

2026 SLA ANNUAL MEETING



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MEETING WILL START IN 10 MINUTES

2026 SLA MEETING AGENDA TOPICS

- Welcome & SLA Board Members
- Scott County Sheriff Update
- Prior Lake Spring Lake Watershed District Update
- Water Quality / Aquatic Plant Panel Discussion
 - Ann Wilkinson | Emmons & Olivier Resources
 - Connor McComas | Blue Water Science
 - Emily Dick | Prior Lake Spring Lake Watershed District
 - Wesley Steffan | Spring Lake Association
- 2025 Financial Review & 2026 Budget Update
- 2025 Year in Review Video
- 2025 SLA Overview
- 2026 Goals & Initiatives
- Question & Answer
- Attendee Sponsor Drawing

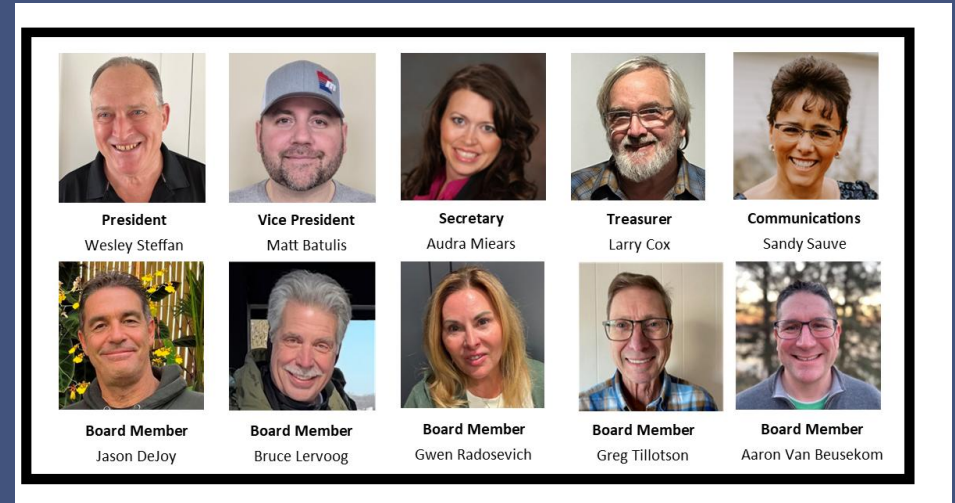
CURRENT SLA BOARD MEMBERS

Officers | 3-Year Terms

- Wesley Steffan - President | 2021- 2027 *
- Matt Batulis - Vice President | 2022 - 2027 *
- Audra Miers - Secretary | 2021 - 2027 *
- Larry Cox - Treasurer | 2024 - 2027
- Sandy Sauve - Communications | 2020 - 2026 *

Board Members | 2-Year Terms

- Jason DeJoy | 2023 - 2027 *
- Bruce Lervoog | 2025 – 2027
- Gwen Radosevich | 2025-2027
- Greg Tillotson | 2024 - 2026
- Aaron Van Beusekom | 2024 - 2026



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2026 SLA BOARD CHANGES

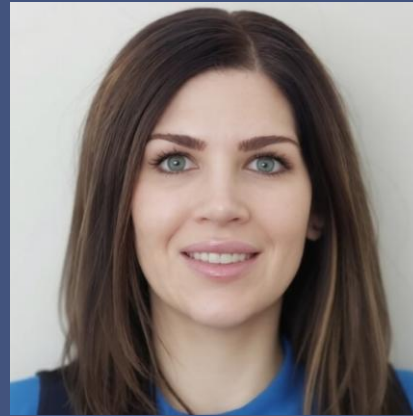
Board Members Changing Position & Joining the Board



**Gwen
Radosevich**



**Karen
Dwyer**



**Heather
Felderman**



**Jon
Miller**

Board Members Leaving the Board

- Sandy Sauve | Communications Director
- Greg Tillotson & Aaron Van Beusekom | Board Members

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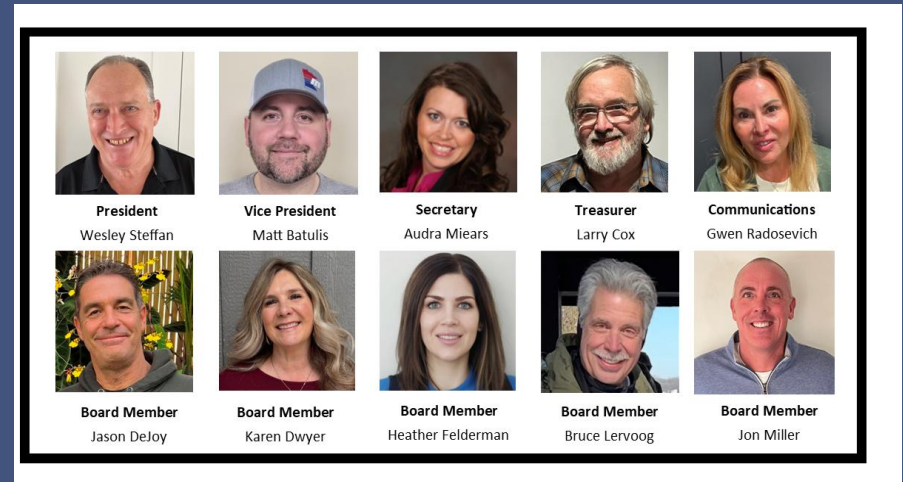
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SCOTT COUNTY SHERIFF UPDATE



