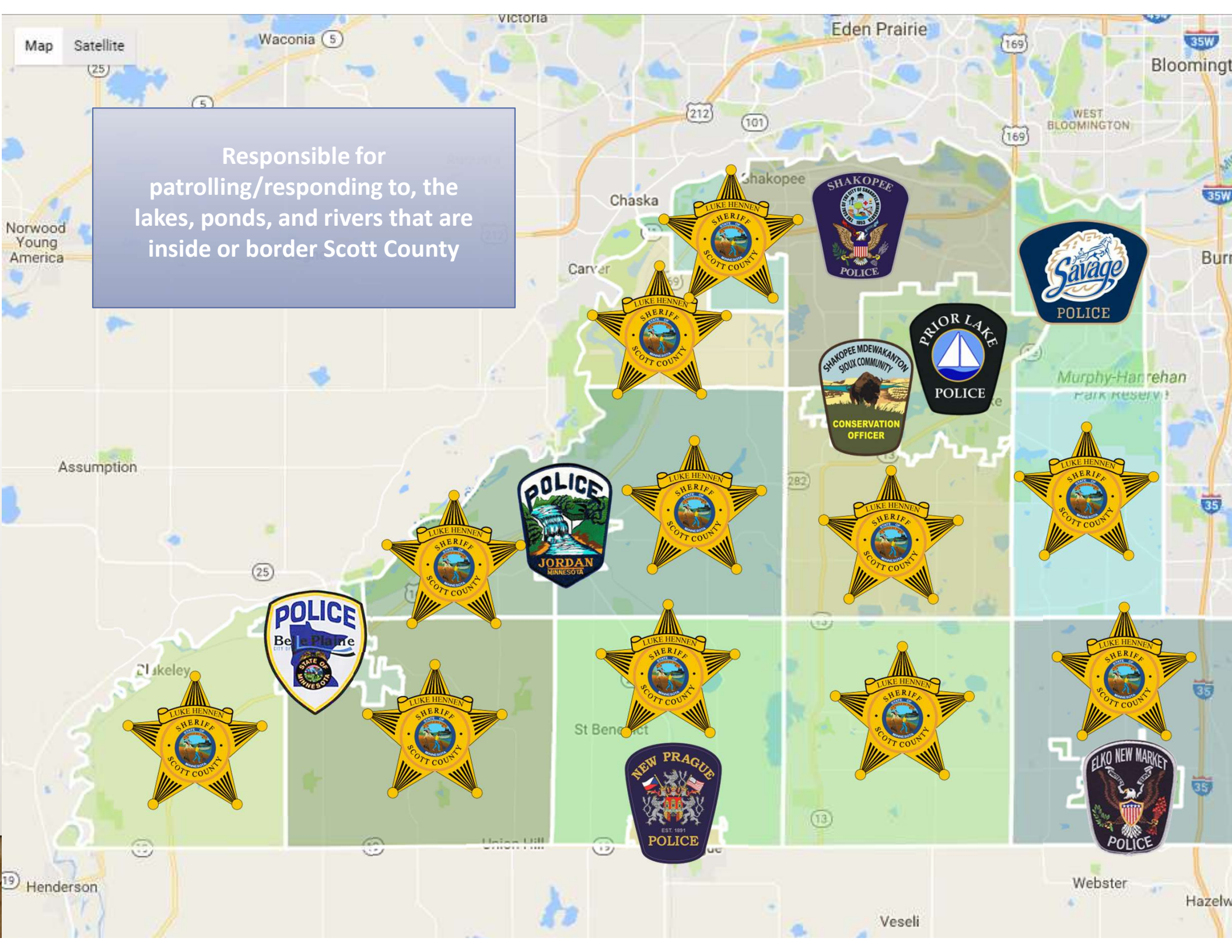


MINNESOTA STATUTE 86B.105

SHERIFF'S SAFETY PROGRAM

- a) The sheriff of each county shall maintain a program of search, rescue, buoying or marking, patrol, removal of hazards to navigation, and inspection of watercraft for rent, lease, or hire. The sheriff shall prohibit the use of any watercraft or safety equipment for rent, lease, or hire that does not comply with the standards of safety for the watercraft or equipment prescribed by the commissioner. The sheriff shall investigate watercraft accidents and drownings and report findings to the commissioner on a form prescribed by the commissioner.
- b) The county board may authorize the employment of additional personnel to carry out the provisions of this section.

Responsible for
patrolling/responding to, the
lakes, ponds, and rivers that are
inside or border Scott County



REC SAFETY TRAINING

- Full time Deputy with SCSO
- Apply when there is a Rec Safety opening
- DNR safe boating course
- DNR snowmobile certificate
- DNR snowmobile instructor course
- DNR ATV instructor course
- NASBLA Boat Accident Investigation Course
- State Patrol Commercial Vehicle Weight Course

SCSO WATER PATROL – CORE FUNCTIONS

- Emergency calls/calls for service are the priority.
- Proactive patrol focuses mainly on safety related violations/issues, including impaired operation.

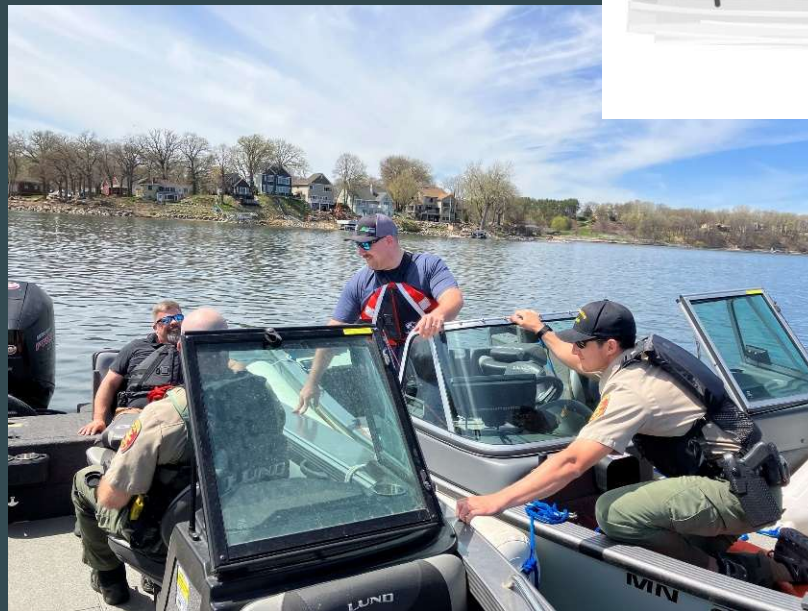


REC SAFETY- CORE FUNCTIONS

- Reduce the risk of injury and death in outdoor recreational activity.
- Reduce trespassing and damage to wetlands, County Parks, and private property.
- Educate the public regarding State Statute, County Ordinances, and City Ordinances.
- Assist the DNR in the fish and game enforcement when possible.
- Train SCSO Deputies how to use equipment, respond to emergencies and enforce laws.

BOATING EDUCATION

- Patrol Deputies attended **Boat Refresher Training** in the spring. Topics included:
 - current laws/ordinances
 - boat towing and launching
 - boat operation.



