

# Lauderdale Lakes 2015 Annual Meeting



# Agenda

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of 2014 Minutes
- Commissioner Election
- Treasurer's report
- Water Safety Patrol report
- Golf Course report
- Environmental Projects report
- Long Range Planning Update
- Septic Pumping report
- Weed Harvesting report
- Update on Sterlingworth Bay Leak & Dam
- Amendments to Budget
- Approval of 2016 Budget & Tax Levy
- Other Business for Discussion

# Lake District Board

- Elected Commissioners;
  - Scott Mason, Chairman
  - Debbie Ferrari, Treasurer
  - Jack Sorenson, Secretary
  - Peter Van Kampen
  - Greg Wisniewski
- Appointed Commissioners
  - Rick Callaway, Walworth County
  - Don Sukala, Town of LaGrange

Approve 2014 Minutes

# Election of Commissioners

Jack Sorenson

Peter Van Kampen

# TREASURER'S REPORT

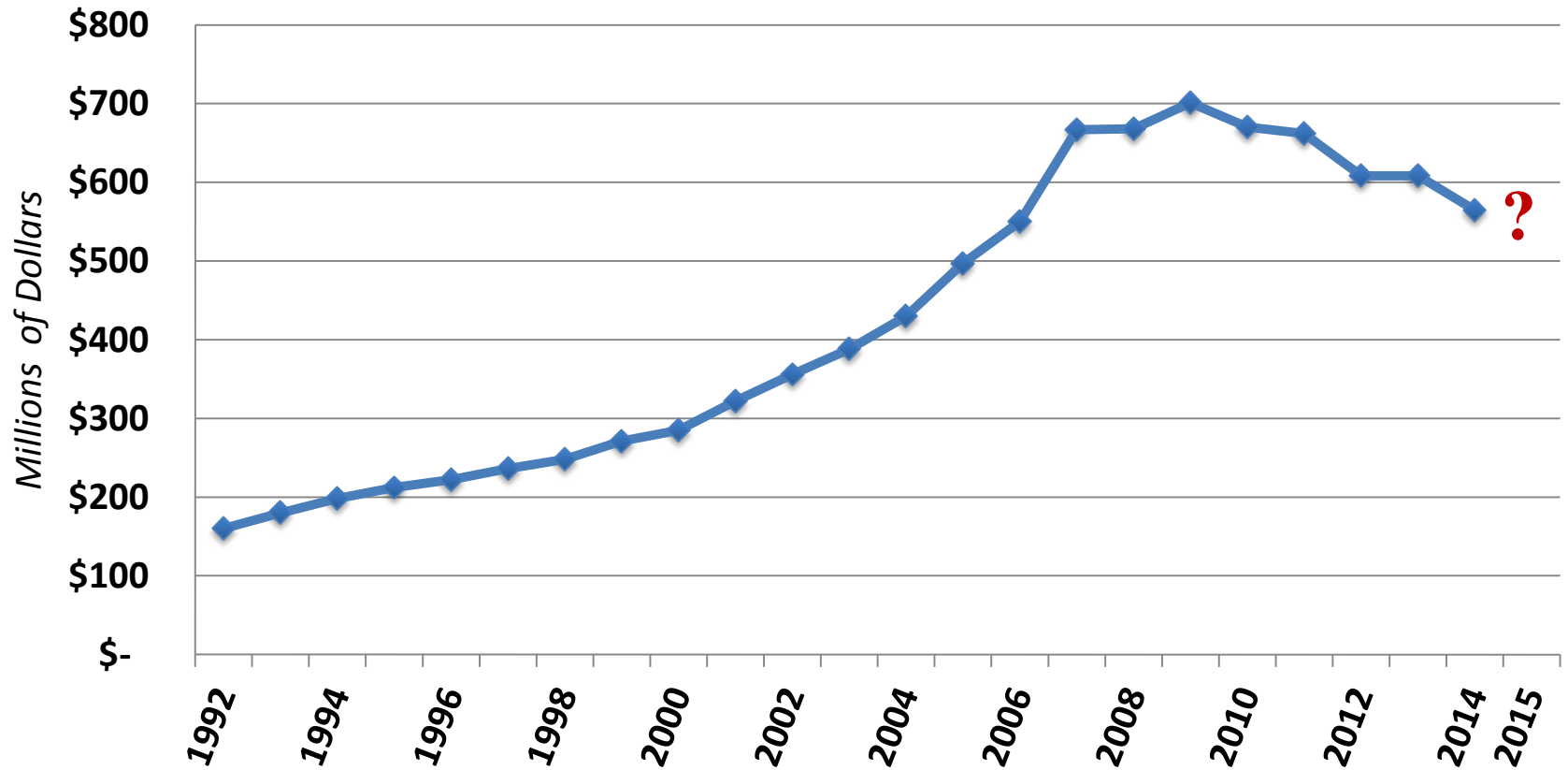
# PROPERTY VALUATIONS

Year	\$ in millions	% Change	Year	\$ in millions	% Change
1992	\$160		2004	\$430	10.82%
1993	\$180	12.50%	2005	\$497	15.58%
1994	\$198	10.00%	2006	\$550	10.66%
1995	\$212	7.07%	2007	\$667	21.27%
1996	\$222	4.72%	2008	\$668	0.15%
1997	\$236	6.31%	2009	\$701.0	4.94%
1998	\$248	5.08%	2010	\$670.4	-4.37%
1999	\$271	9.27%	2011	\$662.1	-1.24%
2000	\$285	5.17%	2012	\$608.4	-8.11%
2001	\$322	12.98%	2013	\$608.3	-0.02%
2002	\$356	10.56%	2014	\$564.7	-7.17%
2003	\$388	8.99%	2015	???	

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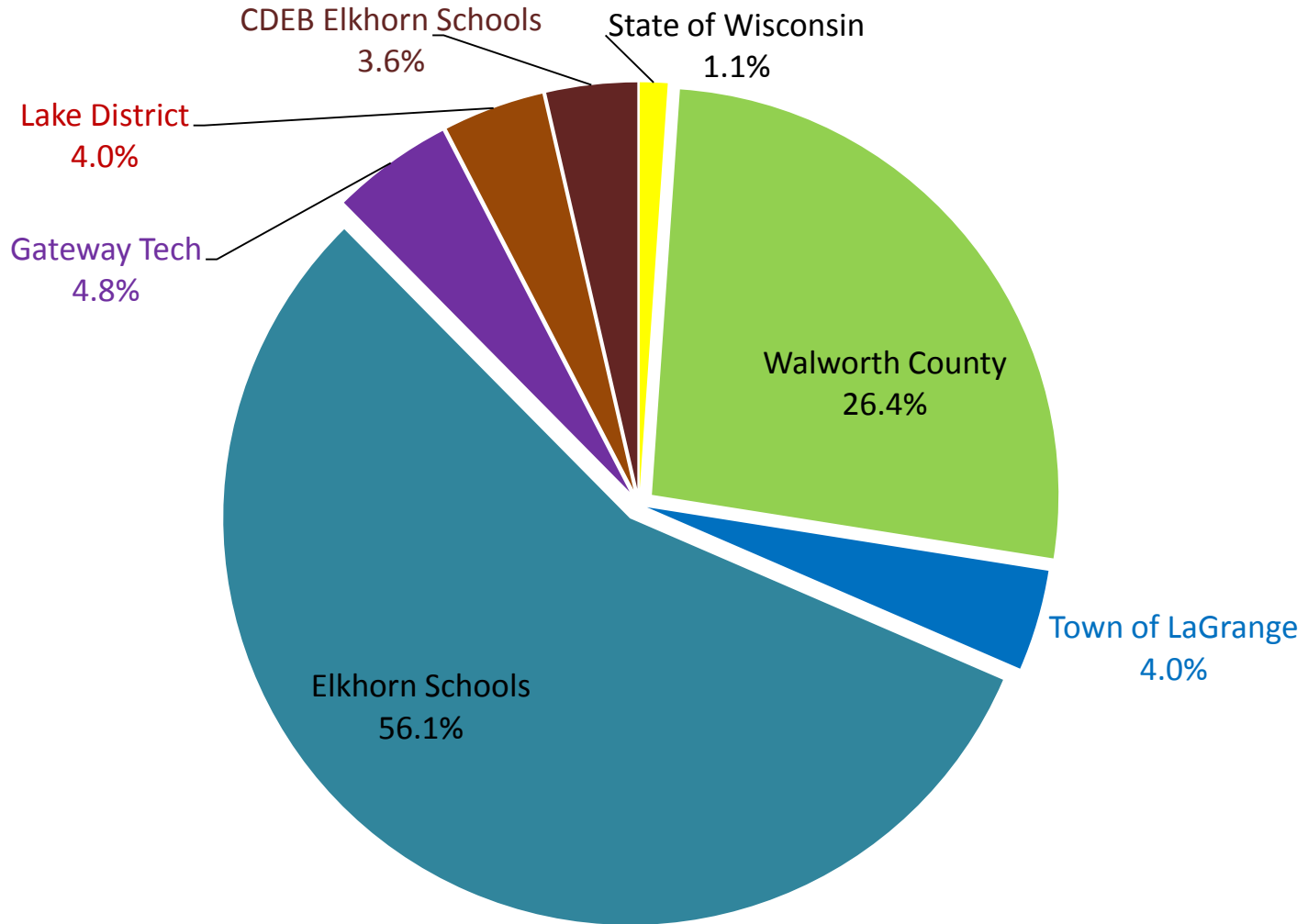
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## Total Valuation of Lake District Properties





