

## Why Do a Lake Management Plan

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There are over 1300 lakes in Vilas County, WI. People from all over the country come here to experience the splendor of the Northwoods. We are attracted to lakes for their natural beauty, peace, tranquility, and recreation, but lakes and their watersheds can be negatively affected by humans and their actions. It is important to create a lake management plan to reduce human impacts to lakes, to address any glaring negative issues such as aquatic invasive species or water quality, as well as to preserve all of the wonderful lake features that draw people to the water. A compelling and competent lake management plan includes both technical and social aspects of the lake. Stakeholder input – your input – is extremely important for the plan to be practical and feasible. A lake management plan provides more information than you ever thought possible and is a great step in preserving your lake for generations to come. If you have any questions regarding lake management planning for Harris, Hiawatha, Birch, Rainbow, Tamarack, Rock, North and South Turtle, Pardee, Adelaide, Helen, or Circle Lily Lakes, please contact Discovery Center Water Specialist Anne Kretschmann at (715) 543-2085 or [ais@discoverycenter.net](mailto:ais@discoverycenter.net).

### Aquatic Invasive Species in Winchester Lakes

Sources: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC)

Lake	Invasive Species
Adelaide	None <sup>DG</sup>
Birch	Chinese Mystery Snail <sup>D</sup> , Rusty Crayfish <sup>DG</sup> , Banded Mystery Snail <sup>G</sup>
Circle Lily	Rusty Crayfish <sup>DG</sup>
Harris	Curly-leaf Pondweed <sup>D</sup>
Helen	None <sup>DG</sup>
Hiawatha	None <sup>DG</sup>
Pardee	Freshwater Jellyfish <sup>D</sup>
Rainbow	None <sup>DG</sup>
Rock	None <sup>DG</sup>
Tamarack	None <sup>DG</sup>
N. Turtle	Rusty Crayfish <sup>DG</sup>
S. Turtle	Rusty Crayfish <sup>DG</sup>

#### Notes:

- Aquatic invasive species (AIS) with a superscript letter "D" were sourced from the DNR at <http://dnr.wi.gov/lakes/invasives/AISByWaterbody.aspx?countyCode=0>
- AIS with a superscript letter "G" were sourced from GLIFWC at <http://maps.glifwc.org/>