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Town of Plum Lake

2023 Recreation Plan

Introduction

Attached is the draft Town of Plum Lake 5-year Recreation Plan Introduction, and proposed draft Town vision statement.

The Town of Plum Lake Planning Committee has posted this for public review and comment. Comments should be sent to the Planning Committee email address:

townofplumplanning@gmail.com

Written comments will be accepted through 12/23/2022. The Committee will hold an open meeting on Monday January 9, 2023 at 10:00 a.m., following a scheduled Planning Committee meeting, to receive oral comments or to address any questions the public may have.

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The Town of Plum Lake, encompassing the two communities of Sayner and Star Lake, had its modest beginnings on April 11, 1911, when it was created out of territory detached from the Town of Arbor Vitae. The first town meeting was held in Sayner on April 14, 1911. Sayner got its name from Orrin Sayner, who settled the area in 1891, two years before any other settlers took up homes in the town. A place called Camp 1 got the name of Star Lake in memory of Harry Starr, who was killed while working on the construction of a railroad bridge across the mill hot pond. The lake was named Starr also.

The Town of Plum Lake consists of 62,939 acres. There are 7,554 acres of water, 34,592 acres of state forest, and 5,513 acres of county forest lands available for the public to recreate. With slightly over 70% of housing units in the Town of Plum Lake considered either seasonal, recreational, or occasional use, the area is, and has always been a recreation destination for people looking to enjoy the natural beauty the area presents.

From before the Town's inception, people have come here to experience the natural beauty the area has to offer, and they continue to choose to live or visit here and experience that beauty today. The Town's vision attempts to add clarity to how to manage our efforts as stated here:

(Draft) The Town of Plum Lake is blessed with an abundance of Lakes and Forests that have created an enclave of beauty, peace and quiet allowing users to pursue their life in safety and security while enjoying all the benefits that a well-organized rural Town can provide.

The Town of Plum Lake is committed to maintaining and supporting the very quality of life that has drawn people to make their homes and businesses here and to live in a safe and healthy environment.

These are among the many services and amenities that draw people to vacation, work, live, raise families and retire here. The Town Board, it's Committees and volunteers continue to seek ways in which they can make the quality of life in the Town of Plum Lake special.