

LAKE WAUSAU ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

WWW.LAKEWAUSAU.ORG

SPRING, 2017



Have Fun and Support our Lake!

JOIN THE 5TH ANNUAL SOCIAL FUNDRAISING EVENT

Hurry tickets are almost sold out! Limit 400 People

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2017 AT THE ROTHSCHILD
PAVILION 6pm to 10pm.

Raffle tickets are \$50 per person and include admission to the fundraiser event and entry into cash prize drawings. Need not be present to win a cash prize!

- 1st Prize - \$2,500.00
- 2nd Prize - \$1,000.00
- 3rd Prize - \$500.00
- 4th Prize - \$300.00
- 5th Prize - \$200.00



FREE Beer, Wine, Soda and Dinner. Raffle and games all and a live auction with lots of great items. Tickets are available by contacting us via email at lakewausau@gmail.com or by contacting one of the following committee members:

Holly Kohl - 715-551-9550
Kathy Weinkauff - 715-571-3197

Rick Parkin - 715-551-4682
Jim Wagner - 715-573-8896

Ken Wilk - 715-581-3744

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO HELP CLEAN UP LAKE WAUSAU
FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR ENTIRE COMMUNITY.



**Contact Us! We'd
love to connect!**

Website:

www.lakewausau.org

Email:

lakewausau@gmail.com

Follow us on Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/Friends
oflakewauau](https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfLakeWausau)

Board of Directors:

Russ Graveen, President
Rick Parkin, Vice President
Sherri Wagner, Secretary
Holly Kohl, Treasurer
Mark Peter
Mary Kate Riordan
Al Weinkauff
Jim Wagner
Theresa Graveen

IT'S PLANTING SEASON! IMPROVE HABITAT, NATURAL BEAUTY AND PRIVACY, AND SLOW RUNOFF WITH NATIVE PLANTINGS. GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE!



Marathon County Lakes

Shoreland Restoration

Recently, Marathon County Conservation, Planning, and Zoning Department (CPZ) was awarded a \$100,000 Lake Protection Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. This grant will assist with the implementation of Lake Management Plans and will assist in building citizen involvement with lake and river protection efforts, countywide.

Through this grant, Marathon County can cost-share up to 70% for shoreland buffer restorations on private shoreland lots. This incentive will ease the financial burden for individuals who would like to protect and preserve their shoreland property by establishing native plant stock.

Eligible for Cost-Share

- *Native plant stock & seed mixes*
- *Erosion control materials (excluding rip-rap)*
- *Compost, peat, topsoil*
- *Herbicide*
- *Deer & Rabbit repellent*
- *Plant protection materials*
- *Sod cutter rental fees*
- *Other materials approved by CPZ staff*

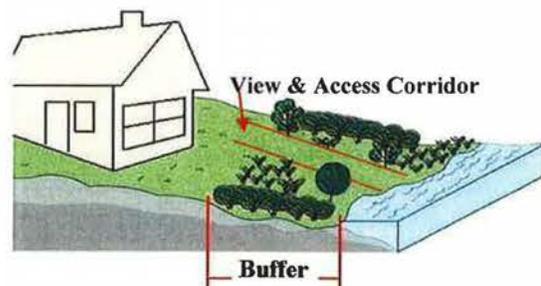
Not Eligible for Cost-Share

- *Labor or landscaper fees (The restoration is expected to be completed by the landowner with assistance from CPZ staff)*
- *Shovels, rakes, and other tools*
- *Watering cans, water pumps, hoses, sprinklers, and timers*
- *Work gloves, sunscreen, and other personal items.*

Schedule an on-site visit to review your shoreline property by contacting Tyler Betry, Shoreland Protection Technician.

Phone: (715) 261-6027

Email: tyler.betry@co.marathon.wi.us



Improve Lake Wausau's Shoreline with Native Plants

People all across our country are planting more native gardens. Native grasses, sedges, rushes, wildflowers, ferns, shrubs and trees bolster habitat for wildlife, conserve water and beautify our home landscapes. These native gardens can provide a natural privacy fence, offer migratory birds food and shelter and support pollinators in dire need of nectar and host plants. Increasing native plantings will help improve the quality of runoff flowing across the landscape towards the lake. It also provides habitat for many animals including birds, frogs, turtles, and many small and large mammals. With the Shoreland Restoration Grant (see page 2 of newsletter) Marathon County will now pay 70% of costs for native vegetation plantings.



Blue Flag Iris - Wisconsin water-front native plant

How are We Doing?

Lake Wausau has a total of 51 miles of shoreline, with 30.6 miles along the flowage sides, and 43.3 miles of island shoreline. The desirable depth of a shoreland vegetative "buffer" to provide habitat and help to cleanse runoff water is 35 feet (inland from the water). A Shoreline Survey of Lake Wausau found that approximately 190,500 feet of Lake Wausau's shoreland did not meet the 35-foot goal.

Lake Wausau Shoreland Survey Summary Report, UW-Stevens Point, 2017

If you would like a list of well-suited native plant species for shoreland restorations visit:

<http://www.co.marathon.wi.us/Portals/0/Departments/CPZ/Documents/RestorationPlantList.pdf>

Lake Wausau Association awarded an \$18,000 WIDNR Grant for an aquatic plant study

An updated plant survey will determine the success of the current Curly Pond Leaf management strategy, measure the impact of the 5-foot dam draw-down on native and non-native plants, determine the potential for further spread of Eurasian Water Milfoil, monitor other changes in the aquatic plant community, and seek necessary permits to continue management activities (such as harvesting aquatic invasive plants). For more information on our efforts to manage aquatic invasive species in Lake Wausau visit our website at www.lakewausau.org.

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.

Up Coming Events

May 3, June 7, July 5: Lake Wausau Association Board meetings, Gulliver's Landing Restaurant, 6 pm.
June 4: Water Walker Summer Kickoff, free popcorn sponsored by the Lake Wausau Association, Eagles Landing 6 pm.
June 16: Wausau Events Summer Kickoff, Oak Island Park, 5 - 11 pm.
June 17: WKFC Lake Wausau Kayak Bass Tournament. Blue Gill Park Boat Landing 6 am - 3:30 pm.
June 11, 18, 25, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Water Walkers Ski Shows, Eagles Landing, 6 pm.
July 13-16th: Wausau Balloon & Rib Fest. Wausau Downtown Airport.

How many of these Lake Wausau Native plants can you identify?

1



2



3



4



Tundra Swans vist Lake Wausau

Did you see the Tundra Swans this March on Lake Wausau? They travel through our area on their way to their nesting areas near the Arctic circle. They stop in small flocks to rest and feed. They mainly eat roots of plants that grow in shallow water. They also like mussels and clams. They will also eat grains like corn and wheat from farm fields. In the fall, you may see them again as they head south in flocks on their way to the east coast. They winter in Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina. Tundra Swans range in size from 3 to 4 feet long, with wing spans of around 7 feet. They have a short, duck-like bill that is black with a yellow spot at the base. Their feathers are entirely white.



1. Winterberry

2. Yellow Birch

3. Smooth Rose

4. Black Eyed Susan

Native Plants of Lake Wausau - how many did you get right?