SHERIFF'S OFFICE BOATS

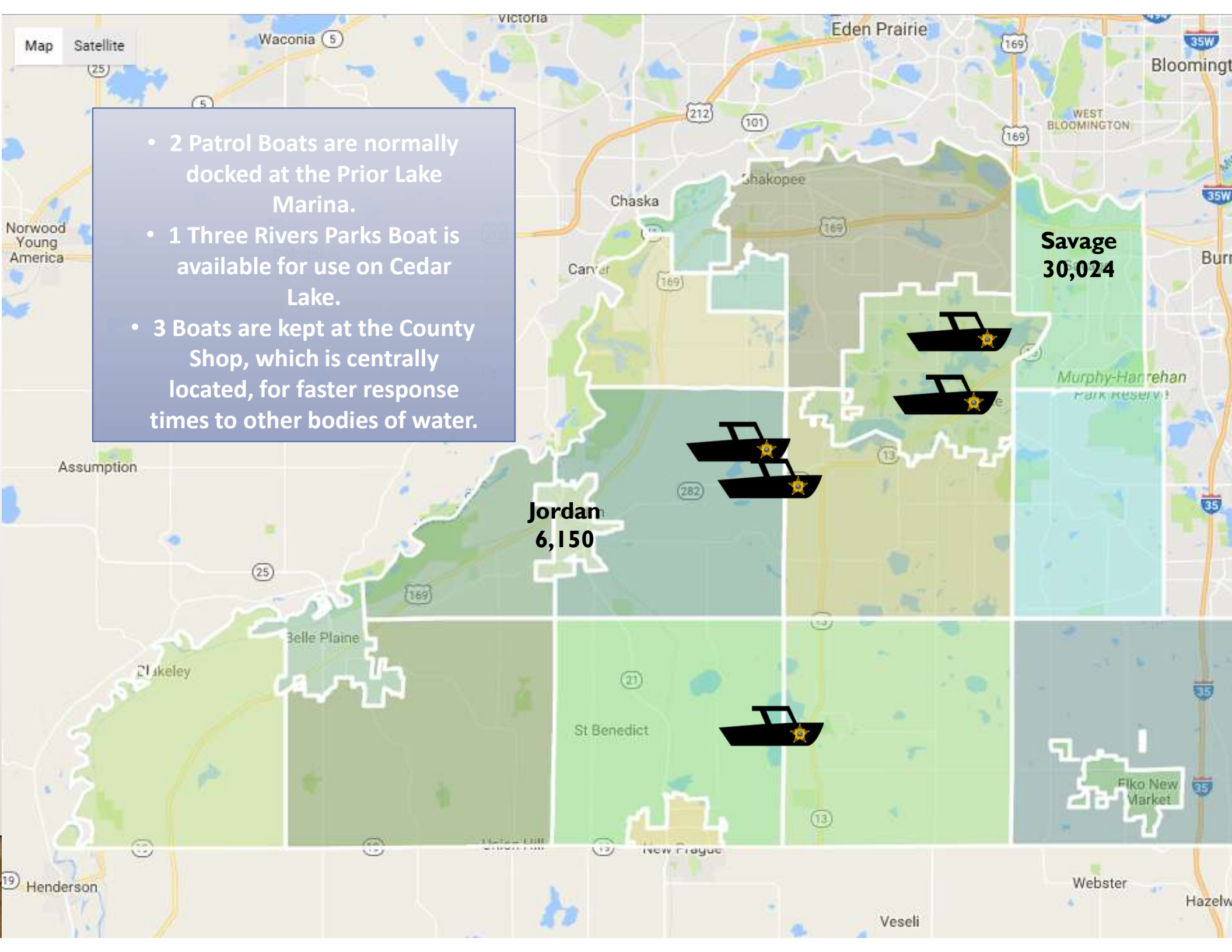
- 2023 16' Lund Adventure – County Shop
- 2020 18' Mako 184cc - On Prior Lake
- 2018 18' Lund Sport Angler - On Prior Lake
- 2020 Zodiac Cadet 300-County Shop
- 2011 17' Triumph - County Shop
- 2007 18' Alumacraft Jon Boat - County Shop



- 2 Patrol Boats are normally docked at the Prior Lake Marina.
- 1 Three Rivers Parks Boat is available for use on Cedar Lake.
- 3 Boats are kept at the County Shop, which is centrally located, for faster response times to other bodies of water.

**Savage
30,024**

**Jordan
6,150**



MARINE AND EVENT PERMITS

- In 2024 we approved 17 event permits.
- Maintained permits for over 200 temporary structures including, mooring buoys, 150ft no wake buoys, swim platforms, slalom courses, etc.



LOCAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS



RENTAL WATERCRAFT INSPECTION

6 permitted watercraft rental organizations
in Scott County in 2024



RENTAL WATERCRAFT INSPECTION

All charter/rental boats **MUST** be inspected and documented by the Sheriff's Office. This includes privately owned vessels that are rented occasionally/informally and all non-motorized vessels including canoes, kayaks and paddle boards.



INSPECTION

Passed ☒

Failed ☐

RENTAL WATERCRAFT INSPECTION

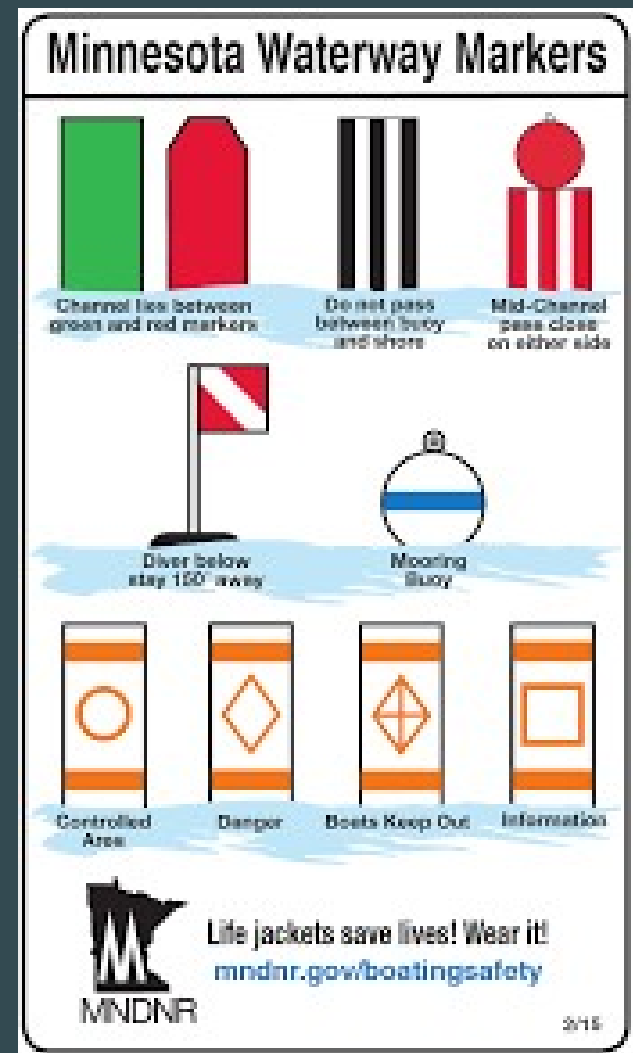
Those wishing to rent watercraft may also need a DNR Lake Service Provider Permit and have to attend Aquatic Invasive Species training.



BUOYS AND NAVIGATIONAL AIDS

The Sheriff's Office is responsible for placing navigational aids.

- Rock, No wake and Channel Marker buoys, are placed each season.
- The SCSO contracted Midway Marine to place the roughly 80 navigational buoys in 2023.
- New buoys were placed in several areas due to citizen concerns.
- Several old buoys discarded and replaced with new buoys obtained through last year's equipment grant.



