



Bone Lake Newsletter

Bone Lake — Once called Onondogacona which means lake of small pines

SPRING 2016

STATE OF THE LAKE

Put your eagle eye out

by Alex Chorewycz

We frequently used this phrase to tell our sons to watch carefully or they might miss something—put your eagle eye out!

This summer, as boaters ply the waters of Bone Lake, they'll want to have their "eagle eyes" wide open. Along the shores of our lake there will be at least 20 new plantings of native flowers and grasses along the water's edge.

Twenty Bone Lake property owners pledged last winter to install 10X35 ft. native plantings on their shorelines in order to help reduce runoff from their properties into the lake. Not only will these plantings reduce runoff, they'll beautify the view for the property owner and for those of us who are out on the lake.

This summer, for a nominal cost thanks to our DNR Healthy Lakes Initiative grant dollars, these gardens will be planted by the owners or by a landscaper they choose to hire. The plants will need several years to fully flourish, yet you'll be able to see them starting by late summer or early fall 2016.

Our thanks to those who have pledged to do what they can to improve the clarity and quality of our lake's water!

If **you** too are interested in doing what you can at your property to reduce runoff of sediment and nutrients that cloud the water and result in algae growth in our lake, **please** contact the secretary of the Waterfront Runoff (mitigation) committee, Mary Chorewycz, at 715-857-6733 or amchorewycz@yahoo.com.

You'll find more information on other Healthy Lakes initiatives inside this newsletter. Simple runoff infiltration and diversion practices are explained on pages 4-5. Take a look. There's likely a solution that's easy to implement and nearly cost free to correct runoff at your place on Bone Lake. ■



BRIAN COLLINS

The Canada warbler migrates through the Bone Lake area between March and May, heading toward its breeding grounds in Canada. It's one of the last warblers to arrive in the spring, and one of the first to leave in the fall, heading to its South American wintering grounds. Keep an eye out for this active, bright yellow bird, just 4-5 inches long from beak to tail.



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ICE OUT

It's likely old news, but in case you missed it, Bone Lake ice out czar Bob Boyd, along with assistants Glen Wahman, Chuck Adleman and Mike Belich, declared the official 2016 Bone Lake ice out at 5pm on March 29, 2016.

Congratulations to the ice out contest winners:

- Jack Lanners, first place (missed the time by only 28 minutes)
- Mary Wolsey, second place
- Kevin Skow, third place
- John Tomlyanovich, fourth place

To participate in next year's contest, email Bob Boyd, boydsnest@lakeland.ws. ■

Bone Lake water data: dnr.wi.gov/lakes/clmn/

Hello Bone Lakers,

The Bone Lake Management District Board of Commissioners met on Saturday, April 9, 2016 to plan and establish direction for this year. The winter season usually stops or slows down most activities, while the advent of spring accelerates everything.

The north lagoon residents applied for a permit from Wisconsin DNR to dredge the navigational channel which has filled in over the years. The permit was granted. Then they applied for a grant to fund the project. The DNR met on January 26th and concluded the property owners benefitted more than the general public from the project so public funding via the DNR grant program was not approved. The residents are exploring alternatives to fund the project.

Our representative from the Polk County Board of Supervisors, Patricia Schmidt, was not re-elected at the April 5th elections. The county board chairman

will appoint a new representative, probably at the organization meeting on April 19th.

Chairs of the Bone Lake lake management plan committees reported to the commissioners on their plans for the rest of the year.

The new Healthy Lakes grant was approved and the promotion of 10X35 ft. native plantings on the lakeshore has 20 responses from residents pledging to participate in the program. The response was very encouraging and pleasing to the committee.

I wish all of you a safe and enjoyable summer.

—Bob Murphy, Chair

**SAVE THE DATE AND PLAN TO ATTEND
Bone Lake Management District Annual Meeting
Saturday, August 13, 2016, 9am, Wilkins**

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Septic replacement incentive program continues

If you are planning to replace your lake home's aging septic system in 2016, you may be eligible for a \$1,000 assistance grant.

The District has funds available for those replacing a system that meets the county's definition for a "failing" septic system.

Over the past few years numerous grants have been awarded in a continuing effort to reduce the amount of phosphorus finding its way into Bone Lake.