# WHERE DID YOUR TAXES GO?



*Town of LaGrange Residents*

# WHAT DOES THAT MEAN IN \$\$?

*If your tax bill was \$10,000, here is how it would be distributed...*

TAXING JURISDICTION	2014 Net Tax
State of Wisconsin	\$ 106.06
Walworth County	2,641.59
Town of LaGrange	401.12
Elkhorn Area Schools	5,607.94
Gateway Technical	481.41
<b>LL Lake Management District</b>	<b>398.97</b>
CDEB Elkhorn Schools	362.91
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>

*Town of LaGrange Residents*

# TREASURER'S REPORT

*(balances as of 7/31/2015)*

<b>Operating Accounts:</b>		
Lake District Checking	\$ 14,415.98	} \$ 288,490.65
Lake District Money Market	212,380.84	
Water Safety Patrol Checking	11,311.04	
Weed Harvesting Checking	24,761.54	
Golf Course Checking	11,435.00	
Golf Course Money Market	13,036.25	
Golf Course Cash on Hand	1,150.00	
<b>Reserve Accounts:</b>		
Lake District CD	\$ 101,505.63	} \$ 158,683.42
Lake District Money Market	17,222.48	
Water Safety Patrol Money Market	5,131.21	
Weed Harvesting Money Market	34,824.10	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-----&gt;</b>	<b>\$ 447,174.07</b>

# OUTSTANDING LOAN BALANCE

**\$ 0.00**

# 2014 AUDIT REPORT

- Audit performed by local firm Chamberlain & Henningfield, Certified Public Accountants, LLP
- Independent auditor's report: received an unqualified (or "clean") opinion for 2014 financial statements
- Financial statements and auditor's report will be available on website shortly

# **WATER SAFETY PATROL**

# OUR MISSION

**To protect and enhance the quality of life of those we serve by striving to provide a consistently high level of law enforcement services focused on *education, services and enforcement.***

**We are committed to building a lasting community partnership with all we serve.**

# KEY SUCCESS FACTORS

- Service to the Community
- Education & Outreach
- Qualified Law Enforcement Team
- Professionalism