Ryan Trapp
Recreational Safety Deputy



PRIOR LAKE
SPRING LAKE
WATERSHED DISTRICT

Spring Lake Water Quality Past, Present, and Future

Emily Dick – PLSLWD
Project Manager

April 23, 2026



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

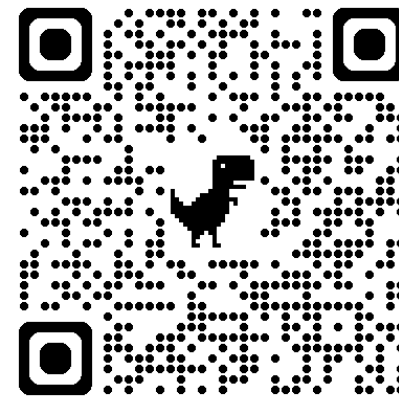
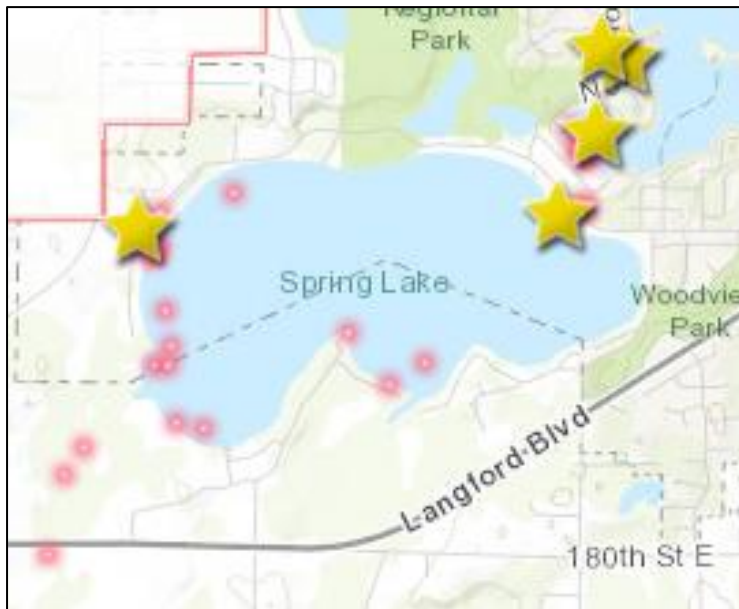


18,500 lbs removed
this winter

Spring Lake : Carp Management



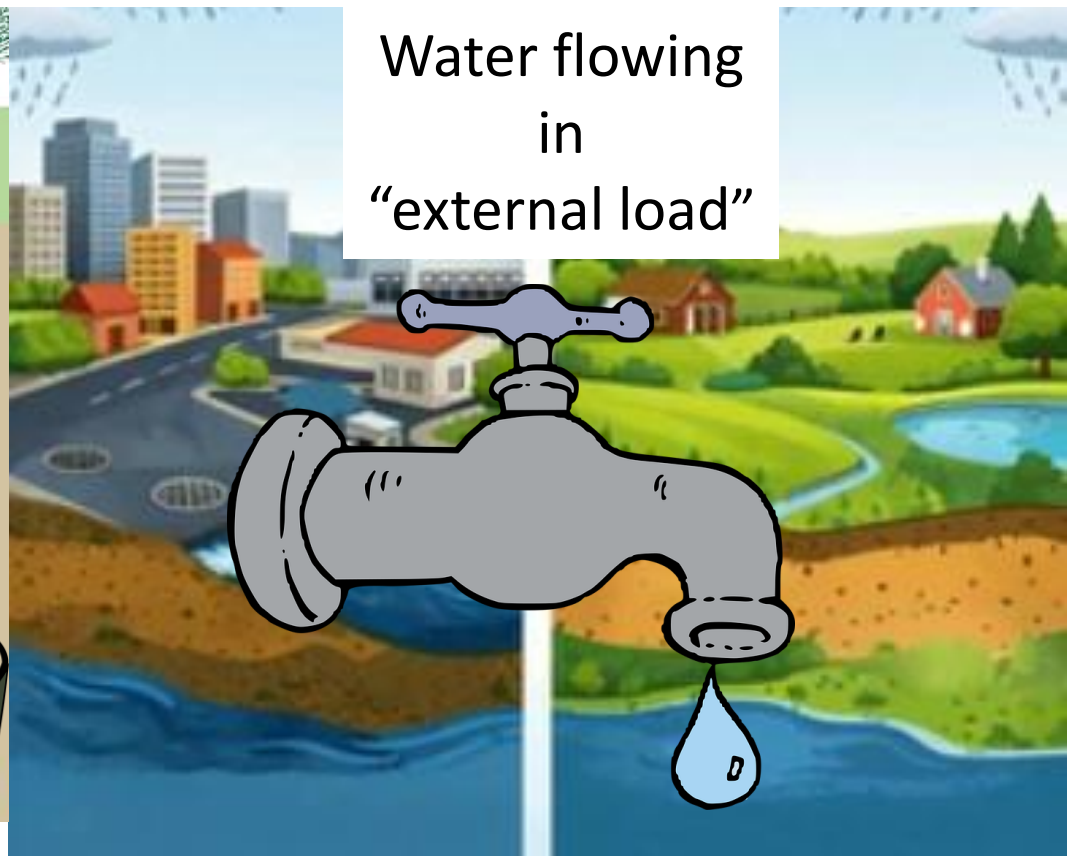
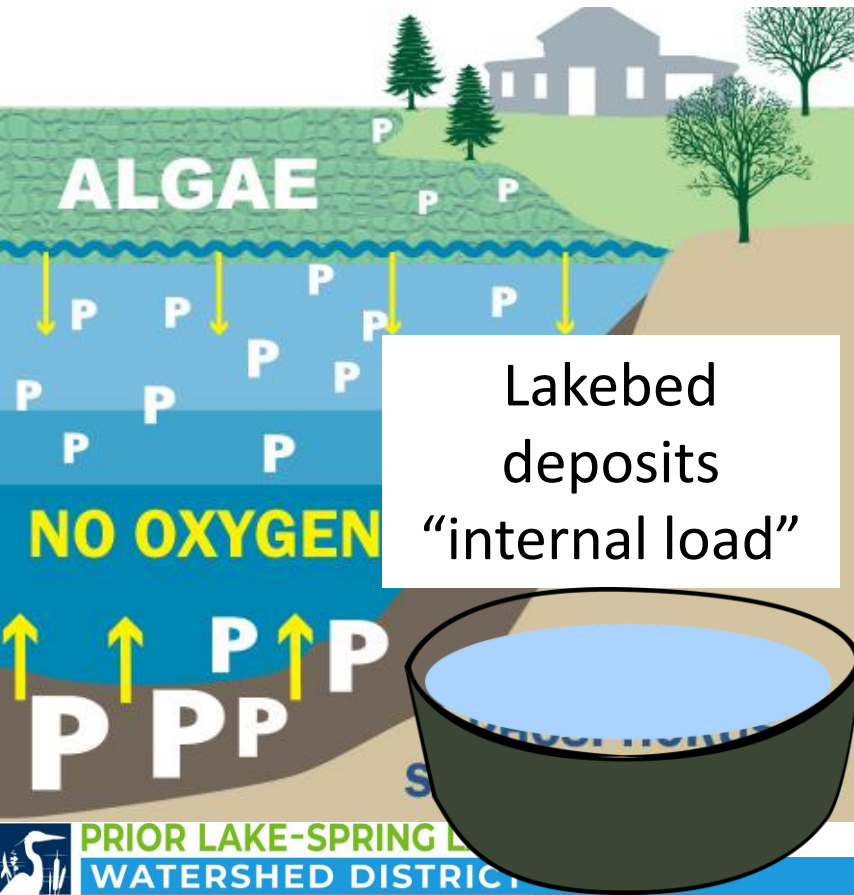
- Carp Espionage
 - Thank you to all the folks who have participated!
 - Submit a sighting link