For details on the grants contact Richard Mackie at 715-857-5205 or email seesallyrun@lakeland.ws .

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DNR grant dollars are available for your use

by Phil Foster

Bone Lake has many different DNR grants available for protecting and improving Bone Lake.

Over the past ten years, we have received approximately \$800,000 in DNR grant dollars, of which \$200,000 are still available for your use.

Our primary grant covers activities associated with our Bone Lake Management Plan. The plan's goals relate to improving and protecting the water clarity, fisheries and wildlife and natural beauty of Bone Lake.

The grant will pay 75 to 100 percent for projects such as these:

- 10X35 ft. native plantings
- Rain gardens
- Rock infiltration areas
- Wildlife plantings
- Fish cribs
- Stream bank stabilization
- Holding ponds

In our newsletter last fall, we encouraged all property owners to install a 10X35 ft. native planting at their shoreline. Twenty property owners responded and pledged to install one this year. As a result, we received DNR Healthy Lakes grant funding to pay for 100 percent of the cost, if property-owner installed.

After these plantings are installed, about 10 percent of Bone Lake properties will have installed a planting and/or runoff diversion practice.

Would you like to learn more about how you can help to protect and improve our lake?

Please contact Cheryl Clemens at 715-268-9992, or Mary Chorewycz at 715-857-6733.

Everyone needs to be doing something in order for us to achieve our goals. Thank you.

We also have these grants which we are actively working to accomplish:

Aquatic education grant

Pays for 75 percent of our Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW) program for boater education at our two boat launches. Our goal is to protect the lake from new invasive species.

Curly leaf pondweed (CLP) grant

Pays for 50 percent of the approximately thirty acres of CLP spraying done each spring. Our goal is to reduce our sixty acres of CLP and its negative impact to our water clarity and recreation.

Internal load study grant

Pays for 75 percent of cost to better understand the phosphorus loading from the lake sediment as well as fish/wildlife monitoring. Our primary goal is to learn options for reducing phosphorus coming from our lake sediment.

Hepatica

by Karen Engelbretson

Nothing says spring like blooming Hepatica (*Hepatica americana*) rising on their 2-6" hairy stems from the duff of the forest floor (except maybe bloodroot or marsh marigold, but we'll get to them another time). Hepatica is a member of the buttercup family with flowers of blue, pink or white. The waxy bright green leaves appear later once the business of flowering is over. This early spring ephemeral blooms, seeks pollinators and sets seed before the trees leaf out and the forest floor turns to shade. Aren't they pretty?



KAREN ENGELBRETSON

What can you do for a healthy lake?

by Cheryl Clemens

Bone Lake has taken advantage of the new Department of Natural Resources Healthy Lakes grant program which will provide funding for 10X35 native plantings around the lake. This is good news and a great start!

Even better news is that there are more options for Healthy Lakes practices. Healthy Lakes practices such as fish sticks*, native plantings, diversions, rock infiltration and rain gardens help to meet various goals to improve lake health.

Our Healthy Lakes grant and lake protection grant dollars cover:

- *Free consultation*
- *Free technical assistance*
- *75 percent reimbursement*

Your cost? For Healthy Lakes practices as little as \$250 or \$0 if you do the installation yourself.

There are lots of options. Read on to know more.

What goals do you have for your property?

Improve wildlife habitat, natural beauty and privacy, and decrease runoff.

➤ **CHOOSE NATIVE PLANTINGS**

Prevent runoff from getting into your lake or direct water to an infiltration practice.

➤ **CHOOSE DIVERSION PRACTICES**

Capture and clean runoff.

➤ **CHOOSE ROCK INFILTRATION**

Create wildlife habitat and natural beauty while capturing and cleaning runoff.

➤ **CHOOSE A RAIN GARDEN**

The best news of all is that Bone Lake already has the funding to provide free technical assistance and reimburse 75 percent of the installation cost for these practices.

While the Healthy Lakes grant program limits installation grant funding to \$1,000 per practice and provides little support for technical assistance, Bone Lake’s existing lake protection grant has no such limits. We are set to go with consulting assistance and funds on hand!

If you are interested in any of these practices for your property, please contact Mary Chorewycz 715-857-6733 or amchorewycz@yahoo.com to arrange an appointment with our consultant today! Keep in mind that to qualify for reimbursement, you need to start with this step.