GRANTS AND ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS

The Sheriff's Office participates in 3 separate boating grants, that are administered by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

- Deputies focus enforcement efforts on issues related to boating safety and navigation rules.
 - Violation of safety and navigation rules are directly related to property damage and personal injury accidents.
- Deputies can also enforce fish and game laws, however, generally assist DNR officers in those duties.



BOAT AND WATER SAFETY GRANT (BAWS)

This is an annual Federal Grant that is funded through the United States Coast Guard to promote inland water safety.



BOATING WHILE INTOXICATED (BWI) GRANT

The Sheriff's Office also participated in The Federal Supplemental Boat Patrol Grant.

- Deputies work to focus on alcohol and safety related offenses.
- Grant totaled \$8,000
- 103.00 hours worked on this grant.



Found 3 Results.

AGN	ICR	Title	Create Date	Township	Reported Date	Sub Type
SCSO	24009900	Boat/Water	2024-07-01	SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP	2024-07-01	
SCSO	24010311	Boat/Water	2024-07-08	SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP	2024-07-08	Complaints-Boat
SCSO	24011429	Boat/Water	2024-07-31	SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP	2024-07-31	

Found 11 Results.

AGN	ICR	Title	Create Date	Common Place Name	Reported Date	Sub Type
SCSO	24007372	Suspicious	2024-05-17	SPRING LAKE REGIONAL PARK	2024-05-17	Vehicle-Suspicious
SCSO	24007441	Agency Assist	2024-05-18	SPRING LAKE REGIONAL PARK	2024-05-18	
SCSO	24007445	Ordinance	2024-05-18	SPRING LAKE REGIONAL PARK LAKE ACCESS	2024-05-18	Parking-Ordinance
SCSO	24009425	Ordinance	2024-06-22	SPRING LAKE REGIONAL PARK SOUTH ENTRANCE	2024-06-22	Parking-Ordinance
SCSO	24010145	Parking	2024-07-05	SPRING LAKE REGIONAL PARK LAKE ACCESS	2024-07-05	Complaint-Parking
SCSO	24010207	Ordinance	2024-07-06	SPRING LAKE REGIONAL PARK SOUTH ENTRANCE	2024-07-06	Parking-Ordinance
SCSO	24010251	Agency Assist	2024-07-07	SPRING LAKE REGIONAL PARK SOUTH ENTRANCE	2024-07-07	
SCSO	24012671	Agency Assist	2024-08-24	SPRING LAKE REGIONAL PARK	2024-08-24	None Selected
SCSO	24013015	Found	2024-08-31	SPRING LAKE REGIONAL PARK	2024-08-31	Property-Found
SCSO	24013426	Agency Assist	2024-09-08	SPRING LAKE REGIONAL PARK LAKE ACCESS	2024-09-08	
SCSO	24018984	Suspicious	2024-12-13	SPRING LAKE REGIONAL PARK	2024-12-13	Vehicle-Suspicious

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SCSO	24010071	Parking	2024-07-03	SPRING LAKE SOUTH ACCESS	2024-07-03	Complaint-Parking
SCSO	24011295	Traffic	2024-07-28	SPRING LAKE SOUTH ACCESS	2024-07-28	Complaint-Traffic
SCSO	24012970	Community Engagement	2024-08-30	SPRING LAKE SOUTH ACCESS	2024-08-30	

TYPES OF BOATING VIOLATIONS

- Careless/Reckless
- No wake
- PFDs (life jackets)
- PWC after hours (1 hour prior to sunset)
- Speed (40/20 Prior Lake)
- Improper/no lights after sunset
- BWI
- Transom/Gunwale Riding

OTHER TASKS

- Rec Safety will also take Patrol calls
- Maintain cold storage and equipment
- Coordination of equipment maintenance.
- Network in the boating and snowmobile community

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Scott Soil & Water Conservation District

Shelby Roberts
Education Specialist

SWCD MISSION

“Promote and support the conservation of natural resources in Scott County through strong partnerships, trusted relationships and excellent service”

- ▶ Farmers/producers
- ▶ Lakeshore owners
- ▶ Urban residents
- ▶ Hobby farms
- ▶ Rural residents
- ▶ LGU's



Our Work

Technical Assistance & Cost Share (TACS)

- Conservation planning w/landowners
- Discuss erosion, runoff and water quality concerns
- Identify, design, construct solutions

Water Quality Monitoring

- Stream water quality and flows, lakes, groundwater level

And much more!

- Education and Outreach
- Equipment Rental Program
- Wetland Protection
- Drainage Ditch Authority
- Noxious Weed Management



FREE Technical Assistance & Site Visits

Conservation Projects

- Agricultural BMPs
- Erosion Control
- Nutrient Management
- Cover Crops
- Native Prairie Restoration
- Tree & Shrub Establishment
- Stream & Shoreline Protection
- Wetland Restoration
- Pollinator Habitat
- Well Sealings

**ALL
100%
VOLUNTARY**



Cover Crops



Prairie Restoration



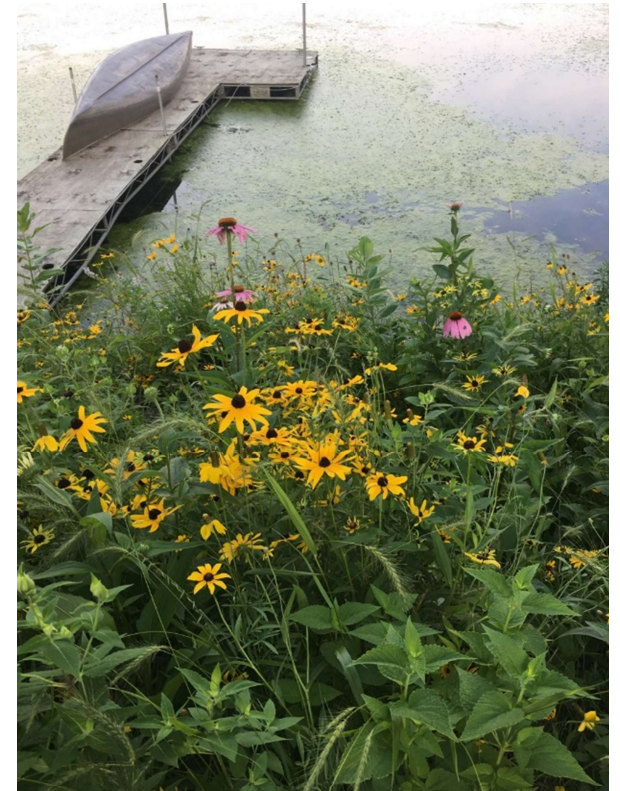
Tree Establishment



Erosion Solutions

Native Lakeshore Buffers

- Can be done on any lakeshore!
- Slows runoff from lawns
- Help water infiltrate into the soil
- Deep roots stabilize soil
- Vegetation breaks waves and protects shoreline
- Pollinator & wildlife habitat



Erosion on your Shoreline: Stabilization Projects



Shorelines with significant erosion require stabilizing methods:

- Shaping of the bank
- Installation of bio-logs
- Soil lifts
- Rock rip-rap

**We can
help with
this!**

First Step: Site Visit with SWCD



- Site visits and technical assistance is free
- Address eroded and contributing areas
- What are your goals/concerns?
- Determine site feasibility
- Discuss potential solutions for your shoreline.