Water Quality

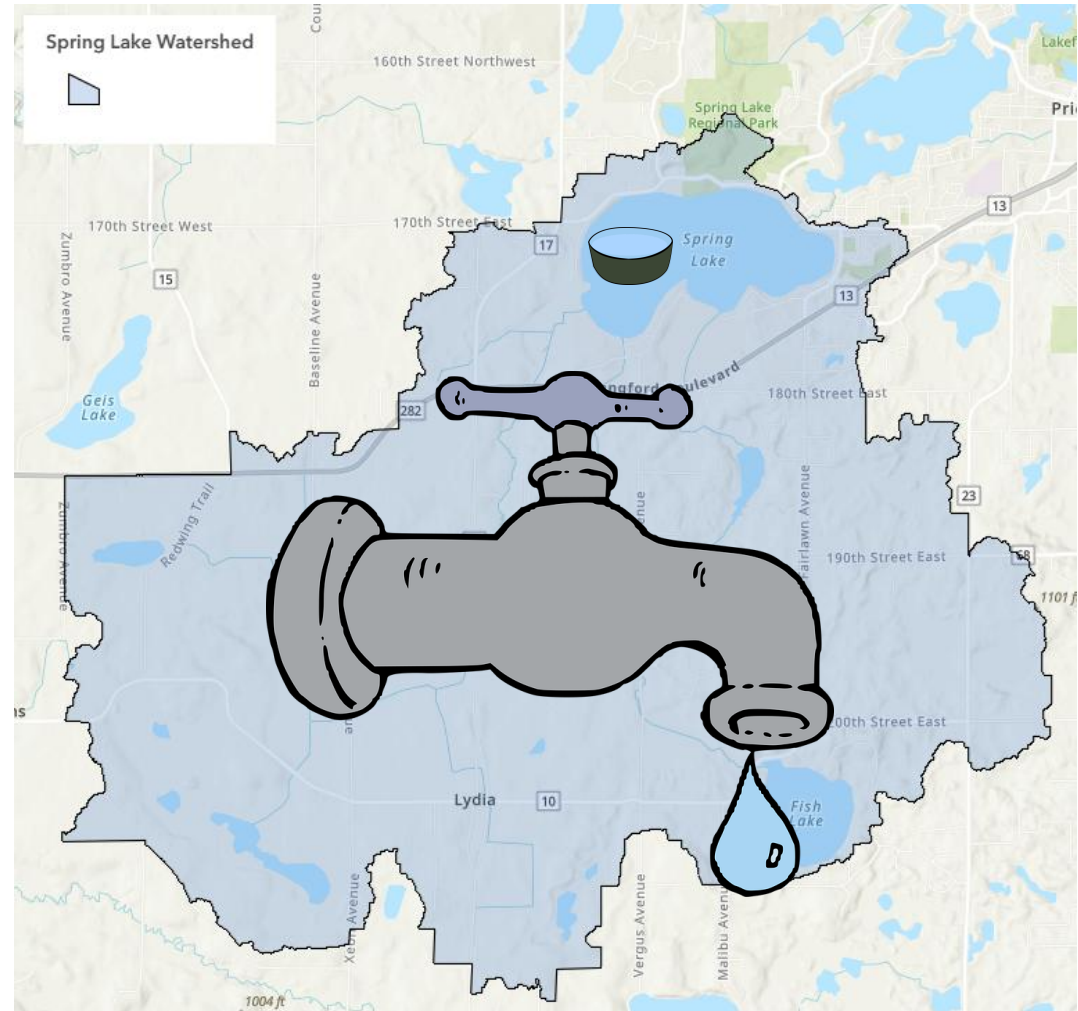
Spring Lake September 2017

Two Main Sources of Water Quality Problems

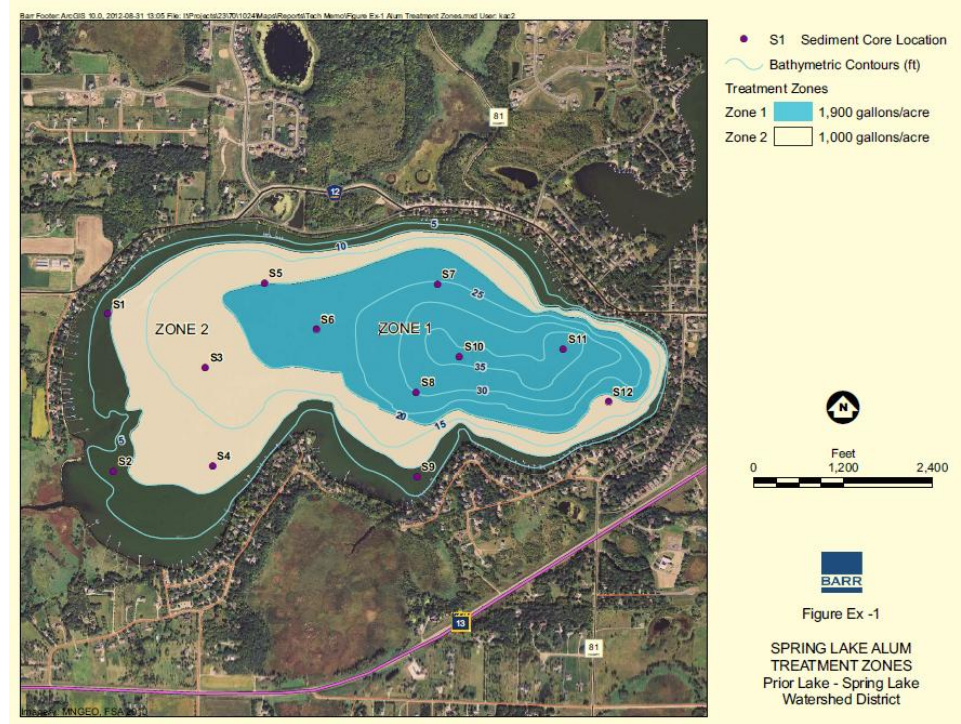


Spring Lake's A Party

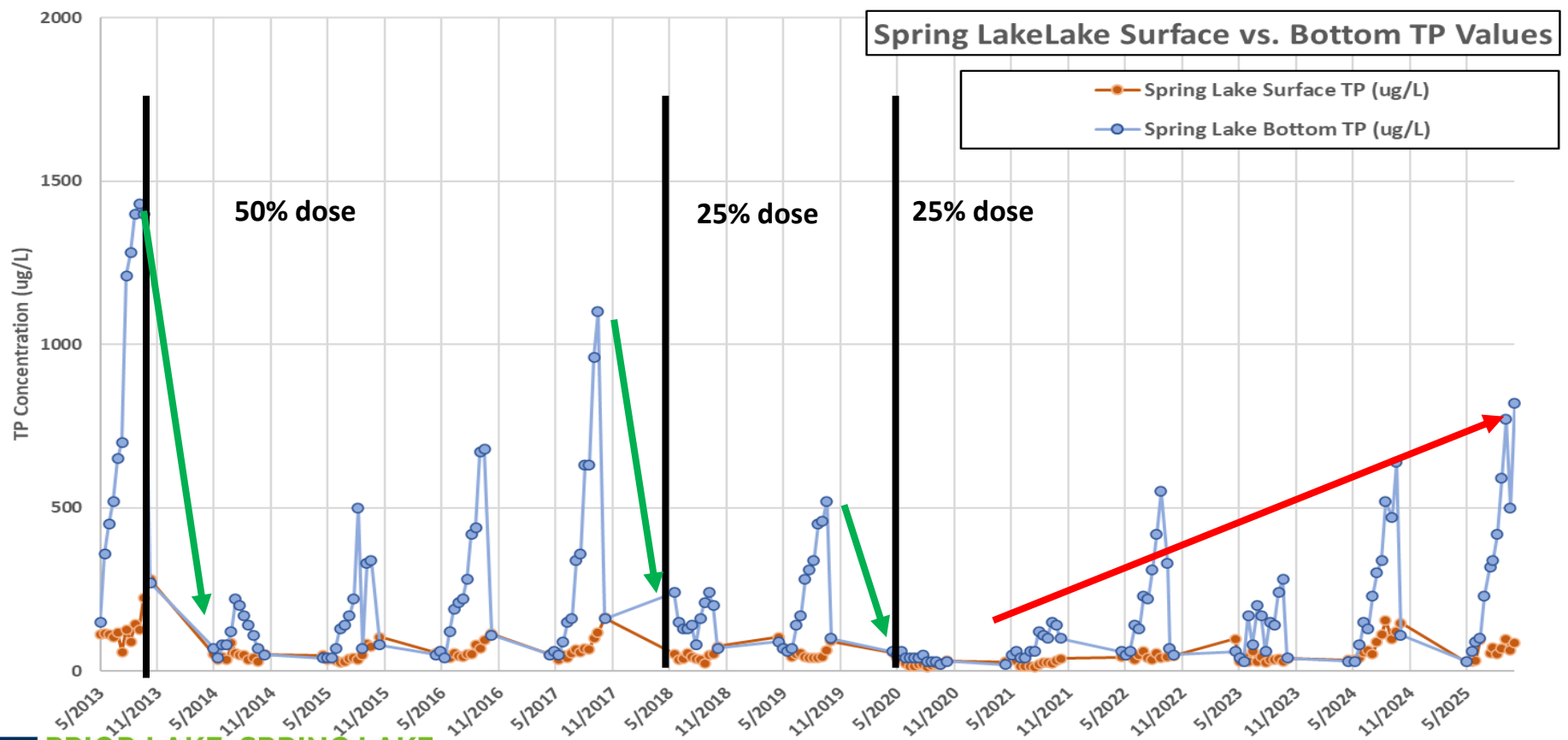
- Drainage area is 21 times the size of the lake
- Even with low levels, it adds up
- Metaphorically, big tap and the sink fills up easily!



In 2010s, the “sink” got to be too much



It worked as expected...



The tap was still running...



In 2024 and 2025, sediment cores taken

- Showed alum treatment and effective binding with historical loads
- New load being deposited faster than lake can process
- To best improve water quality, shut off the tap!