**There are limited sites where fish sticks are effective on Bone Lake. The fisheries committee is not pursuing fish sticks installations at this time.*

This native planting at Bone Lake’s north landing is a *wet meadow* design for a sunny location with wet to moist soils. It attracts birds and butterflies while providing habitat for frogs and beneficial insects.



CHERYL CLEMENS

Healthy lakes practices are attractive landscape features that improve habitat and water quality.

Each practice listed below is 75 percent to fully funded by our grant dollars and includes free consultation and design services, plus assistance with installation.

NATIVE PLANTINGS

Template planting plans designed for a contiguous area of at least 350 ft². Each template has a corresponding list of native plants suited to the given soil conditions and function of the plan, including wet meadow and prairie for birds and butterflies in sunny areas and woodland for shade.

DIVERSION

A diversion practice redirects runoff that would otherwise move downhill into the lake to a dispersion area where it can soak into the ground. It may be used in connection with a rock infiltration or rain garden practice. By increasing the frequency of diversion practices, runoff volume can be kept low, decreasing erosion.

ROCK INFILTRATION

An upland practice, this is an excavated pit or trench filled with rock that reduces runoff by storing it underground to infiltrate. This infiltration best practice captures, cleans, and infiltrates runoff that would otherwise move downhill into the lake. It is appropriate for sandy to loamy soils only (not clay!).

RAIN GARDEN

A landscaped shallow depression with loose soil and native plants designed to collect and infiltrate roof, path, and driveway runoff while also creating wildlife habitat and natural beauty. Rain gardens collectively protect lakes by preventing polluted runoff from entering them. They provide habitat for birds, butterflies, and beneficial insects and promote natural beauty. Rain gardens are designed to drain within 1-2 days, which means they won't pond water long enough to grow more mosquitoes.



CHERYL CLEMENS

Rain gardens are a beautiful and functional addition to any property.



PAWELA TOSHNER

Native plantings at the shoreline improve habitat and slow runoff to the lake while adding natural beauty.



CHERYL CLEMENS

This diversion across the driveway redirects water to a rain garden where it can soak into the ground. Diversions can also direct runoff to a rock trench or natural area on your property.



CHERYL CLEMENS

This rock trench infiltration practice captures runoff from the eaves of a garage so it can soak into the ground.

Help keep Bone Lake healthy. Consider one of these practices to control runoff at your place. Visit our water quality page at bonelakewi.com to view planting plans. Take the runoff survey to learn more.

A summary of fisheries actions and activities

by Bob Boyd

Black crappie sarcoma

Members of the fishery committee continue to gather information from crappie fishermen about the percentage of crappies caught that have been infected with this sarcoma. This information was shared with the DNR. Members of the fishery committee have assisted the DNR in gathering crappies with this disease. Samples of the diseased tissue were sent to a number of laboratories for analysis. ***A tissue analysis report is now posted on the Bone Lake website.***

DNR recommends removing infected fish from the water if you catch them and disposing of the infected fish in the trash. These fish will count toward your daily limit.



A black crappie infected with Black Crappie Sarcoma

Protect our panfish, eagles and loons

It's common to have that sunny or crappie swallow your hook when angling for panfish. You can't get at the hook to remove it, the fish is too small to keep, so you cut the line and toss it back.

That fish will likely die, but before it does, one of our eagles or loons may see it as an easy catch — complete with its embedded hook. Fish swallows hook, bird swallows fish, bird suffers and dies.