Shoreline Buffer

- Buffer area must be at least 10 ft. wide and 50% of developed shoreline
- 5-year agreement
- Reimbursement program
- No status reviews

\$2/sq.ft up to \$2000 max
COST SHARE RATE



Name:	
Address:	
Email:	Phone:
Project size: (Please fill in project size. Note project specs and planting dates)	
Shoreline Buffer _____ sq. ft. \$2/sq. ft. up to \$2000	
Project specs: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must be located on a designated DNR waterbody• Erosion control methods may be necessary• Buffer area must be at least 10 ft. wide and 50% of developed shoreline	
Recommended planting dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• April 15 - Sept 15 or after Nov 1 (seeding)	

Terms and Conditions

- This application is not a guarantee of any program funding.
- If funding is approved, an SWCD contract must be signed by all parties prior to construction commencing.
- Projects eligible only if converting existing turf lawn or agricultural land into native vegetation.
- Project square footage located within easements, rights-of-ways or utility locations is subject to entity approval.
- Project size minimum is 150 sq.ft. for gardens.
- All species planted must be native and natural to Minnesota and sourced from a neonicitoid free nursery.
- Planting specifications including project size, planting materials, and site preparation must be approved and certified by an SWCD technician.
- Incentive payments are maximum and reimbursed based on final square footage installed.
- Maximum grant award per property is \$2,000 per property over a 10 year period.
- Grant incentives in excess of \$600 will require the applicant to sign a W-9 before receiving payment.
- Projects must be maintained and remain installed for a minimum of 5 years.

Please submit applications to your Scott SWCD technical representative or info@scottswcd.org.

All submittals must include completed project guideline sheet, location map, and application (this form).

Landowner Signature

I hereby request funding through the Natural Landscaping program. I agree to the terms and conditions listed above, and understand that failure to comply with any of the terms may result in denial of this request or payment.

_____ Landowner Signature	_____ Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	_____ Technical Representative Signature	_____ Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
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SWCD Funding Approval (For admin use only)

Grant Award \$	_____	_____	_____
		Approval Signature	Date

Shoreline Restoration

- Application, design and cost-estimate prepared by technician and approved by SWCD Board
- 10-year agreement
- Reimbursement program
- Status Reviews conducted by staff throughout contract length

70% of total eligible expenses
COST SHARE RATE

**SCOTT WMO CONSERVATION PROJECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
APPLICATION/CONTRACT**

Project ID: CP-18-023

GENERAL INFORMATION

Financial Assistance Provider: SCOTT WMO	Contract No.:	Contract Type: Individual <input type="checkbox"/> Group <input type="checkbox"/>	Other Cost Share Sources: Fed <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Amendments (if any):	Canceled (if applicable):
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APPLICANT

Name:	Address:	City/State:	Zip:
-	-	- MN	-

PROJECT LOCATION

City/Township Name:	Township:	Range:	Section:	1/4 1/4:	Minor Watershed:

PROJECT TYPE & COST ESTIMATE

Conservation Practice Name:	Quantity:	Units:
Eligible components (list NRCS Practice Codes):	Other recognized technical practice(s):	Check whichever applies:
		Engineered Practice: <input type="checkbox"/>
		Ecological Practice: <input type="checkbox"/>
		Total Cost Estimate: \$0.00

INSTALLATION COST SHARE AMOUNTS

Scott SWCD: _____ Federal: _____ Landowner: _____
 Scott WMO: \$0.00 State: _____ Other: _____

MAXIMUM AMOUNTS AUTHORIZED

Project incentives shall not exceed: **\$0.00***
 Project installation cost-share shall not exceed **\$0.00** or percent of total eligible costs, **whichever is less.**

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

I (we), the undersigned, hereby request financial assistance to help defray the cost of installing the conservation project listed above. I/we understand that:

- This application for financial assistance will be reviewed and considered for approval by the District Board of Supervisors or Scott WMO Board (Approval Authority). The application may be approved for an amount less than the amounts authorized above, or it may be denied based on consideration of cost effectiveness and public interest. If approved, this application shall constitute a contract which shall remain in effect unless cancelled or amended by mutual agreement.

The above notwithstanding, the project total cost estimate and cost share and incentive amounts listed are estimates only and are subject to change based on actual project installation quantities and costs.

- The Applicant(s) and, if different, Landowner(s) are responsible for proper operation and maintenance of the practice and any related components applied under this contract, and to ensure the conservation purpose and objectives are met for the effective life of the project, **which shall be a minimum of 10 years from the date the project is certified complete. Should the Applicant(s) or landowner(s) fail to maintain the project during this effective life, they shall be liable to the District for 150% of the amount received under this contract.**

The above notwithstanding, neither the Applicant(s) nor Landowner(s) shall be liable if failure of the project was caused by reasons beyond their control, or if alternative conservation measures providing an equivalent level of protection of the soil and water resources during the effective life are applied at their own expense.

- If the project has not been installed by **Not Indicated**, this contract will be automatically terminated on that date unless it is amended by mutual agreement. Failure to complete the project by the original or amended date will result in forfeiture of funds.

*By law, an incentive of \$600 or more is considered taxable income and will be reported to the Internal Revenue Service.

Plant Sale



Partial to Full Sun

Blanketflower
Available May 1



Partial to Full Sun

Columbine
Available May 1



Full Sun

Butterfly Milkweed
Available May 1



Full Sun

Prairie Coreopsis
Available May 1



Full Sun

Black-eyed Susan
Available May 1



Partial Sun

Blue Flag Iris
Available May 1



Full Sun

Prairie Blazing Star
Available May 1



Full Sun

New England Aster
Available May 1



Full Sun

**Narrow Leaved
Coneflower**
Available May 1



Full Sun

Rattle Snake Master
Available May 1



Covers 100 or 1000 Sq. Ft.

Pollinator Mix
Available May 1



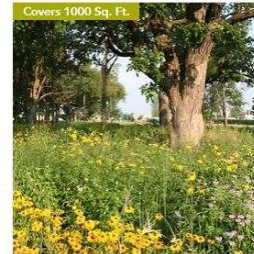
Covers 1000 Sq. Ft.

Bee Lawn Mix
Available May 1



Covers 1,000 Sq. Ft.

Lakeshore Mix
Available May 1



Covers 1000 Sq. Ft.

Savanna Mix
Available May 1



Covers 1,000 to 5,000 sq.ft.

Septic Mound Mix
Available May 1



Covers 1,000 to 5,000 sq.ft.

Upland Shortgrass Prairie Mix
Available May 1



NEW! Covers 50 & 250 sq ft

Weed Suppressant Mat



Rain Barrel- Black



Quick View

Compost Bins

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Orders open May 1 for
plant sale

2024 FINANCIAL REVIEW & 2025 BUDGET UPDATE



Larry Cox
SLA Treasurer

2024 BUDGET/ACTUAL INCOME

\$ 15,540 | 2024 Budget Income

\$19,444 | 2024 Actual Income

\$ 9,200 | Sponsorship | 22 Sponsors | 15 Gold & 7 Silver

\$ 4,543 | Membership Dues Collected

\$ 3,861 | Lake Improvement Donations

\$ 1,700 | Received from Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Grant