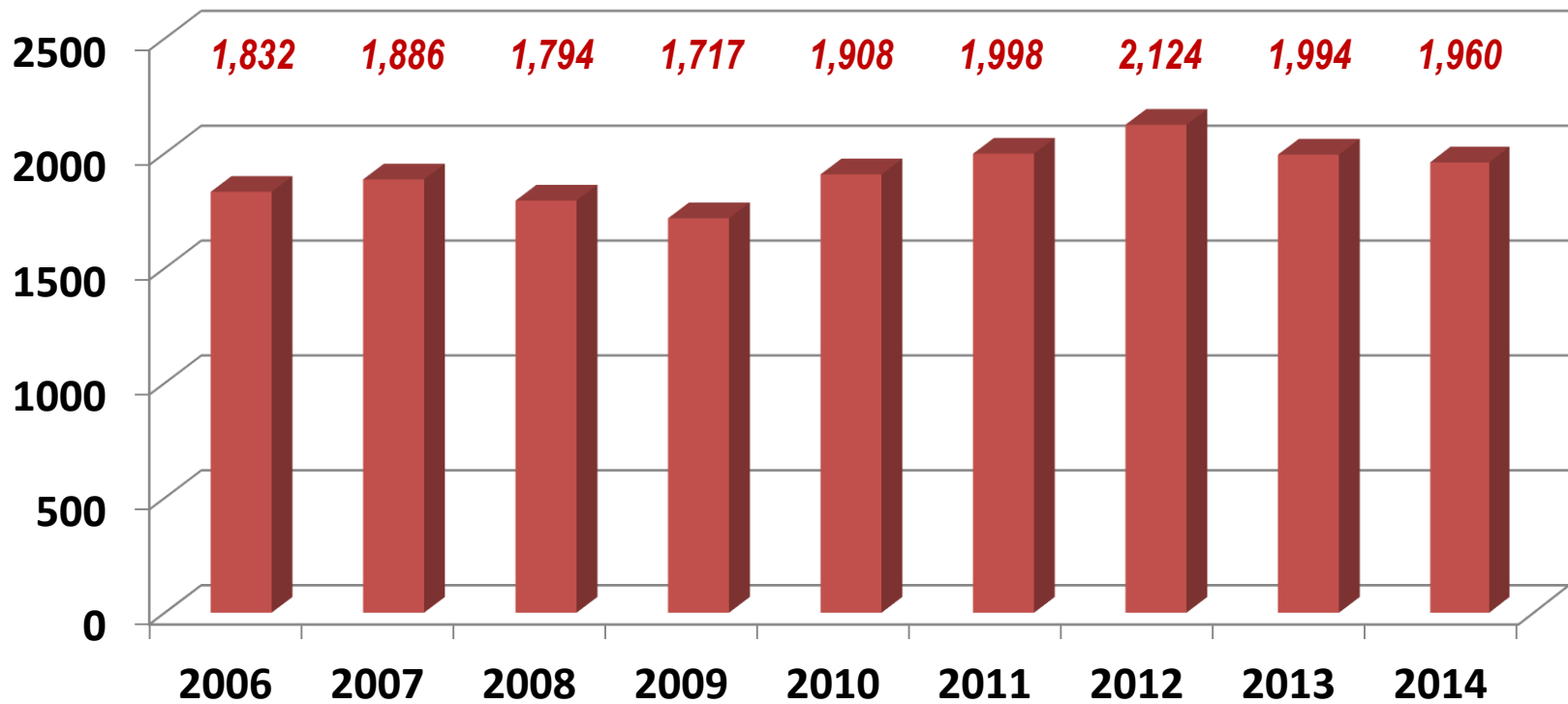


# Service to the Community

- **Patrol Lauderdale Lakes** from May - October
  - Weekends & Holidays
  - 7 days a week during Summer
  - 4<sup>th</sup> of July “Triple Play” = July 4<sup>th</sup> + Saturday + Yacht Club Fireworks
  
- **Provide Assistance if needed...emergencies take priority!**
  - “Renegade” Boats and anchored-type floatables – notify owners
  - Tow inoperable watercraft if requested
  - **2014 – People Assistance = 106; Boat Assistance = 47**
  
- **Deal with water hazards**
  
- **Support Search and Rescue Operations w/Sheriff**

# History of Patrol Hours

Total Hours Patrolled



# Education & Outreach

- DNR Approved Boating Safety Classes – 2 each year
- PWC orientation – at your request
  - Tips for safe operation & special PWC laws
  - This does NOT replace required Boating Safety Class
- Updates on laws and ordinances
  - DNR Handbook
  - Tri-fold brochure “*What you need to know when boating on Lauderdale Lakes*”
  - Articles in *District Dialogue* and *LLIA Shorelines*
- LLIA Activities
  - Kid’s Fish Jamboree
  - Presentation at Annual Meeting

# Qualified Law Enforcement Team

**Chief Ken Blanke** – 38 years on Lauderdale Lakes

**Sergeant Janene Littmann** – 28 years on Lauderdale Lakes

## **Officers**

- 12 returning Officers - 2 to 14+ years on Lauderdale Lakes
- 4 new Officers

- **ALL** are Certified Law Enforcement Officers
  - Certification maintained through DOJ
  - Take an oath to uphold the law
- Lake District provides needed equipment
- **Reminder:** Patrol Team helps ensure safe waters for all  
*If you don't follow the laws, we **MUST** issue citations*

# Citations: The Reality (2014)

Total Hours Patrolled:	<b>1,960 hours</b>
Number of Contacts:	<b>505</b>
Number of Citations:	<b>121</b> (included 3 OWI arrests)
Resolution of Citations:	
Dismissed:	<b>47</b>
Fine Imposed:	<b>74</b>
Total Citation Revenue:	<b>\$894.33*</b>

*\* Nearly all of the revenue from fines or forfeitures is retained by the County to cover court costs.*

# Professionalism

- Strive to maintain professional behavior in every community interaction
- Provide assistance whenever possible
- Follow up on all inquiries
- If you have questions, concerns or comments ... *CALL US!*

Office: **262-742-4300** (Goes to Patrol Boat if no one in office)