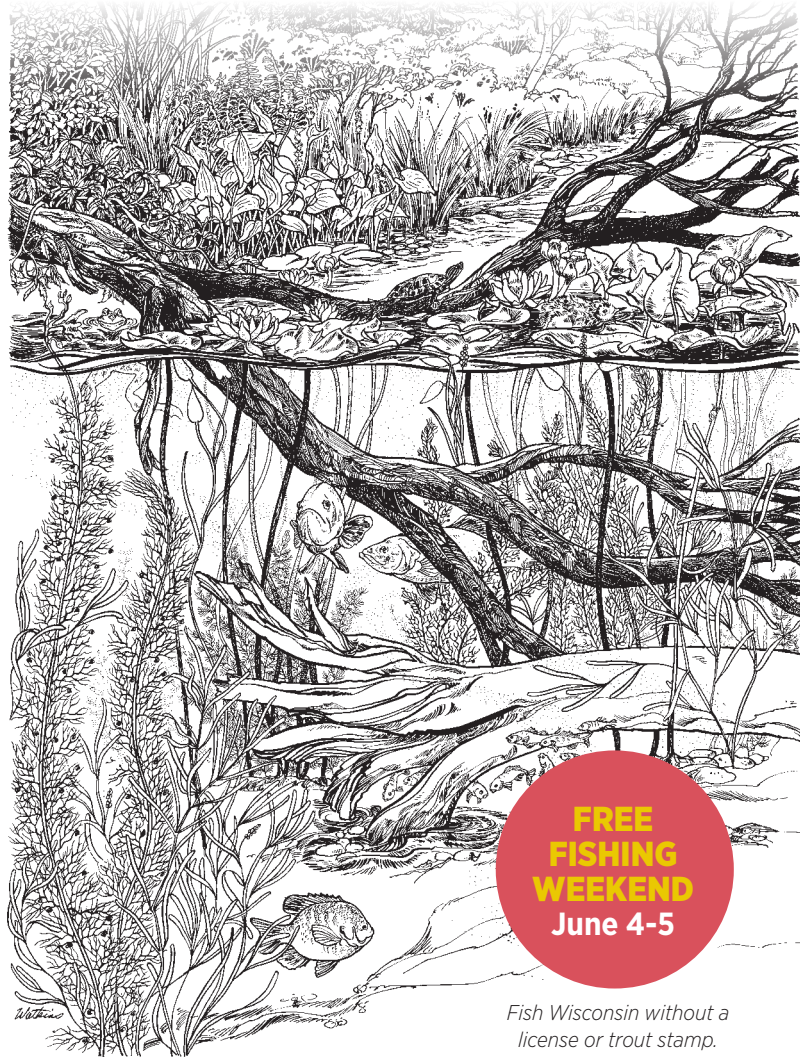
Next time you're adding to your tackle box, choose long shank and barbless hooks to protect Bone Lake's fish, loons and raptors. It's easier to remove long shank hooks from the gullet of panfish. Barbless hooks cause less trauma to fish. ■



Long shank hook



Plain shank hook



FREE FISHING WEEKEND
June 4-5

Fish Wisconsin without a license or trout stamp. Other fishing rules apply.

Creating fish habitat

The fisheries committee is making plans to install more half log cribs and repair existing cribs to provide underwater structure for fish.

Trees at the shore are among the most valuable fish habitat around the lake. They provide shade for fish during the heat of the day and when they fall into the water, create natural underwater structure for fish. Above the surface, fallen trees create a resting place for turtles and ducks.

If you have shoreline trees that have fallen into the water, unless there is a safety or navigation issue, we encourage you to leave them in place. ■

Fishing line left along the shore or in the water is most hazardous to our birds and wildlife. Be sure to remove any snags from the shoreline. Secure any tangled line in your boat for later disposal on land.

Social events 2016

by Sherri Singer

Good times were had on Bone Lake at last year's social events that included a May spring social at Wilkins, Fourth of July boat parade, July sunken island party and Oktoberfest.

A few events are already on the calendar for this year with more activities in the planning stage.

Consider joining us at our social committee meeting on May 14th at 9am at Bob and Sherri Singer's. We would love to have more input and new ideas. Call for more information: 651-428-5368.

Spring social Saturday, May 7, 2016

Grab your hat and head to Wilkins for the Bone Lakers spring social on Saturday, May 7, 4 to 7pm. It's Derby Day! Enjoy some games, the famous Wilkins pizza bar (\$5) and cash bar for Mint Juleps and other drinks.

Fourth of July boat parade

The Fourth of July boat parade will be held on Saturday, July 2 starting at 1pm, hosted by Wilkins. If you have any questions about the parade, please call Sis Bols at Wilkins, 715-928-0297



KAREN ENGELBRETON

Mother and daughter Lisa and Lauren Smith greet Bone Lakers at last year's Derby Day spring social.