2024 ACTUAL EXPENSES

\$ 13,447 | 2024 Actual Expenses

\$ 16,130 | 2024 Budget Expenses

\$ 3,824 | Lake Improvement

\$ 3,027 | Social Events

\$ 3,757 | Communication Expense

\$ 1,612 | Marketing Expense

\$ 1,229 | Administration



2025 SLA BUDGET INCOME

\$ 16,260 | Total Budget Income

\$ 9,200 | Sponsorship | 22 Sponsors | 18 Gold & 4 Silver

\$ 4,560 | Membership | 155 Budgeted Members

\$ 2,500 | Lake Improvement Donation Fund

**\$ 500 Lake Improvement AIS Conditional DNR Grant Available,
Payable Through June 30, 2025**



2025 SLA BUDGET EXPENSES

\$16,260 | Total Budget Expense

\$ 2940 | Lake Improvement

\$ 6,840 | Social Events

\$ 3,730 | Communication Expense

\$ 200 | Membership Expense

\$ 950 | Administration

\$1590 | Available



2025 CURRENT CHECK BOOK

- \$30,375 | Starting Balance (January 1, 2025)
 - Donations created due to EWM exposure THANK YOU!
 - Additional Sponsors
 - Two DNR Grants were awarded 2023/2024
 - Paid for over \$30K in lake surveys and treatments
- \$41,295 | Current Balance (3/31/2025)

2025 SLA MEMBERSHIP / SONSHIP

- **177** | 2025 Sponsors & Members Goal
- **179** | 2024 Sponsors & Members Actual
- **21** | Current Sponsors
- **113** | Current Members
- **43** | # of Additional Paid Members Needed to Meet our Goal!
- We hope that you will be a paid member and encourage your new neighbors to become members.
- If you have new neighbors who moved in, please send their name, address and email address to Board.SLA@Gmail.com so we can welcome them and add them to our distribution list.

THANK YOU 2025 SLA SPONSORS



2025 GOLD SPONSORS | Boat Doctor Marine | Boathouse Brothers Brewing Co. | Bricks Boat Works, Inc. | CammAir | Carlson & Prior Lake Ace Hardware Stores | Edina Realty - Jim Gilbertson | Knotty Oar Marina | LBI Construction | Minnesota Inboard | NMS Mechanical | RE/MAX Preferred - Lauren Peters | Prior Lake/Savage Rental Centers | Sailer's Greenhouse | Solar Shield | Stonewood Hardscapes & Design | The Buckingham Companies | Viking Liquor Barrel

2025 SILVER SPONSORS | Canopy Insurance | Complete Family Eyecare | Edwards Jones - Paul Youngs | Sheriff Luke Hennen



2024 SLA OVERVIEW HIGHLIGHTS



2024 OVERVIEW & HIGHLIGHTS

- Volunteers
- Social Events
- Spring Lake Regional Park
- Annexation Status
- Spring Lake Boat Ramp
- Aquatic Invasive Species Surveys

THANK YOU SLA VOLUNTEERS



Blue Water Science Lake Surveys



Newsletter Packet Collating



Concert Stage Setup



Bluegill Stocking with PLSLWD

SOCIAL | 2024 SUMMER CONCERT

SLA SUMMER CONCERT Saturday, July 20

Rain or Shine

★ The CONCERT

Time: 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Location: Raymond Park
Music: Chad Edwards Band (Country/Classic Rock)
Come Hungry: Brick Oven Bus Pizza & Original Hockey Mom Brownies



Beverages: BYOB
Parking: Available on Vergus Avenue & handicapped parking available at Raymond Park
Free Beer Prize Drawings for Boathouse Brother's Beer Tokens for The AFTER PARTY!
Rain Back-Up Location: Boathouse Brother's Brewing

ASSOCIATION
SPRING
LAKE



★ The AFTER PARTY

LET'S CONTINUE THE PARTY ...

Location: Boathouse Brother's Brewing
Time: 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm



SOCIAL | 2024 NIGHT TO UNITE

THANK YOU HOSTS

VERGUS AVE | Sauve, Steffan,
Cox, Lervoog,

SOUTH SHORE PARK |
Costello, Spaulding, Huntington,
Van Beusekom, Tillotson

**SPRING LAKE REGIONAL
PARK** | Miers, Gilbertson,
Auringer

SUNSET AVE |
Lundquist, Hendler

SPRING LAKE ESTATES |
Peterson, Loechler



COMMUNICATION | 2024 SPRING LAKE REGIONAL PARK OPEN



1. Fishing Pier
2. Kayak /Canoe Drop
3. 125 Car Parking Lot
4. Paved Trail
5. Lakeside Observation
6. Snowmobile Trail
7. Pavillion Expected in 2027

- Opened May 22, 2024
- Grand Opening June 28, 2024

COMMUNICATION | 2024 SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP ANNEXATION

- September 2024 | City of Prior Lake & Spring Lake Township Approve Framework for New Orderly Annexation Agreement
- Areas 24.1 and 24.2 Remain in Township.
 - Water / Sewer up to 20% Surcharge to Residents April 2025

Raymond and Southshore Parks
Revert Back to the Township

- Creation of Citizens involvement group
Meeting May 21, 7 – 8 PM
Township Hall



EDUCATION | 2024 SPRING LAKE MAP SIGNAGE AT BOAT RAMP



THANK YOU | The PLSLWD Provided Funding to Print
Additional Maps which were handed out at the Boat Ramp.

EDUCATION | 2024 BOATING SAFETY

- In 2024 the SLA Sponsored a Drawing for Anyone Who Successfully Completed the Online Boat Training Course by August 1.
- 10 winners were awarded VISA Gift Cards



Minnesota Boater Safety Course Challenge

Spring Lake Association recognizes these 10 individuals for accepting the challenge and doing their part in becoming educated and promoting boating safety!

Winners received a \$50 Visa Gift Card!

Riley Charles

Lily Loechler

Jack Selle

Joe Selle

Mira Frye

Nick Selle

Logan Jopp

Juliann Will

Faith Zeller

Camille Will



BOATERexam.com
Educating Boaters Online

Boater Education Card

MN
DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES

Name _____

Card Number _____ Date _____ Date of Issue _____

Date of Birth _____

Gender _____ Eye Color _____ Hair Color _____

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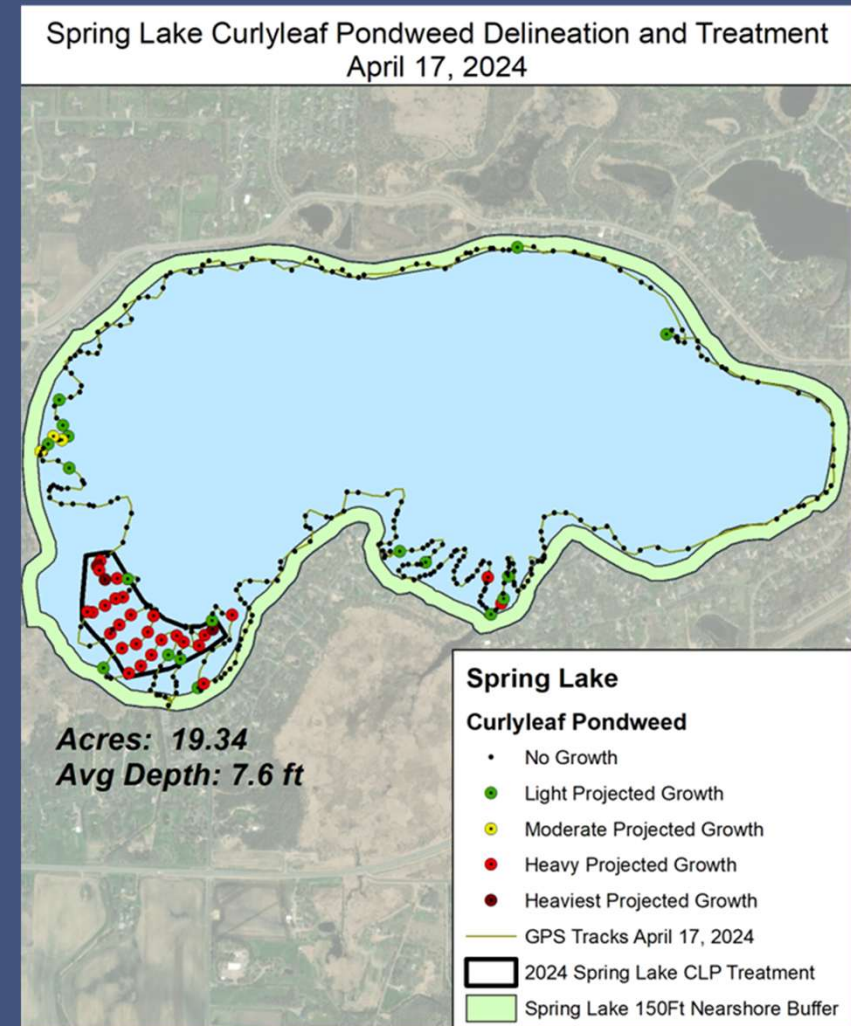
LAKE IMPROVEMENT | BOAT RAMP

