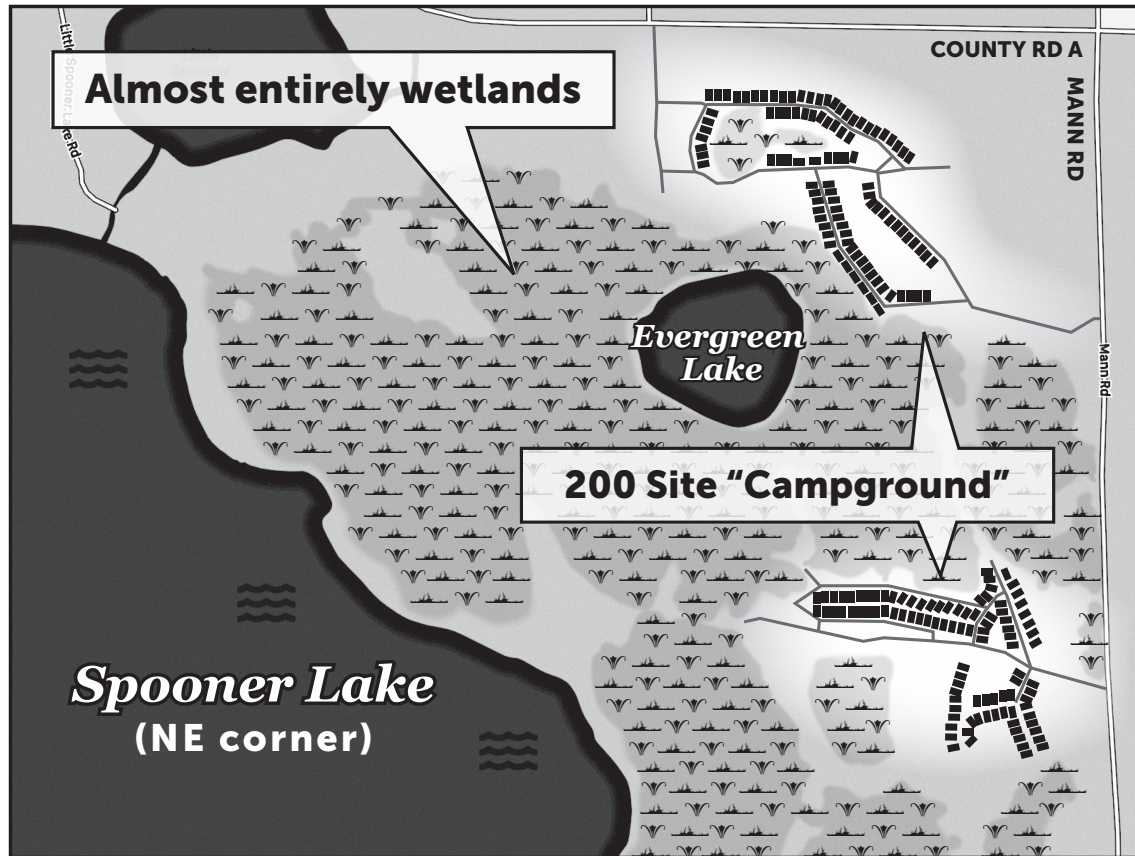


# Preserve Spooner Lake!

## So-called “campgrounds” are changing rural ways of life.



### The 200-unit RV “seasonal campground” next to Spooner Lake could:

- Damage the wetlands, water quality, natural scenic beauty, and fish and wild-life habitat.
- Harm the most desirable natural resources that attract visitors to Spooner Lake and support the local economy.
- Lower property values in the Spooner Lake area, resulting in higher tax bills to cover the shortfall for schools, roads, public safety, and emergency medical services.
- Increase boat traffic, noise, litter, road traffic, and pollution, ruining our rural way of life.
- Undermine decades of work by the Spooner Lake District to protect Spooner Lake.

### “Campgrounds” create instant, high-density communities.

The proposed “campground” would more than double the population on Spooner Lake. A Zoning Committee member said, **“This is a gigantic change for it essentially drops an entire township into a place that is a bunch of swamps next to a lake.”** Spooner Lake is a shallow, eutrophic lake especially vulnerable to development.

Neighboring Burnett County officials have imposed a **campground moratorium** to study the issue further. As the advocacy group Preserve Burnett County\* has noted, time and technology have completely changed campgrounds from an overnight stay in a tent to a decked-out Park Model RV with full utility hook-ups that never moves. Today’s “campgrounds” are RV parks that create instant communities that are more high-density than anything around them. **What’s more, property taxes are not collected from RV owners like they are from homeowners.**

**We are not against economic development.** We are against unsustainable economic development that damages Washburn County assets that we all use, whether you fish, boat or hike.

### Attend the Public Meeting!

**We need to make our voices heard** – ask the Washburn County Board of Adjustment to deny the conditional use permit for this 200-unit RV “seasonal campground.” Here’s how:



### Friday, July 30, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

- **IN PERSON:** Washburn County Services Center, 304 2nd St., Shell Lake
- **ATTEND VIRTUALLY** by PHONE or COMPUTER! Find instructions at [www.spoonerlakewi.com](http://www.spoonerlakewi.com)
- **WRITE** to the Board of Adjustment, Zoning Department by email: [zoning@co.washburn.wi.us](mailto:zoning@co.washburn.wi.us) by post: P.O. Box 506, Shell Lake, WI 54871

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