Fourth of July fireworks

The Owens family will be arranging and sponsoring fireworks this year, on Sunday, July 3 at the south end of the lake at dusk. The family does not take contributions to fund the display, but suggests a donation to a particular charity. As the newsletter goes to press, the charity has yet to be selected.

Updates and details on Bone Lake Fourth of July events will be coming via Bone Lake eNews and posted on the Bone Lakers Facebook group page.

Sign up for Bone Lake eNews at bonelakewi.com, and go to facebook.com/groups/BoneLakers to join.

Power loading boats causes damage to launch ramps

"Power loading" is a term used to describe using the motor to load and unload the boat onto and off the trailer. Many public launch ramps were not designed to sustain the forces generated by today's larger and more powerful boats or the practice of power loading.

Propeller wash creates a significant force that can erode the lake bed and create a large hole at the end of the ramp. Eroded material is often deposited beyond the ramp to create a mound, which can result in a barrier for launching and loading. Boats and equipment can incur damage if the boat or lower unit runs aground on the mound or if the trailer becomes stuck in the hole. In the worst cases, the end of the ramp collapses resulting in an unusable launch ramp.

Launch ramp repairs are time consuming and expensive. The Luck Lions Club and Town of Bone Lake which maintain Bone Lake's north landing and Bone Lake Point Park, are investigating solutions to repair the sunken slab there. Refraining from power loading boats can



help ease the problem. "No power loading" signs have been installed.

Some boaters are accustomed to power loading. However, it is preferable that boaters do not race their engines while on the boat ramp. Slightly more than idle speed should be all that is necessary to load and/or unload the boat. The best practice is for boaters to refrain from power loading entirely and use the winch to load and unload their boat.

This year's AIS prevention

by Richard Mackie

Clean Boats Clean Waters — Bone Lake Gears Up for 2016

In 2015, eight hundred and fifty seven boaters were greeted at Bone Lake's landings by our CBCW crew. These young people gathered information for the DNR, handed out information on aquatic invasive species, and kept watch for traveling plants on boats and trailers.



We will have most of the same dedicated youth on duty in 2016, although we could use help.

If you are a high school or college student who would like to help protect Bone Lake, please contact Bob Boyd at boydsnest@lakeland.ws or 715-857-5495, or contact Richard Mackie at seeSallyrun@lakeland.ws or 715-857-5205.

The weekend scheduling is very flexible, there is good pay and we provide training and a highly fashionable CBCW T-shirt. ■



Lead tackle exchange planned for this summer

by Karen Engelbretson

Lead is a known toxin that over recent years has wisely been removed from gasoline, plumbing pipe and paint. But lead is still commonly used in fishing tackle and ammunition.

When ingested by wildlife, lead is 100 percent fatal! Each year at least 75 wild bird species in the U.S.—bald eagles, cranes, ducks, swans, loons and geese—are poisoned by lead lost in lakes and rivers.

The wildlife and natural beauty committee has a plan to help reduce the amount of lead in Bone Lake's environment. This summer, we will host a fishing tackle exchange, providing new, non-toxic split shot in exchange for the equivalent in lead from your tackle box.

Clean Boats Clean Waters monitors will facilitate the exchange at the boat landings throughout the summer. The exchanged lead tackle will be taken to a hazardous metals facility for safe disposal.

We will have 200 non-toxic split shot selectors available this season. Beginning Memorial Day weekend, property owners are encouraged to stop by the landing to exchange their lead tackle. Many thanks to Monty's Sportsman's Haven for helping the committee source the lead-free product at a fair price. ■



Play it safe on Bone Lake this summer

These Wisconsin boating regulations intended to keep us all safe while out enjoying Bone Lake. Please share with your family and visitors.

- PWCs may not be operated between sunset and sunrise.
- PWCs may not tow a person on skis, boards or other devices unless the PWC is designed to accommodate at least three people, *and* an observer is on board and facing backward.
- DNR Water Guards recommend towing only one person.
- **PWCs MUST OBSERVE SLOW-NO-WAKE SPEEDS WITHIN 200 FEET OF THE SHORELINE.**
- Everyone on a PWC must wear a USCG approved life jacket.
- Paddle boards are considered watercraft so life jackets are required. It's best to wear it.
- Anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1989 is required to complete a boating safety course to legally operate a PWC or motorized boat on Wisconsin waters.