Administrative (Chief Blanke): **262-882-2030**

**REMINDERS...**

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***SOME OLD,  
SOME NEW***

# Operating a Boat or PWC

AGE	MOTORBOAT	PWC
Under 10	<u>Cannot operate</u>	<u>Cannot operate</u>
10 or 11	MAY operate with parental supervision*	<u>Cannot operate</u>
12 to 15	MAY operate with either: -Parental supervision*, or -Boating Safety Course**	MAY operate only with Boating Safety Course**
16 and older***	MAY operate only with Boating Safety Course**	MAY operate only with Boating Safety Course**

\* *MUST BE accompanied by parent, guardian or a person at least 18 designated by the parent or guardian*

\*\* *MUST HAVE COMPLETED a Boating Safety Course approved by WDNR*

\*\*\* *Persons born before 1/1/89 are exempt from safety course requirement*



# Buoys

## **Added in 2014**

- ✓ “Electric Motor Only” in Bubbling Springs area
- ✓ “No Anchoring” in Pebble Beach sand bar area

## **Coming in 2016**

Buoys to prohibit towing people on “towables” (like tubes) through the following “slow no wake” channels:

- ✓ Green Lake to/from Middle Lake
- ✓ Mill Lake to/from Sterlingworth Bay

# Other Reminders

## ✓ **New Laws in 2015**

- Operate at slow-no-wake speed within 100 feet of a stationary or drifting patrol or emergency vessel displaying a light or siren
- No vessel may be equipped with or display any blue colored light or lamp unless the vessel is a patrol boat.

## ✓ **Public Launch Ramps**

- Parking **ONLY** for those launching a boat
- Drop Ins pay \$3/day (\$20 annual) – receipt on vehicle
- Lake homeowners - \$3 once when you launch – receipt on boat
- Launch ramps are patrolled

## ✓ **Register your boat in Wisconsin!**

# Be a courteous boater ...

**Flying Towables!** When not in use, bring your towable on board or tethered close to your boat

**Music ...** you love yours, but others may not

**Big Wakes ...** may be fun when you wakeboard or surf but when you are not, consider the enjoyment of swimmers, kayaks, sailboats, canoes, paddleboats and paddleboards

**Questions?** Officers are there to answer them, but please do not approach the patrol boat if it is engaged in a stop or assisting another craft

LET'S ALL BE SAFE,  
IT'S A TEAM EFFORT!

- **Water Safety Patrol**
- **Lauderdale Lakes Lake Management District**
- **Towns of LaGrange & Sugar Creek**
- **Wisconsin DNR**
- ***...and YOU***

# Golf Course / Environmental



# Golf Course Purchase

- 1996 voted 385 to 80 to purchase
- Supported financing over 20 years
- Supported a tax subsidy while mortgaged
- Mandated rezoning of all R4 to park
- Combined all tax keys into one
- 2003 Placed in Conservation Easement
- 2014 Paid off loan
- Now self supporting