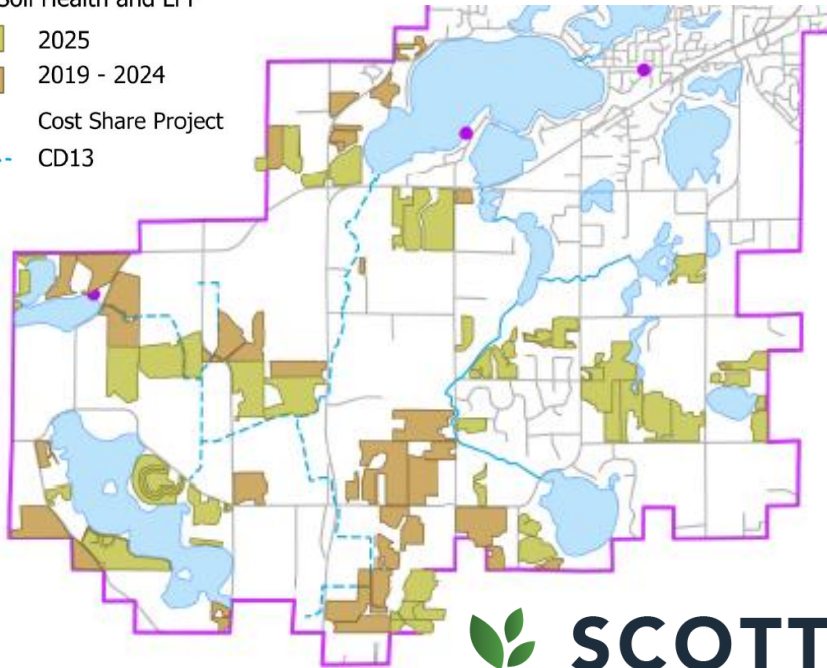
Help Us Close the Gap

We cannot fix water quality without resident conservation

Legend

FLC Soil Health and LFF

- 2025
- 2019 - 2024
- Cost Share Project
- CD13

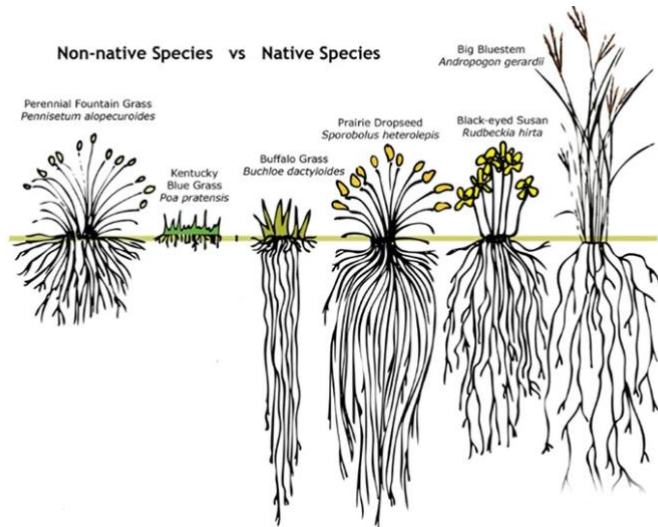


- On average, resident conservation amounts to roughly **20%** of the needed reduction/yr.
- Funding available for residents to do conservation practices



Resident Conservation Makes a Difference

Contact Scott SWCD for support on projects like shoreline buffers!

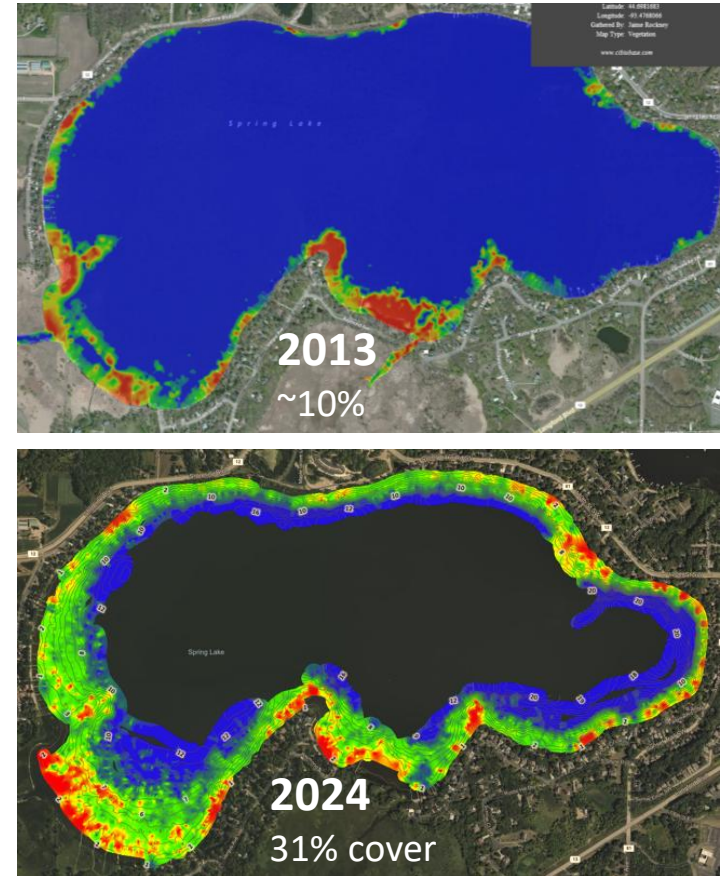


This is why you don't have to water native plants. And those roots act like sponges to control flooding.



One Last Plug... Clear Lakes Have Plants

- Habitat for fish and wildlife
- Maintain long-term lake health
 - Absorb nutrients
 - Reduce shoreline erosion
 - Sustains water clarity



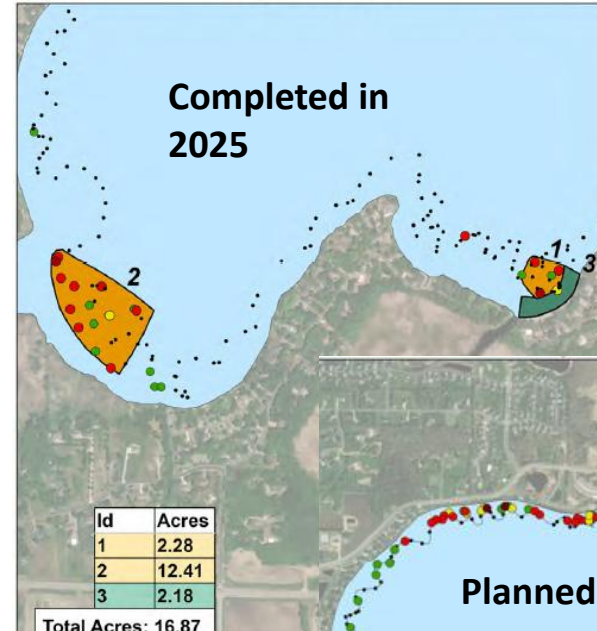
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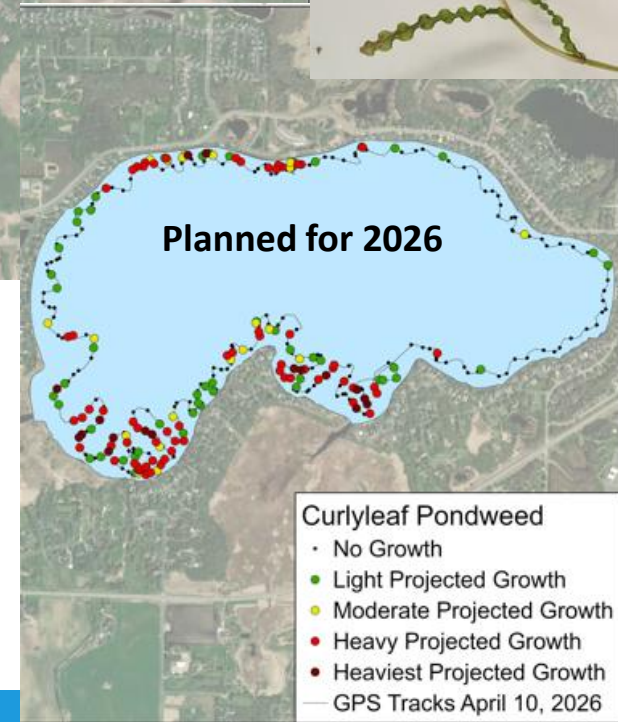
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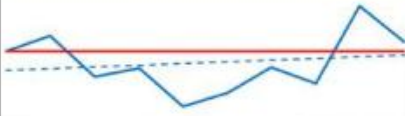