- 2024 Spring 1st phase -
Floating Dock installed by DNR.
 - Address fluctuating water levels
- 2024 Late Summer 2nd phase -
Red / Green buoys placed by DNR
& Sheriff to create channel leading
to ramp.
 - Assist in managing silt and boat
traffic



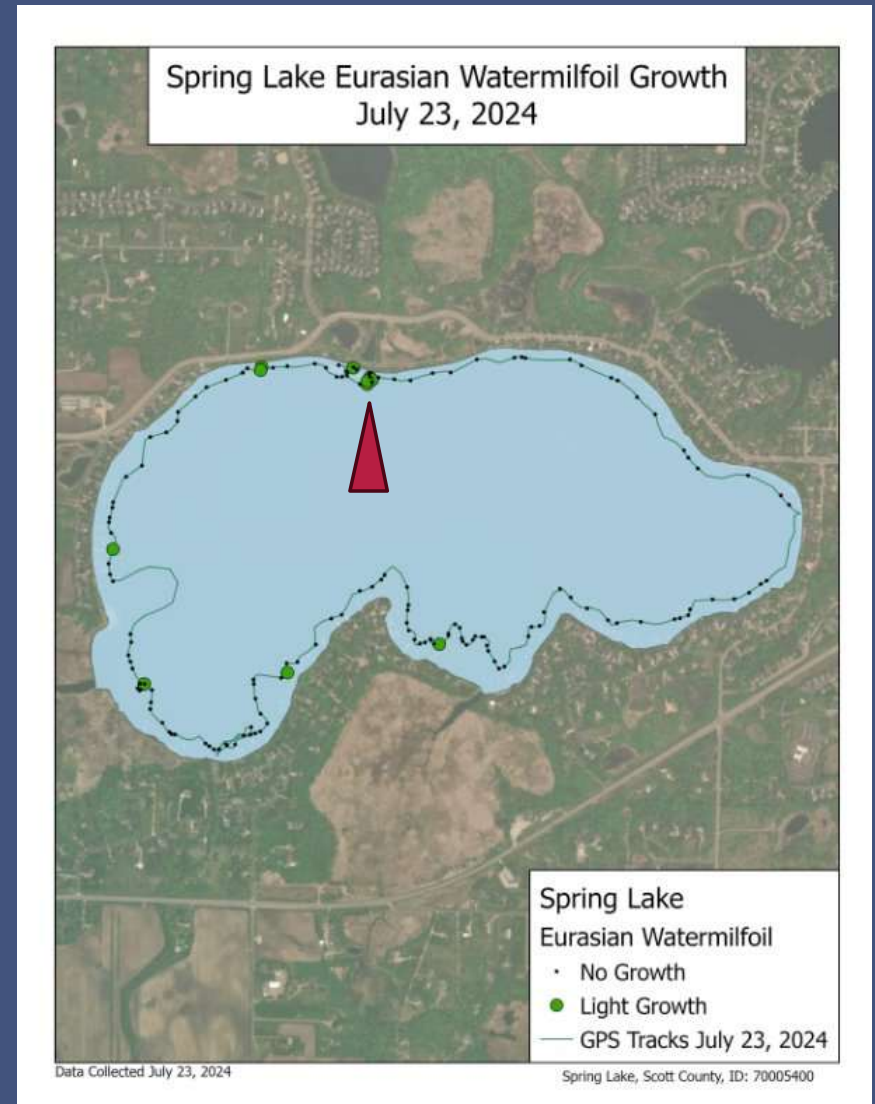
2024 LAKE IMPROVEMENT AQUATIC INVASIVE SURVEY RESULTS

- Curly Leaf Pondweed
 - Survey Performed April 2024
 - Found Light Growth on West Side of Lake.
 - 19 acres treated



2024 LAKE IMPROVEMENT AQUATIC INVASIVE SURVEY RESULTS

- Eurasian Water Milfoil
 - Survey performed in July 2024
 - Small amount found West side of Lake.
 - Did not warrant treatment.
 - Blue Water Science
 - Primary Concern is if it reaches Lake Surface and creates Mats.
- ***We Will Continue to Monitor in 2025***





2025 SLA GOALS & INITIATIVES

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- Social Events
- Communication Activities
- Education
- Lake Improvement

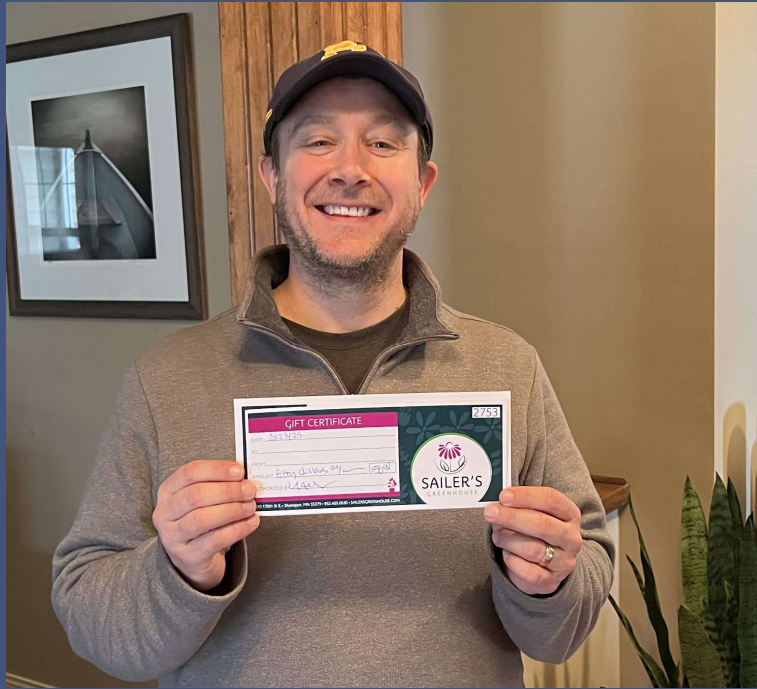
SOCIAL | NEW IN 2025 SLA CABIN FEVER / CHILI-FEST CHILI COOKOFF



CHILI CHAMPION KELSEY WIPF



SOCIAL | 2025 SPRING ICE OUT | MARCH 23



Ice Out Winner of a \$50
Sailer's Greenhouse Gift Card |
Dan Fields



ICE OUT DATES

March 3, 2024
Earliest Date *

April 4
Average Date *

May 1, 2018
Latest Date *

* Dating back at least
30 years.