# Community Center Purchased 1999





2001 Purchased Wetlands









2002 Replaced Fueling System





2006 Built Maintenance Building





2010 Began Restoration



2012 Completion Thanks to the Meyers Family

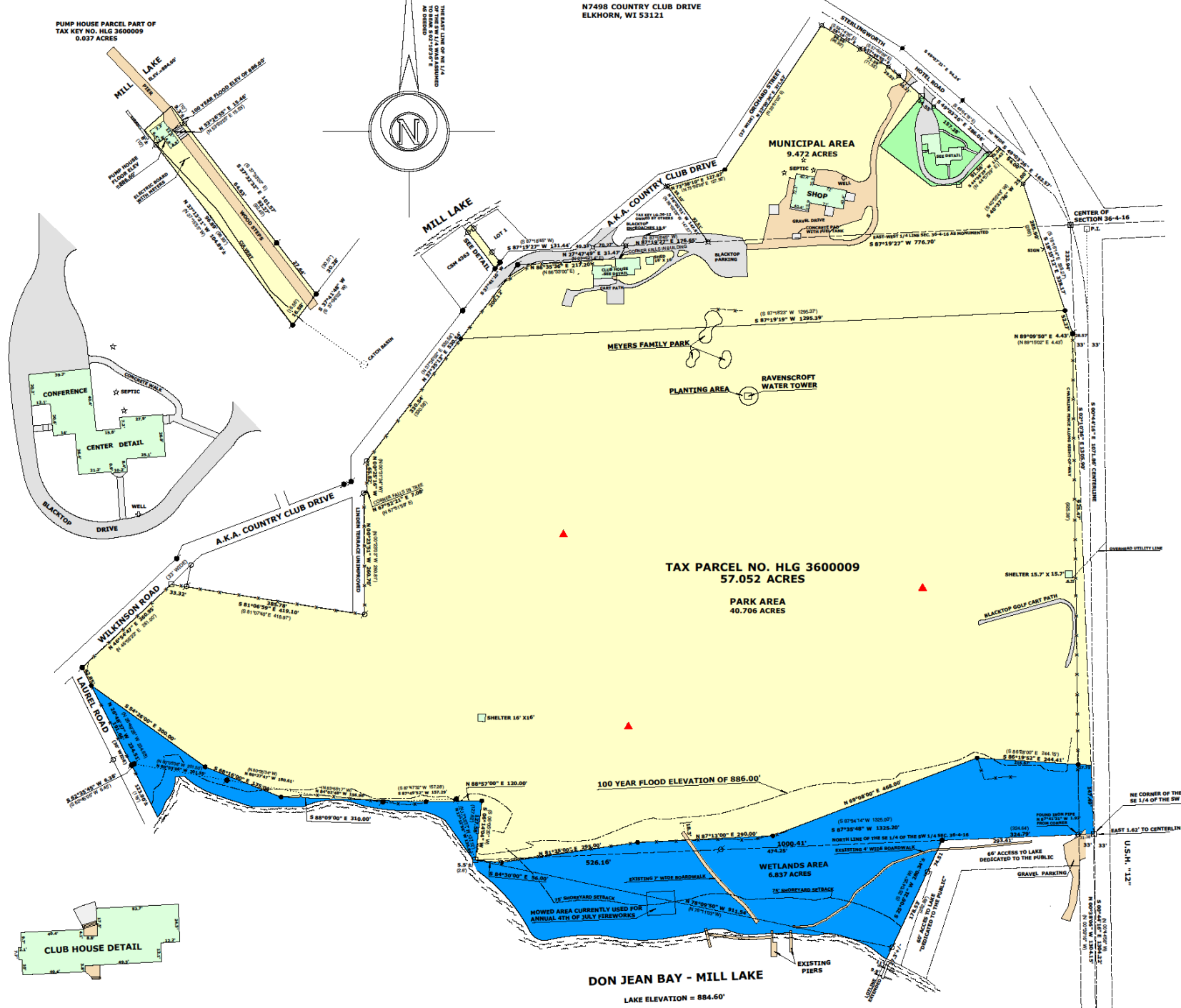




# Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary

- Six certification categories
  - Environmental Planning
  - Wildlife & Habitat Management
  - Chemical use reduction & safety
  - Water Conservation
  - Water Quality Management
  - Outreach & education

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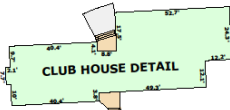


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PARK AREA  
40.706 ACRES

DON JEAN BAY - MILL LAKE

LAKE ELEVATION = 884.60'



CLUB HOUSE DETAIL

# Long Range Planning

## University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

- Community Design Solutions
  - ❖ School of Architecture & Urban Planning
  - ❖ Survey the community
  - ❖ Developed an initial plan
  - ❖ Initial planning meeting August 15<sup>th</sup>

# Survey Highlights

- 87% Other Recreational activities
  - Pickle Ball, Tennis, Bocce Ball, etc.
- 67% Full Service Restaurant
- 63% Walking Trail, Cross country skiing
- 56% Full Service Café for B/L

# Site Features

A community club house

B activity area

C walking trails



# The Next Step

- Identify and assign tasks to refine plan
- Community Design Solutions assist with plan
- Additional Public Informational Meetings
- Develop a final plan
- Community decision

# Goose Management 2015

- Geese cannot fly during a 3-4 week period
- Geese are captured & caged individually
- Geese end up in food pantries
- We missed 2 this year, Captured 55
- Program will continue in 2016
- Thanks to Greg Wisniewski, Peter Van Kampen and Pete Spaulding





# Septic and Piers

2015

# New Septic recording system

- Began at the end of 2014 and continuing
- No longer include Holding tanks or Aerobic systems in program
- All homeowners pay a flat fee
- Working extremely well, only one homeowner with holding tank charged by mistake, was repaid immediately.