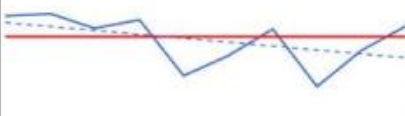



Curly Leaf Pondweed



Spring Lake Water Quality



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 CHL-A	C		 Improving **
 CLARITY	B		 Improving **

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Excellent	Good	Average	Marginal	Poor
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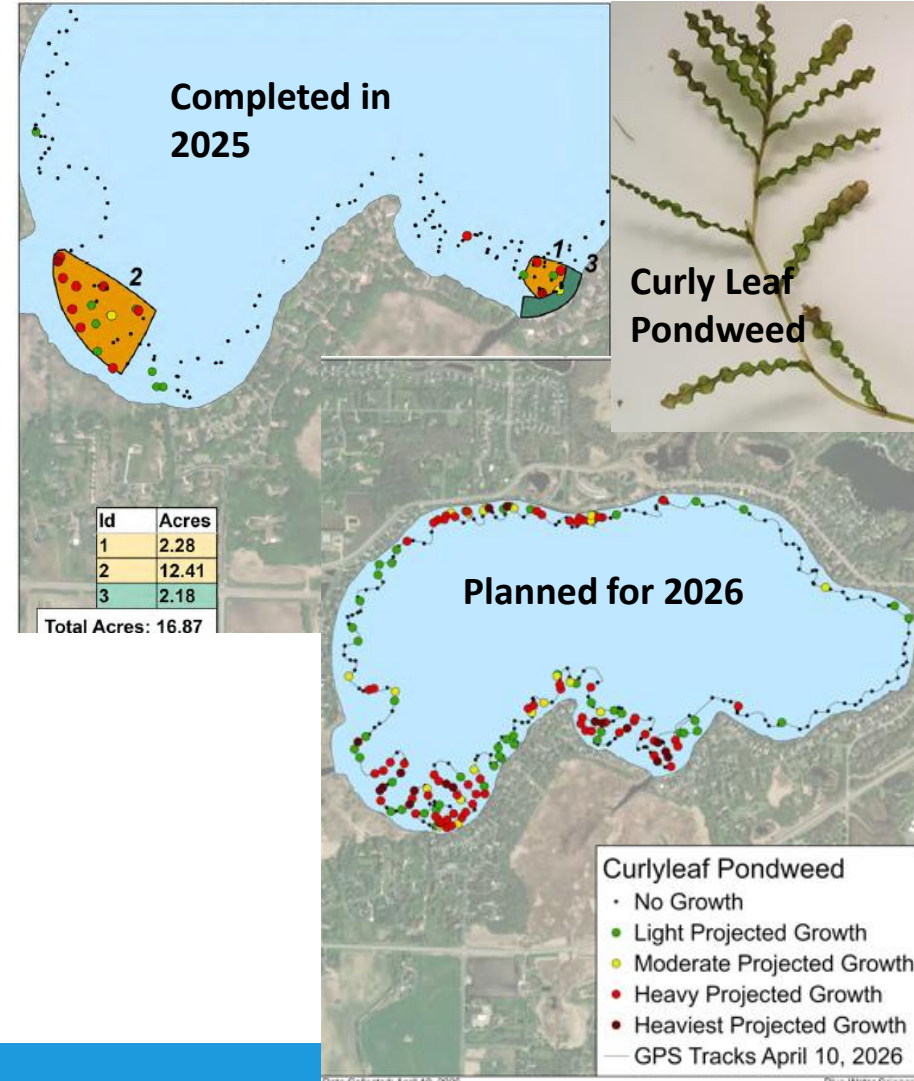
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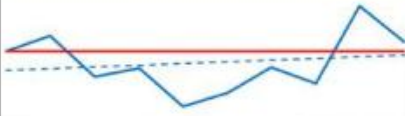





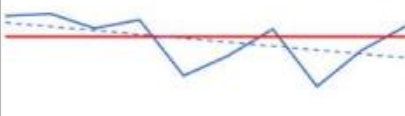

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WATER QUALITY & AQUATIC PLANT PANEL

You are welcome to ask your question live or we have placed cards on each table.

Spring Lake Association Panel Question

Question for:

Emily Dick
PLSLWD

Connor McComas
Blue Water Science

Anne Wilkinson
Emmons & Olivier
Resources

Wesley Steffan
Spring Lake Association

Question:

Bruce Lervoog | Panel Moderator
Heather Felderman | Mic Runner

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Please Welcome our Panelists:

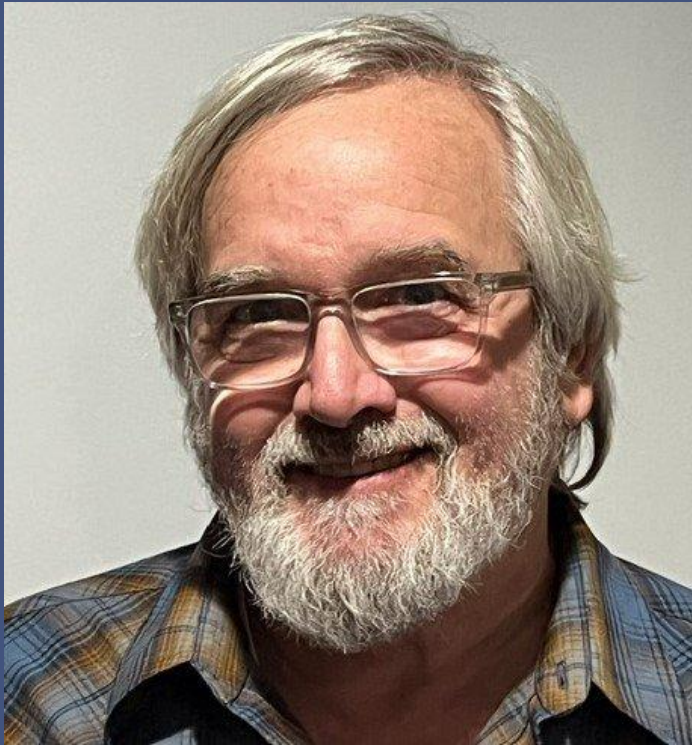
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2026 FINANCIAL REVIEW & 20265 BUDGET



