

Town of Plum Lake Lakes Committee Report

April 2023

First, we would like to thank the Town Board for its continuing commitment, support and funding of the Lakes Committee without which the Lakes Committee could not carry out its many activities. The Lakes Committee was founded in 2005 and is an all-volunteer committee. Anyone interested in protecting the health of our lakes is welcome to join.

2022 Committee Activities – funded by grants from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the Town of Plum Lake

- Lake Management Plan –
 - Approved Lake Management Plan for the Town of Plum Lake available on the Town website and a hard copy available for review in the Town Offices and Sayner Library.
 - The Plan contains both lake specific and general Town activities for future lake management.

- Camera Surveillance at Town Landings –
 - Seven cameras operated on six town lakes (Ballard, Irving, Laura, Plum, Razorback and Star)
 - 45,644 videos capturing 3764 boat launches; two violations of state law noted in 2022
 - Committee actively working with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) on enforcement
 - Active in 2023

- Clean Boats/Clean Waters (CBCW) –
 - In-Person Monitoring of Lake Landings
 - Approximately 2000 hours of monitoring by interns from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh (UW-Osh) and North Lakeland Discovery Center plus local citizens employed by the program
 - Lakes monitored – Ballard/Irving, Lake Laura, Plum (Statehouse Point and Town), Razorback and Star Lake
 - Active in 2023

- Small Lakes Program/North Lakeland Discovery Center
 - Point Intercept (PI) studies completed on Aurora, Nixon, Snyder and Wilson Lakes.
 - Active 2023 – PI studies for Dorothy Dunn, Jean and Nineweb Lakes

- Little Star Remediation –
 - Hand removal and disposal of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) from Little Star performed in August 2022 by Aquatic Plant Management
 - Active 2023 - ongoing effort to control the spread of EWM in Little Star

- Fish Sticks (Healthy Lakes Grant) –
 - Intended to increase coarse woody habitat in lakes
 - Grant for Plum Lake obtained and applied for a grant for Lake Laura
 - Completed first of three sites on Plum Lake in February 2023
 - Active in 2023

Committee Leadership in 2022

Chair - Bob Jackson

Vice Chair - Joe Heitz

Treasurer - Doug Pinney

Secretary - Lynn Wiggins