# A B X data collection

- Beginning in 2015 we are grading each septic system as follows:
- A – A system installed after 1980 when the State upgraded the requirements for a septic system including dual chambers and a pvc vent pipe.
- B – A system installed before 1980. Cast iron vent pipe, single solid chamber.
- X – A very old system, often a hole built of brick or stone like a dry well or made of steel or fiberglass. Many are the direct replacement of outhouses.
- We are photographing and recording all B's and X's with the thought that these systems may need more frequent monitoring than every 3 yrs.

Want more information on your older system?

- Contact Lance at Septic Associates 262 495 7004
- Call any Septic service
- Call me and we can discuss 742 2567

# Piers

- 29 permits issued for replacement or new piers
- All in conformance with Town Ordinance and State Law
- 7 different Pier Builders active on the Lakes
- Application and information on the “New” webpage:  
[lauderdalelakedistrict.com](http://lauderdalelakedistrict.com)
- Thanks for the cooperation of the homeowners and pier builders
- Thanks to Andi White the Pier Inspector

Weed Harvesting

Aquatic Plant Management Plan

Clean Boats / Clean Waters

# Weed Harvesting Purpose

- Fight the takeover by invasive plants
- Aid navigation and swimming
- Reduce build-up of muck
- Maintain an environment for the 'good' plants and animals; endeavor to always leave 1 foot of plant material
- Starry Stonewort is latest invasive plant



# 2015 Weed Harvesting Status

- Low volume of weeds at the start of this year, however tonnage now approaching last year.
- Less Milfoil in the lakes, still a wide variety of good plants keeping the Lakes healthy.
- Our 20+ year old equipment is being well maintained by the crew.
- Thanks to Mike & crew – Pat, Emil & Don.
- If needed, contact # 262/742-4511
- May have harvesting location schedule on web site next year.
- To aid harvesting, move buoys, rafts, floating toys, etc. behind pier head.

# Aquatic Plant Management Plan

- DNR now requiring APMP updates every 5 years.
- Last plant sampling 2008; APMP done in July 2010.
- Last sampling 290 Locations, now 1779 locations.
- Plant sampling performed in 2014. APMP update draft report issued in April 2015.
- Five year harvesting permit issued based on draft APMP.
- APMP defines harvesting areas; pier head to open water (revised).
- APMP also revised to include removal of floaters where reachable by harvester.
- Pier head to shore is owner maintained; removal of floaters, debris and fallen leaves substantially improves water clarity.

# Clean Boats / Clean Water

- State sponsored program to eliminate cross contamination of invasive species and diseases from lake to lake.
- Connor Hamilton, our weed harvesting crew and myself are CBCW inspectors.
- Connor Hamilton is monitoring launches on Fridays and weekends.
- Coverage principally includes Sterlingworth and Green Lake launches.
- Up to 65% of the costs may be covered by State Grant money.

# Sterlingworth Bay Leak

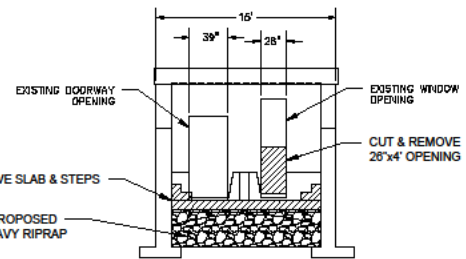
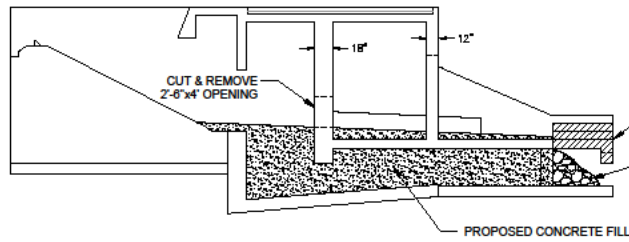
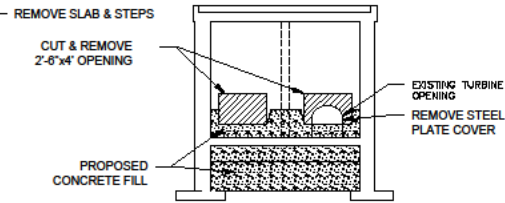
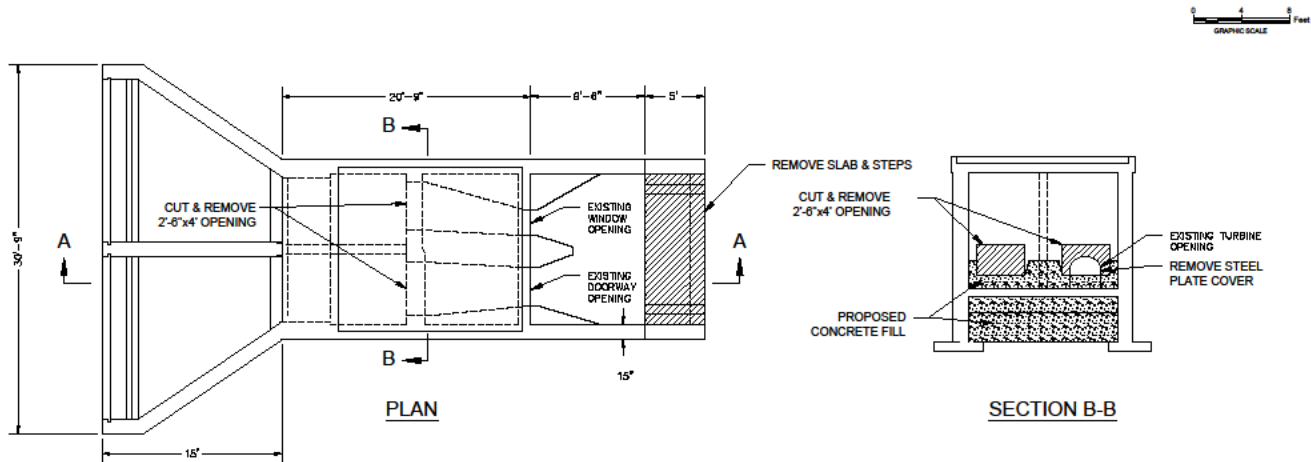
Project finished 2015

