

# Dane County Lakes and Watershed Commission Highlights and Accomplishments

1980s

1990s

2000s

2010s



- ◆ 1988 - Dane County (WI) Executive Phelps and the Dane County Board created the Dane County Lakes and Watershed Commission
- ◆ 1988 - Take a Stake in the Lakes cleanups began



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- ◆ 1992 -- completed Water Quality Implementation Plan based on public input and expert testimony
- ◆ 1994 -- established county-wide wetlands protection and innovative construction site erosion control standards



- ◆ 1996 -- created a 200 foot "slow-no-wake" zone on Yahara chain of lakes to increase safety and protect shorelines



- ◆ 2001 -- established innovative county-wide stormwater standards based on extensive public and stakeholder input
- ◆ 2003 -- established lake property numbering system to speed emergency response
- ◆ 2004 -- oversight of aquatic plant harvesting program led to priority harvesting maps and improved public communication
- ◆ 2004 -- established ban on unnecessary phosphorus in lawn fertilizer, which withstood legal challenges and became a model for statewide legislation
- ◆ 2005 -- created, with County Executive Falk, a Manure Spreading Task Force, resulting in digester momentum and liquid manure applications standards to reduce winter runoff
- ◆ 2008 -- engaged others to create Yahara CLEAN

- ◆ 2010 - Yahara CLEAN report published in September
- ◆ 2011 -- continued to expand use of social media and web to deepen community understanding and engagement on lakes and watershed issues
- ◆ 2012 -- Commission recommendations in annual water-related budget review led to two new positions to help implement CLEAN actions
- ◆ 2012 -- created Yahara Watershed Initiatives Briefings to foster collaboration among watershed improvement activities
- ◆ 2013 -- celebrated groundbreaking on second manure digester and continued implementation of Commission and Executive's Manure Spreading Task Force