- **ALL WATERCRAFT MUST OBSERVE SLOW-NO-WAKE SPEED WITHIN 100 FEET OF SHORE, docks, rafts, piers, or swimmers unless assisting the swimmer.**
- A person may not be towed between sunset and sunrise.

Boating Safety Classes

The Wisconsin boating safety course can be completed online. For complete Wisconsin boating regulations and registration for the online safety course go to dnr.wi.gov/topic/boat.

Anyone born on or after January 1, 1989 is required to complete a boating safety course to legally operate a personal watercraft or motorized boat on Wisconsin waters. DNR recreational safety specialists recommend all boat operators complete a safety course.

Bone Lake bouys

If you notice a buoy out of place or missing, or have questions, call Mike Musial at 612-207-5254.

Birds around Bone Lake

by Cris Dueholm

Where are the birds? That's a question I get asked frequently!

And I usually reply with questions. What you are feeding your birds? Did you change that? What birds did you usually get? Have you changed anything around in your yard? What time of the year is it?

These are questions that should be answered first to see if we can find out what happened to your birds.

If you haven't changed the feed, then what about your lawn care? How has that changed? Are you using a new chemical to discourage some growth? Have you cut down any trees because they were in the way or just too close to the house, or were they dying?

If you answered yes to the last few questions, then the habitat has been changing and we didn't catch on how the birds were affected.

For instance, when we first moved here, the northern cardinals were singing all the time. Over the years I have been seeing and hearing them less often.

We were so excited to see a male cardinal this last November at our lakeshore feeder and every afternoon between 4:15 and 4:30 p.m. we watched him feed all by himself. You can always tell the male northern cardinal by his bright red color, black face mask, and thick red conical bill that's powerful enough to crack any seed.

The female is a brownish red with a smaller black face mask and pink bill, while the juveniles are colored like mom. All cardinals have a sharp head crest that expands to challenge competitors or predators, and is used by the male to display his greatest attribute to the female!

The cardinal is also a fierce protector of its property. Males may think their reflection is a competing male and charge at it, hitting your window instead.

Cardinals eat seeds and fruits and feed their young insects in spring. They do not migrate so you can enjoy them year round.

In early spring you can hear the male and female sing to one another. Scientists have described at least 16 different calls for the northern cardinal, but most common is the song you hear in late January, *cheer, cheer, cheer, or birdie, birdie, birdie*. Later the female calls from the nest in a series of chips to tell her male to bring food to her and their young. Fledglings will chip constantly to let the adults know their whereabouts.

The female builds a nest after both have found a great



The female and male northern cardinal, *Cardinalis cardinalis*

location not too high in a tree, shrub or undergrowth dense enough for protection. He will bring her the materials of twigs, leaves, vines, to make the cup shaped nest. It is lined with something soft that might be found in your yard. She lays 2-5 eggs, sits for 11-13 days; both feed for about 14 days, the babies fledge, and if time permits another batch may happen but in a different nest!

Tall, tall trees aren't number one on their list, which brings me back to why I'm not seeing or even hearing the cardinal down by me anymore. The woods have grown and the trees are more than mature—they are dying, and there aren't many low branches for them to hop around on. I now have woodpeckers that are attracted to the type of woods in my area.

Can I bring back the cardinals? Yes, with time and effort to restore the low canopy they enjoy. In the meantime, now that my habitat has changed I will feed my woodpeckers, blue jays, finches, migrants, and crows, continue to change the landscape, and put up houses and nest boxes to attract the bluebirds and nuthatches.

So when you find yourself asking *where are my birds*, stop to consider habitat and what's changed. Then ask, *what can I do to attract the species I want?* ■

Learn more about cardinals, their habitat and calls at allaboutbirds.org. Find the *Top 10 Shrubs for Wildlife* brochure at bonelakewi.com.

ARE YOU MAINTAINING A PURPLE MARTIN COLONY?

If so, please take part in a regional survey of purple martin populations. To participate, download the purple martin survey form at bonelakewi.com to record data from your colony, then mail it in. It only takes a few minutes and can make a big difference in protecting the purple martin population of the Bone Lake area!

Did you know?

The root systems of native plants can reach as deep as 15 feet! These roots can stabilize shorelines by keeping the soils in place and reduce runoff as they help water infiltrate down into the soil. Do you have any of these plants on your shore?