# Report on the Dam

- Operating as expected
- Routine grounds maintenance provided to keep area clear of debris
- DNR-mandated engineering inspection due every 3 years



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DESCRIPTION	
DATE	
<b>R.A. Smith National</b> Regional Surveying and Engineering <a href="http://www.ra-smith.com">www.ra-smith.com</a>	
LAUDERDALE LAKES DAM WALWORTH COUNTY	PROPOSED DAM MODIFICATIONS PRELIMINARY CONCEPT
<small>© COPYRIGHT 2015 R.A. Smith National, Inc. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED</small>	
<small>SCALE 1/4" = 1' JOB NO. 1150418 PROJECT MANAGER D.E. JAMES, P.E. DESIGNED BY GFR CHECKED BY RM</small>	
SHEET NUMBER	
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# Amendments to Budget



# 2016 BUDGET & TAX LEVY

# 2016 Proposed Budget & Tax Levy

	Inc/(Dec) from 2015			
	2015 Approved Budget	2016 Proposed Budget	\$	%
Weed Harvesting	\$ 50,000	\$ 46,000	\$ (4,000)	-8.0%
Water Safety Patrol	61,300	59,500	(1,800)	-2.9%
Dam Maintenance	9,000	2,500	(6,500)	-72.2%
Dam Modification	-	40,000	40,000	n/m
Environmental Projects	26,000	21,000	(5,000)	-19.2%
Communications	3,000	3,500	500	16.7%
Insurance	13,650	14,000	350	2.6%
Legal	15,000	15,000	-	0.0%
Community Center	9,800	4,400	(5,400)	-55.1%
Certified Audit	3,500	3,675	175	5.0%
Lake District Maintenance Building	5,000	6,800	1,800	36.0%
General Lake District Operation <i>(includes Pier Insp &amp; Septic Admin)</i>	9,250	13,730	4,480	48.4%
Addition to Lake District Reserve	5,000	5,000	-	0.0%
Lake Leak Engineering	65,000	-	(65,000)	-100.0%
Golf Course	-	-	-	n/m
Capital Reserve	85,000	85,000	-	0.0%
<b>TOTAL (Incl Reserve Increases)</b>	<b>\$ 360,500</b>	<b>\$ 320,105</b>	<b>\$ (40,395)</b>	<b>-11.2%</b>
Use of Reserves	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL TAX LEVY</b>	<b>\$ 360,500</b>	<b>\$ 320,105</b>	<b>\$ (40,395)</b>	<b>-11.2%</b>

# HOW DOES THIS IMPACT ME?

- Proposed 2016 Budget = \$320,105
  - 11.2% reduction from 2015 budget of \$360,500
- Your property taxes:
  - 2015 = \$63.84 per \$100,000 est FMV
  - 2016 = \$56.69 per \$100,000 est FMV
    - Assumes same total valuation as 2014
    - 2015 total valuation not available until late Sept

Other Business

That's All Folks!

See you next year

Sep. 3, 2016