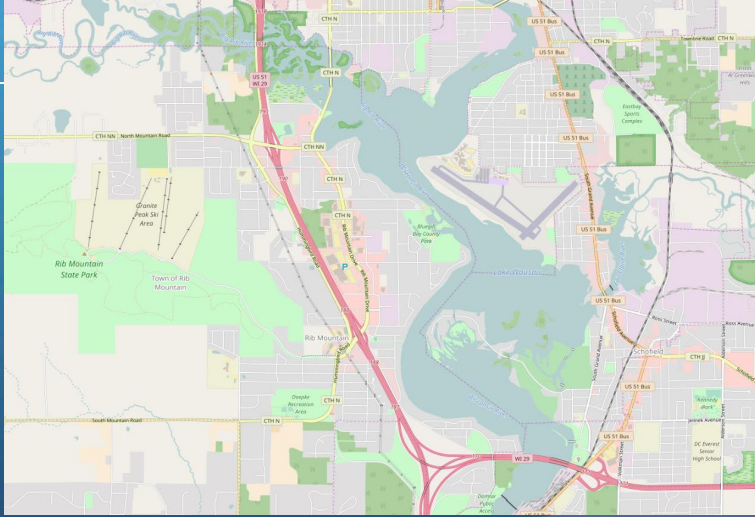


LAKE WAUSAU ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Lake Wausau Management Plan Officially Adopted!

The Lake Wausau Management Plan has been officially adopted by the Lake Wausau Association and approved by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. The plan has a comprehensive focus that took 6 years to develop. There was significant input from stakeholders and surrounding communities. This is the key to its strength! It was a lengthy process due to the need for technical help from federal and state agencies. We needed to work within their time-lines and funding requirements. Time was taken to ensure that quality community input was included. The end result is a comprehensive plan with the purpose: to coordinate efforts to protect, maintain, and enhance environmental and recreational values on Lake Wausau and its surroundings.

The plan identifies areas of the Lake that are in good condition and ways to maintain this status. It identifies current and potential problems along with proposed solutions. Having a plan in place will allow us to be eligible for future implementation projects funded with Lake Protection grants.

For an electronic copy of the complete Lake Wausau Management plan email us at lakewausau@gmail.com.



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Where do we go from here?

A key to implementation of the plan will be communication and commitment from stakeholders and governmental units. The stronger their support the more likelihood of success. The goals and strategies proposed in this plan were derived from the values and concerns of those interested in Lake Wausau along with known science. It is a living document that changes over time to meet current needs and challenges in the lake and desires of its community. Implementing and updating goals and actions are important for a strong relevant course of action.

An advisory team is a good way to prioritize need, coordinate leadership, and identify funding options. The team should include representation from key partners including the LWA, municipalities, local businesses, fishing and sports-person groups, WVIC, and the WDNR. Once organized, the Lake Wausau Advisory Team should meet at least annually to discuss conditions in Lake Wausau, share accomplishments and impediments, and prioritize efforts for the upcoming year.

Are you interested in being a part of this process? Please contact us at LakeWausauAssociation@gmail.com to state your interest.



Join the fun and stay informed!

Our 2017 Annual Member Meeting will be held at 6:00pm on Thursday, October 18th at Trails End Lodge (3901 Sherman Rd, Wausau). The main order of business includes committee reports from the Finance Committee, Weed & Algae Control Committee, and Membership Committee, as well as election of the Board of Directors for the next term (January 2019 through December 2021). Rick Parkin, LWA Vice President, will give a presentation on the newly adopted Lake Management Plan. LWA members that have been closely involved in the plan formation will be on hand to answer questions.

There are three Director Positions up for election or re-election. Interested candidates should complete and submit a Board of Directors Nomination Consent Form by US mail no later than Monday, October 15th to be included on the voting ballot. The form can be found on our website at <http://lakewausau.org/page/board>.

Additional nominations will be allowed at the meeting from the floor, but floor nominations cannot be accepted unless the nominee is present, agrees to serve, and offers evidence of qualification.

Light appetizers will be served and there will be a cash bar and time for socializing. While this is a members only meeting, new members will be accepted at door check-in (annual membership fee is \$25.00).

Please RSVP by e-mail to lakewausau@gmail.com or call/text 715-551-9550 so we may ensure appropriate food and seating accommodations.

What Can You Do to Help Improve Lake Wausau?

HEALTHY FISHERY

- Follow fishing regulations.
- Add some woody habitat or if it exists, let it be.
- Go slow no-wake in the shallows and near shore, where young fish live.

HABITAT

- Minimize disturbance of aquatic plants.
- Add some woody habitat or if it exists, let it be.

Sweatshirt Weather is Here!

Support the Lake Wausau Association and stay warm doing it! We are offering sweatshirts for a suggested donation of \$35.00. Sizes available include adult S,M,L,XL, and 2XL. They will be available for purchase at the annual meeting on October 18th (see page 2 for details.) If you can't make the meeting but would like a sweatshirt please send us an email at lakewausauassociation@gmail.com.

LANDSCAPE ACTIVITIES AND ALTERATIONS ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THE FOLLOWING PROBLEMS

- Increasing the amount of runoff to the rivers and Lake Wausau.
- Increased delivery of sediment, nutrients and other pollutants to the rivers and Lake Wausau.
- Local loss or alteration of wetlands and their services.
- Loss of important habitat.

"the final Lake Wausau Management Plan...is one of the most comprehensive plans I have reviewed encompassing fisheries, water quality, land use management, hydrodynamic modeling and social surveys." -Scott Provost, Statewide Aquatic Plant Management Coordinator



The Goal of the Lake Wausau Association is to protect and maintain the Lake for the entire community and to assure that this treasured resource remains healthy for current users and future generations. We welcome all to join our efforts.