GOAL 1:

Safeguard Bone Lake's water quality by mitigating the impacts of development and changing weather patterns.

PRIORITY ACTIONS

- Reduce nutrient pollution
  - Cut phosphorus loading from watershed and shoreline sources
  - Reduce impacts from septic systems
- Target high-impact waterfront properties
- Harvest curly leaf pondweed to prevent phosphorus release
- Restore natural shorelines

WHY THIS MATTERS

- Clean water supports recreation, wildlife, and property values
- Development and changing weather increase nutrient runoff
- Preventing pollution now avoids costly restoration later

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Maintain or plant natural shoreline vegetation
- Reduce or eliminate fertilizer use
- Upgrade and maintain septic systems
- Participate in lake stewardship efforts

GOAL 2:

Support safe, responsible recreation on Bone Lake while balancing recreational use with ecological health.

PRIORITY ACTIONS

- Maintain and manage buoy system for hazards
- Support *Kids Don't Float* safety program
- Promote safe, courteous boating practices
- Encourage increased patrol and enforcement

WHY THIS MATTERS

- Safe boating protects people and property
- Responsible recreation reduces environmental damage
- Balanced lake use preserves long-term enjoyment

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Follow safe boating practices
- Respect shallow water and marked areas
- Educate guests and visitors
- Support safety programs

GOAL 3:

Maintain and enhance Bone Lake's natural beauty.

PRIORITY ACTIONS

- Educate residents on preserving lake character
- Identify and protect priority natural areas
- Explore conservation tools (easements, land protection)

WHY THIS MATTERS

- Lake users enjoy seeing wildlife
- Shoreline vegetation supports clean water and aquatic species
- Natural habitats support diversity in species
- Quiet, scenic views and night sky

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Preserve natural shoreline vegetation
- Limit visual and noise impacts
- Support land protection efforts

GOAL 4:

Protect and enhance fish and wildlife habitat.

PRIORITY ACTIONS

- Prevent and manage aquatic invasive species
- Reduce shoreline erosion using native vegetation
- Restore shoreline and watershed habitats
- Promote habitat features: woody debris, native aquatic vegetation, wetlands and nesting areas
- Stewardship recognition programs
- Demonstration projects and habitat improvements

WHY THIS MATTERS

- Healthy habitats support biodiversity
- Wildlife enhances the lake experience
- Natural systems improve water quality
- Fishing provides recreation for many

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Maintain natural shoreline features
- Install habitat structures (nest boxes, vegetation)
- Reduce chemical and pollutant use

GOAL 5:

Foster a community culture of stewardship through awareness and participation.

PRIORITY ACTIONS

- Host events
- Promote participation in committees
- Partner with local businesses and organizations
- Provide leadership and training opportunities

WHY THIS MATTERS

- Strong volunteer base supports long-term success
- Engaged residents improve outcomes
- Shared responsibility strengthens the community

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Attend events and meetings
- Volunteer in leadership or committee roles
- Support outreach and education

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Mission Statement

Bone Lake is a precious resource and one of the premier recreational lakes in this area. The overall mission is to maintain and enhance the health of Bone Lake to support clean water, wildlife, natural beauty, recreation, and sport fishing for decades to come.