SOCIAL | REMAINING 2025 SOCIAL EVENTS

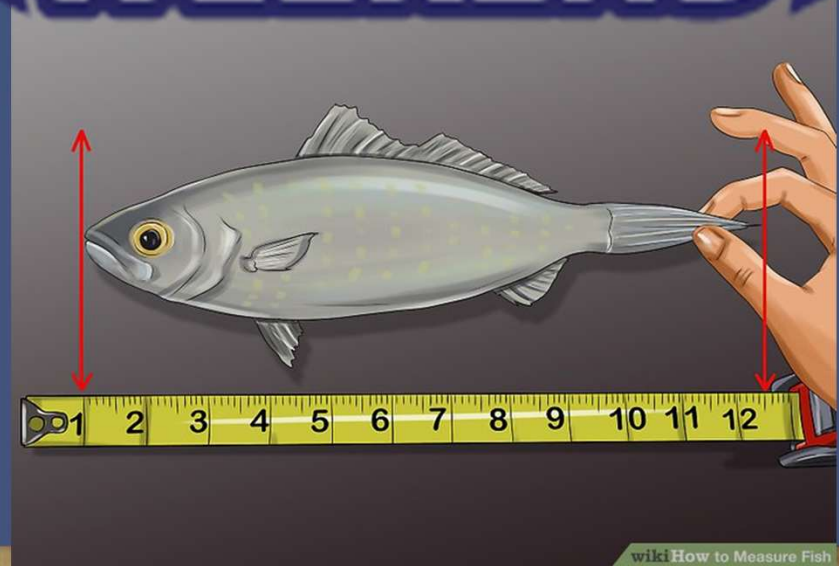
- **May 27** | Memorial Day Pick Your Paddle
- **June 7** | Take a Kid Fishing Tournament (**NEW**)
- **July 4** | 4th of July Boat Parade & Boat Decorating Contest
- **July 19** | Outdoor Free Summer Concert
 - **New Location:** Spring Lake Regional Park Lakeside
 - **Band:** Boogie Wonderland
 - **Food Truck:** Ol' Smoky BBQ
- **August 6** | Night to Unite
- **September 2** | Labor Day Pick Your Paddle



SOCIAL | 2025 TAKE A KID FISHING – NEW

JUNE 7 – 9

- Minnesotans 16 or Older can fish for free when taking a kid 15 years or younger.
- Photo submitted taken with fish and measurement.
- Awards given to longest fish
 - Bass, walleye, northern pike
 - Bluegill, crappie, perch.
 - Drawing for all who participate



SOCIAL | 2025 NIGHT TO UNITE - AUGUST 6

- **Party Hosts and Helpers Needed for 5 – 7 Parties**
| Volunteer Signup Sheets Available at the Registration Desk
- Spring Lake Association will Assist you in Planning Your Party and will Also Coordinate with the Following Partners:
 - Scott County Sherriff
 - Scott County Horse Patrol
 - City of Prior Lake - Police
 - City of Prior Lake - Fire
 - Scott Soil & Water Conservation



COMMUNICATIONS | 2025 NEWSLETTER

We are Committed to Relevant & Timely Communication regarding Spring Lake News

- Communication Methods | Email, Facebook & Website
- 2025 Spring Communication Packet
 - Collated, Hand Delivered and mailed over **450 Spring 2025 SLA Newsletters.**
 - Donation Gifts & New Resident Packets
 - AIS OPT Out Letter included

2025

SLA Events Calendar

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

SLA Annual Meeting
Date: Sunday, April 27
Location: Wilds Golf Club

Annual Meeting Schedule
4:00 pm Registration / Social Hour
Appetizers / Cash Bar
5:00 pm Annual Meeting
6:15 pm Prize Drawing

May 26 | Pick Your Paddle - Memorial Day

June 7 | Take a Kid Fishing

July 4 | 4th of July Boat Parade & Boat Decorating contest

July 19 | Summer Concert

August 5 | Night to Unite

September 1 | Pick Your Paddle - Labor Day

SAVE THE DATE

July 19 | Summer Concert with a Live Band & Food Truck
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Spring Lake Regional Park - Lakeside

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2024 Photo of the Year | by Greg Sauve

April 2025

President's Message from Wesley Steffan



Blue Sky and Open Water
Spring Lake December 27, 2023

In Winter 2023-2024, we experienced one of the shortest ice season on record with ice-in not occurring until January and ice-out occurring in early March. Rains that began in the Spring and continued on through early summer were responsible for lake levels reaching normal levels. Unfortunately, the rains also forced us to cancel two early season social events and modify another. Thankfully the weather cooperated and we were able to have a fantastic concert in July and an engaging Night to Unite Event in August.

In addition, we were able to complete several lake improvement activities with our lake partners which included the following: installed a floating dock & buoy channel and created & hung a boating etiquette map at the boat ramp. We also continued our on-going management of Curly Leaf Pondweed and Eurasian Water Milfoil.

The SLA Board has been busy planning for 2025 with our focus on increasing membership and engagement through our on-going communication, education and social events. SLA extends an invitation for each of you to attend our numerous events throughout the year. Please see the events calendar.



In addition, we will continue to focus our lake improvement efforts with the continued support from the DNR (boat ramp enhancements), PLSLWD (water quality and AIS Management) and the Sheriff's office (Boat Operator Certification). Effective July 1, 2025, a Watercraft Operators Permit will be required for all those born after July 1, 2004. Please see the separate article on page 7, for an opportunity for those completing the course, to win one of ten \$50 Visa gift certificates.

I would also like to personally invite everyone to attend the SLA 2025 Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 27. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the SLA, hear from guest speakers, enjoy complimentary appetizers, meet others from our lake community and have an opportunity to win a prize in our prize drawing.

COMMUNICATION | 2025 PHOTO OF THE WEEK & YEAR

- Competition runs from **May 27 – November 4** on Facebook.
- Photo that receives the most likes on Facebook is the winning photo for the week.
- **Winning Photo will be:**
 - Displayed on **Facebook & Website** Headers for one week.
 - Entered into the **2025 Photo of the Year** Contest
 - Included in the **2025 Year in Review** Video
 - Header for the **2026 Printed Newsletter**
- **If you are not on Facebook, send photos to Board.sla@gmail.com**

EDUCATION | 2025 BOATING SAFETY

- Everyone is Encouraged to Take the Online Boat Training Course to Become Boat Certified.
 - Currently required for anyone 12 – 17 Years Old
 - Starting July 1, 2025, anyone born after July 1, 2004 will need to be certified – phased in by years, 2000, 1996, 1987
- In 2025 the SLA is again Sponsoring a Drawing for Anyone Who Successfully Completes the Online Boat Training Course by August 1.
- **Drawing Will be Held in August for Chance to Win One of Ten Gift Certificates.**



EDUCATION | 2025 KAYAK / CANOE SIGNAGE

New Signage to be posted at the Spring Lake Regional Park

- Regional Park added canoe kayak launch in 2024.
- Concerns rose from paddlers venturing into navigational areas of boats.
- Created map to be posted in new kiosk at the regional park.
- Includes Safety tips and Minnesota Laws.