Larry Cox
SLA Treasurer

2025 BUDGET/ACTUAL INCOME UPDATE

\$ 16,260 | **2025 Budget Income**

\$15,855 | **2025 Actual Income**

\$ 8,700 | Sponsorship | **21** Sponsors | **17** Gold & 4 Silver

\$ 4,560 | Membership Dues Collected

\$ 1,650 | Lake Improvement Donations

\$ 480 | Received from Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Grant

2025 BUDGET ACTUAL EXPENSES UPDATE

\$ 14,670 | 2025 Budget Expenses

\$ 12,359 | 2025 Actual Expenses

\$ 1,142 | Lake Improvement

\$ 7,029 | Social Events

\$ 3,031 | Communication Expense

\$ 446 | Marketing Expense

\$ 711 | Administration

2026 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

2026 SLA BUDGET EXPENSE UPDATE

\$16,320 | Total Budget Expense

\$ 2,700 | Lake Improvement

\$ 7,400 | Social Events

\$ 3,720 | Communication Expense

\$ 1,360 | Marketing Expense

\$ 1,140 | Administration

2026 CURRENT CHECK BOOK UPDATE

- \$35,439 | Starting Balance (January 1, 2026)
 - Donations created due to EWM exposure THANK YOU!
 - Additional Sponsor Income
 - Two DNR Grants were awarded 2023/2024
 - Paid for over \$30K in lake surveys and treatments
- \$43,149 | Current Balance (3/31/2026)
 - Majority of expenses for 2026 have not yet occurred

2026 SLA MEMBERSHIP / SPONSORSHIP UPDATE

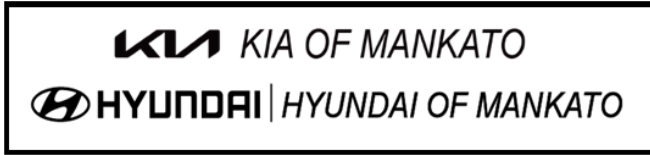
- **172 | 2026 Sponsors & Members Goal**
 - **22** | Sponsor Goal
 - **150** | Membership Goal
- **180 | 2026 Sponsors & Members Actual**
 - **25** | Sponsor Actual
 - **155** | Membership Actual

THANK YOU!

We have exceeded our 2026 goals and still climbing!

- 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 2026 SLA SPONSORS



2026 GOLD SPONSORS | Boat Doctor Marine, Boathouse Brothers Brewing Co., Bricks Boat Works, Inc., Camm Air, Carlson & Prior Lake Ace Hardware Stores, Edina Realty - Jim Gilbertson, Kia / Hyundai of Mankato, Knotty Oar Marina, LBI Construction, Minnesota Inboard, NMS Mechanical, Pinnacle Family Homes, PLate on Main, Prior Lake/Savage Rental Centers, RE/MAX Advantage Plus - Kurt Peterson, RE/MAX Preferred - Lauren Peters, Sailer's Greenhouse, Solar Shield, Stonewood Hardscapes & Design, The Buckingham Companies, Viking Liquor Barrel

2026 SILVER SPONSORS | Canopy Insurance, Complete Family Eyecare, Edwards Jones - Paul Youngs, Sheriff Luke Hennen

2025 SLA OVERVIEW



2025 SLA YEAR IN REVIEW VIDEO

The 2025 Year in review video will showcase:

- Photo of the Month and Year Winners
- Photos of the Social Events
- Photo Highlights of Kids, Pets and Sunsets
- <https://youtu.be/Q5Ve5MYu4kg>

EDUCATION | 2025 KAYAK / CANOE SIGNAGE

New Signage was 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.



Spring Lake Regional Park
Public Launch | Canoe - Kayak - Paddle Board


SPRING LAKE


SPRING LAKE ASSOCIATION

Paddling Safety Tips

- Always wear your life jacket.
- Know or learn how to swim.
- Tie a whistle onto your lifejacket in case of an emergency.
- In areas of high motorboat traffic, stay near the shore, and approach waves head-on or at a slight angle to avoid capsizing.
- Tell someone where you're going and when you'll be back.
- Paddle sober. Never paddle under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Be aware of weather and wind conditions.
- Paddle with a group, not alone.
- Take a FREE DNR Paddling Skills Course to learn how to self-rescue and tow another paddleboard.
- Be aware of paddling hazards like rocks and low hanging branches.
- Know when to wear a leash (for more information read the "More SUP Safety" section below).
- In case of an emergency, bring a cell phone in a waterproof case or bag.
- Consider wearing footwear to protect your feet.

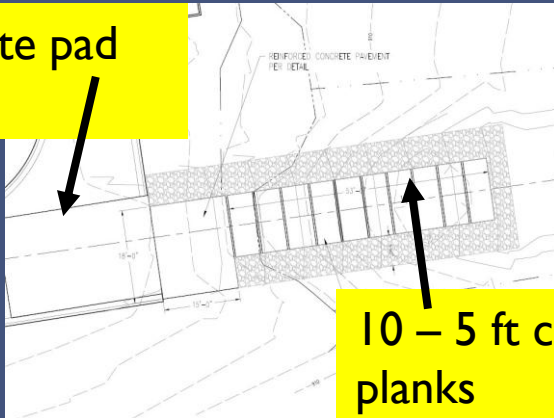
Paddle Sports and Minnesota Law

- There must be a United States Coast Guard approved life jacket, either worn or on board, for each person.
- Children younger than 10 years old must wear a properly fitted lifejacket.
- After sunset, you must at least carry a white lantern or flashlight. This light should be strong enough so that other boats can see it at least two miles away. The light must be displayed in time to avoid a collision with another watercraft.
- Registration is required if your paddleboard is more than 10 feet long. Place the registration decals on the front of the paddleboard if possible. If not, place both decals on the back of the paddleboard.