Kentucky Bluegrass is a common variety of grass for lawns, shown at the left in the illustration below. Its roots are about 3" deep. It's not effective for infiltrating rain or runoff.

Native plants have many positive characteristics. Used as buffers along the water they can slow runoff and absorb nutrients. They are also self-sustaining and support wildlife including frogs, beneficial insects, pollinators, and native birds.

Native plantings help deter geese from your yard. Geese prefer a wide, unobstructed area where they can watch for potential predators, so they avoid tall native plants and seek out lakeshore lawns instead. A native planting at the shore can help goose-proof your lakeshore yard.

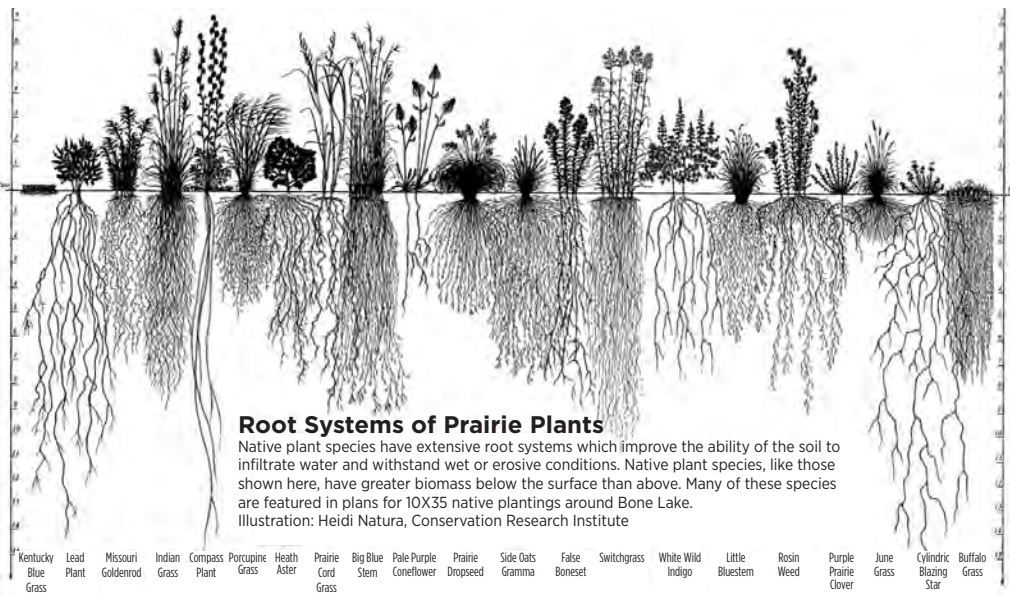
Successful native plantings require an understanding of sunlight and soil conditions. Bone Lake Management District has a variety of plans available for conditions around our lake and free consultations to help you plan your native plantings.



Prairie cordgrass, *Spartina pectinata*, with its eight foot deep roots is an excellent choice for lakeshore plantings. Golden fall color.



Red osier dogwood, *Cornus sericea*, likes sunny places with wet soils. A year round winner for wildlife habitat, color and structure. Makes a great hedge or privacy screen.



Quiet Hours

Please be considerate of your fellow Bone Lakers and let your visitors know about being "Bone Lake Nice." Remember, noise carries louder and farther on and around the lake, and everyone deserves an opportunity for quiet. Before 9 a.m. and around sunset would be good times to observe quiet hours.

TALKING TRASH. When you're out and about on the lake, please stop to pick up floating trash and debris from the water. Help keep Bone Lake safe and beautiful.

Bone Lake Wildlife and Habitat illustrated maps are available — free with a small shipping charge. Contact karen@kje.com

Before you burn, check fire conditions and burning restrictions.

Check this website for up-to-date, daily fire conditions, burning guidelines, and the burning permit process: dnr.wi.gov/topic/ForestFire/restrictions.asp

To check for daily fire restrictions by phone, call 1-888-WIS-BURN (1-888-947-2876) and enter Polk County code 49.

Find a fire warden: dnr.wi.gov/topic/forestfire/emergFireWardens.asp

It's Easy to Recycle Around Bone Lake

Georgetown Town Hall

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