LAKE IMPROVEMENT | 2025 GOALS

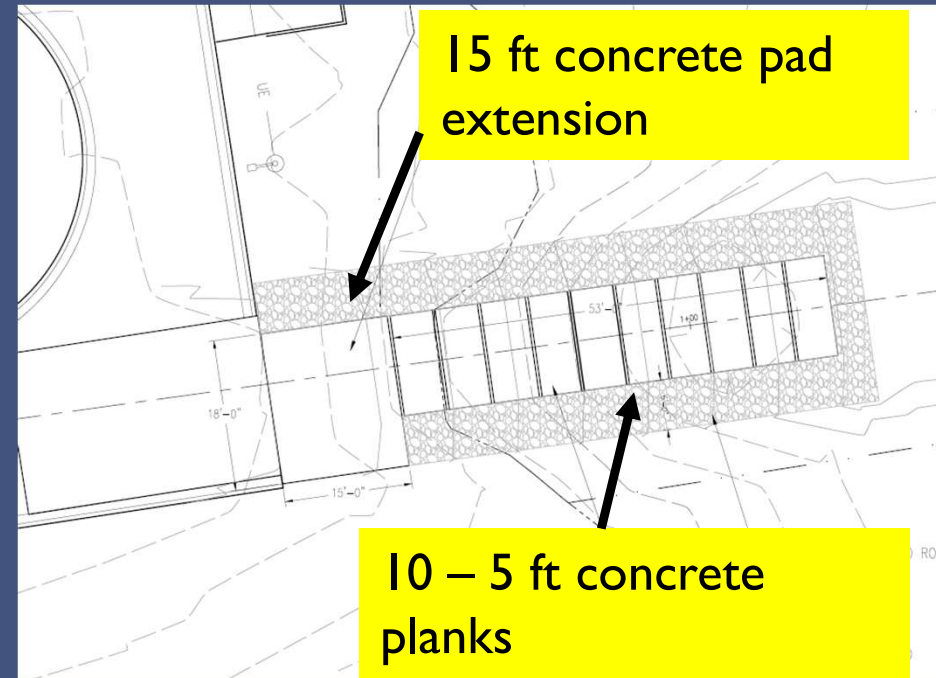
- **Spring Lake Boat Ramp Improvements – DNR**
- **Partner with Prior Lake Spring Lake Watershed District**
 - \$500 Donation for Bluegill Stocking / Volunteers Requested.
 - Evaluate / Survey / Manage with PLSLWD Curly Leaf Pondweed which is an Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS).
 - Continue to survey for treatable areas for Eurasian Water Milfoil.

LAKE IMPROVEMENT | SPRING LAKE

BOAT RAMP 3RD PHASE

2025 Summer 3rd phase

- DNR Engineering work underway to redesign
- Consideration given to extend ramp 15 feet
- Minimize impact of Power Loading damage.
- Ramp will be shut down for one week during construction after July 1

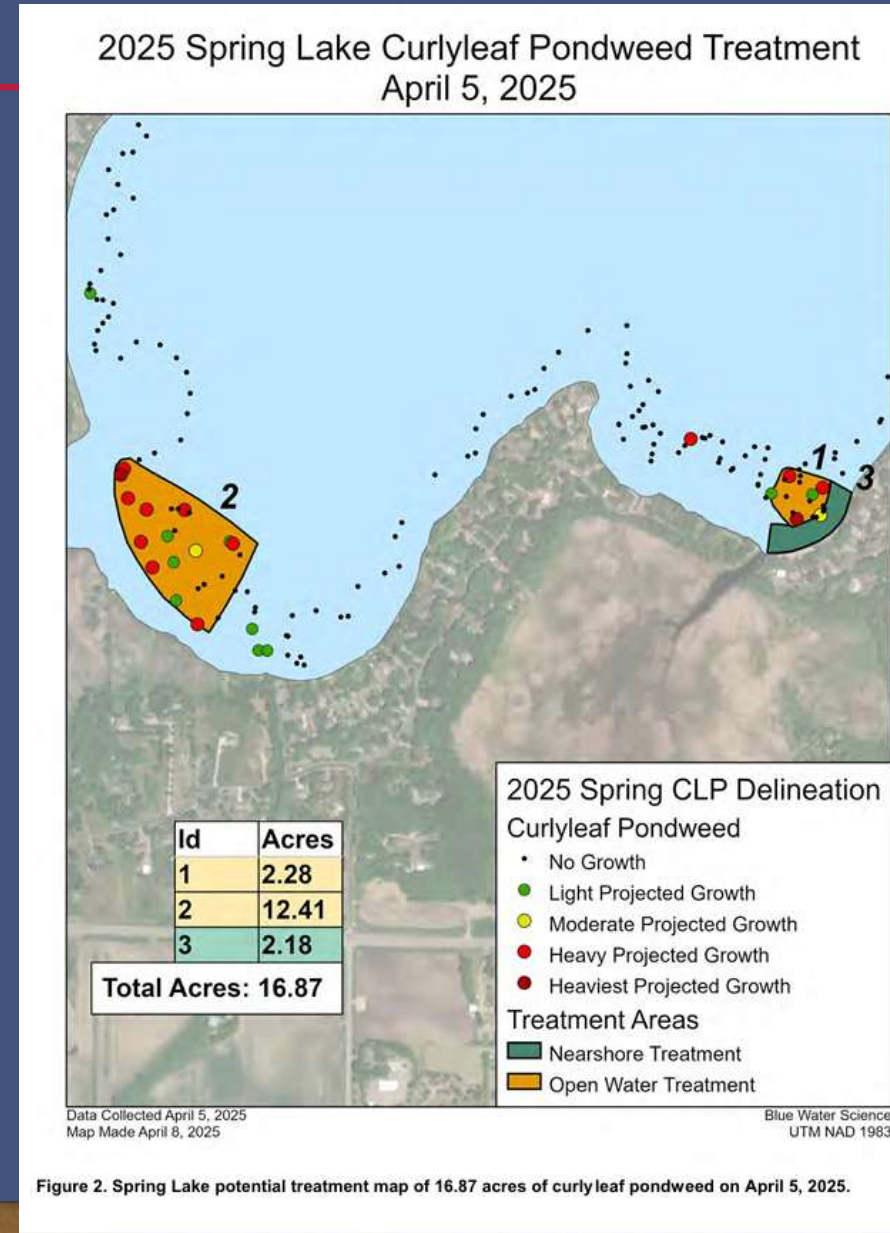


LAKE IMPROVEMENT | 2025 AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES ACTIVITIES

- Carp Management.
 - Assist PLSLWD with additional funding and volunteers for Blue Gill stocking in the Desilt Pond.
 - Carp espionage, Members report carp sightings
- AIS Curly Leaf Pondweed.
 - Coordinate with PLSLWD survey and /or treatment for Curly Leaf Pondweed in near shore areas.
- AIS Eurasian Water Milfoil.
 - Continue to monitor effectiveness of earlier treatments of Eurasian Water Milfoil in July.

LAKE IMPROVEMENT | 2025 AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES ACTIVITIES

- Curly Leaf Pondweed Survey Results
- Survey conducted April 5, 2025 by Blue Water Science
- Treatment proposed in three areas
- Total of 16.87 acres
- Followup effectiveness survey June



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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



ATTENDEE DRAWING

Prizes Provided by the Following Sponsors

- Ace Hardware
- Boathouse Brothers Brewing, Co.
- Bricks Boat Works
- Edina Realty - Jim Gilbertson
- Minnesota Inboard
- PAC USA – Ray Joachim
- RE/MAX Preferred - Lauren Peters
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- Viking Liquor Barrel





THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING

We hope you enjoy 2025 on Spring Lake!