LAKE IMPROVEMENT | BOAT RAMP

- 2024 | Fixed dock replaced with a floating dock.
- 2024 | DNR / Sheriff installed Red / Green buoy channel.
- August 2025 | DNR replaced existing dock extended further.

15 ft concrete pad extension



10 - 5 ft concrete planks



2026 SLA GOALS & INITIATIVES



SPRING LAKE ASSOCIATION MISSION

Educate and **Unite** members and users in a common goal of lake improvement and preservation.

- SLA founded in 1952 by Larry Wood, William Jensen and Willam Topka
- SLA Will celebrate 75 years in 2027

2026 GOALS AND INITIATIVES

- Increase **Member Engagement** Through
 - **Social Events** that Bring our Members Together.
 - On – Going **Communications**
 - **Education**
- Focus on **Lake Improvement Activities** with Continued Support from the DNR, Three Rivers Park District & Prior Lake Spring Lake Watershed District (PLSLWD)
- Award two \$500 Environmental Stewardship Scholarships
 - Prior Lake High School graduating Seniors

SOCIAL | 2ND ANNUAL 2026 SLA CABIN FEVER / CHILI COOKOFF



**10 Chili Chefs and
Chili Champion | Brian Lundquist**

SOCIAL | 2026 SPRING ICE OUT | 03-28-26

Ice Out Winners Received a \$50 ACE HARDWARE Gift Card



Bob & Kathy
Erkel



John & Laura
Wall



Jesse & Emily
Loudon



Andy
Fellows

SOCIAL | REMAINING 2026 SOCIAL EVENTS

- **May 25** | Memorial Day Spring into Summer
- **June 5 - 7** | Take a Kid Fishing Tournament (DNR)
- **July 4** | 4th of July Boat Parade & Boat Decorating Contest
- **July 18** | Outdoor Free Summer Concert
 - **Location:** Spring Lake Regional Park Lakeside
 - **Band:** Boogie Wonderland
 - **Food Truck:** Ol' Smoky BBQ
- **August 4** | Night to Unite
- **September TBD** | Fall into Fall

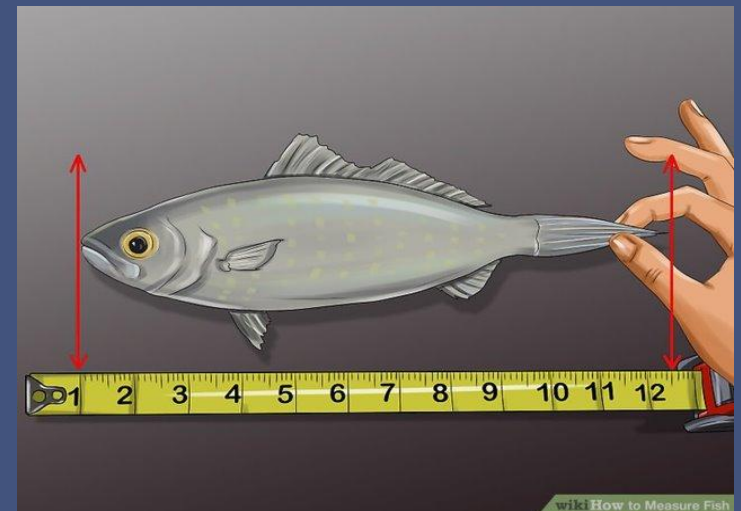
COMMUNICATION | 2026 PHOTO OF THE WEEK & YEAR

- 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 **2026 Photo of the Year** Contest
 - Included in the **2026 Year in Review** Video
 - Header for the **2027 Printed Newsletter**
- **If you are not on Facebook, send photos to Board.sla@gmail.com**

SOCIAL | 2026 TAKE A KID FISHING | JUNE 5 – 7

- 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

In conjunction with the DNR's "Take your Kid Fishing" event.



SOCIAL | 2026 NIGHT TO UNITE - AUGUST 4

- **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
 - Spring Lake Township



SPRING LAKE WATER SKI CLUB

EMAIL: SPRINGLAKEWATERSKICLUB@GMAIL.COM



- **1950s - 1979** | SLWSC founded; Fourth of July ski shows drew crowds and shaped Summer traditions.
- **1957 Growth** | PLWSA formed; many shared members strengthened ties between Spring and Prior Lakes.
- **Post - 1979 SLWSC disbanded** | skiing continued through PLWSA events, family ski nights, and tournaments.
- **1980 - 2024** | Spring Lake remained a key training site with a ski jump (to 2017) and slalom course (to 2024).
- **2026 Revival** | SLWSC relaunches with the return of the slalom course and renewed lake activity.
- **Current Focus** | Nonprofit promoting skiing, safety, and community while recruiting members and volunteers.

SPRING LAKE ENVIROMENTAL SCHOLARSHIP

- SLA to Award 2 - \$500 Scholarships to 2026 Prior Lake High Schools Graduating Seniors



- Demonstrate Commitment to - Environmental Stewardship
 - Water Quality
 - Conservation
- Applications were due April 15 and Scholarships will be Awarded June 1.

LAKE IMPROVEMENT | 2026 GOALS

- **Boat Ramp Rain Garden Improvements**
 - Looking for volunteers to help manage
- **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. (AIS)

Contact Board.SLA@Gmail.com to volunteer.



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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



SPONSOR DRAWING

Prizes Provided by the Following Sponsors

- Boat Doctor Marine
- Boathouse Brothers Brewing, Co.
- Brick's Boat Works
- Edina Realty - Jim Gilbertson
- Kia of Mankato / Hyundai of Mankato
- Knotty Oar
- LBI Construction
- Minnesota Inboard
- RE/MAX Advantage Plus - Kurt Peterson
- RE/MAX Preferred - Lauren Peters
- Sailer's Greenhouse
- The Buckingham Companies
- Viking Liquor Barrel



THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING



We hope you enjoy 2026 on Spring Lake!