

Important information for the upcoming month!

Our CLP spraying will be started soon when the water temps reach appropriate level. Below you will find a Notice of Spraying, and a map of proposed areas to be sprayed.

Public Notice Of Treatment:

04/xx/2026

Notice To Lake Washington Property Owners and Lake Users:

As part of its ongoing effort to preserve and improve the water quality of Lake Washington, the Lake Washington Improvement Association (LWIA) will be contracting with a vendor to treat aquatic invasive plants in 2026. We wish to keep all of you well informed, and this is notice that we will be treating various areas of Lake Washington for Curly-leaf pondweed (CLP) in April or May of 2026.

The treatment is for Curly-leaf pondweed (CLP) which is an invasive plant that grows in the spring and early summer. The objective of the CLP treatment program is to treat the heaviest growth to improve the water quality and recreational use of the lake. Planned treatment sites will be approved by the DNR if they are 150 feet or more off shore. If the approved treatment sites are within 150 feet of your property, you can provide the following:

If you desire that the treatment **not** occur adjacent to your property (within 150 feet from shore), please notify the secretary of LWIA immediately either via email at secretaryLWIA@gmail.com or filling out and mailing the enclosed form to the address below.

The DNR requires us to notify property owners of the treatment with this **[letter/announcement]**. The treatment methods will follow Department of Natural Resources' guidelines and permit.

Contact:

Email: secretaryLWIA@gmail.com

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 3162, Mankato, MN 56002

Enclosed form:

I request that no herbicide treatment occur adjacent to my shoreline property.

Name(s) (Print) _____

Signature(s) _____ Date: _____

All requested information must be entered for verification purposes:

Lake Property Address _____

Lake Property City/State/Zip _____

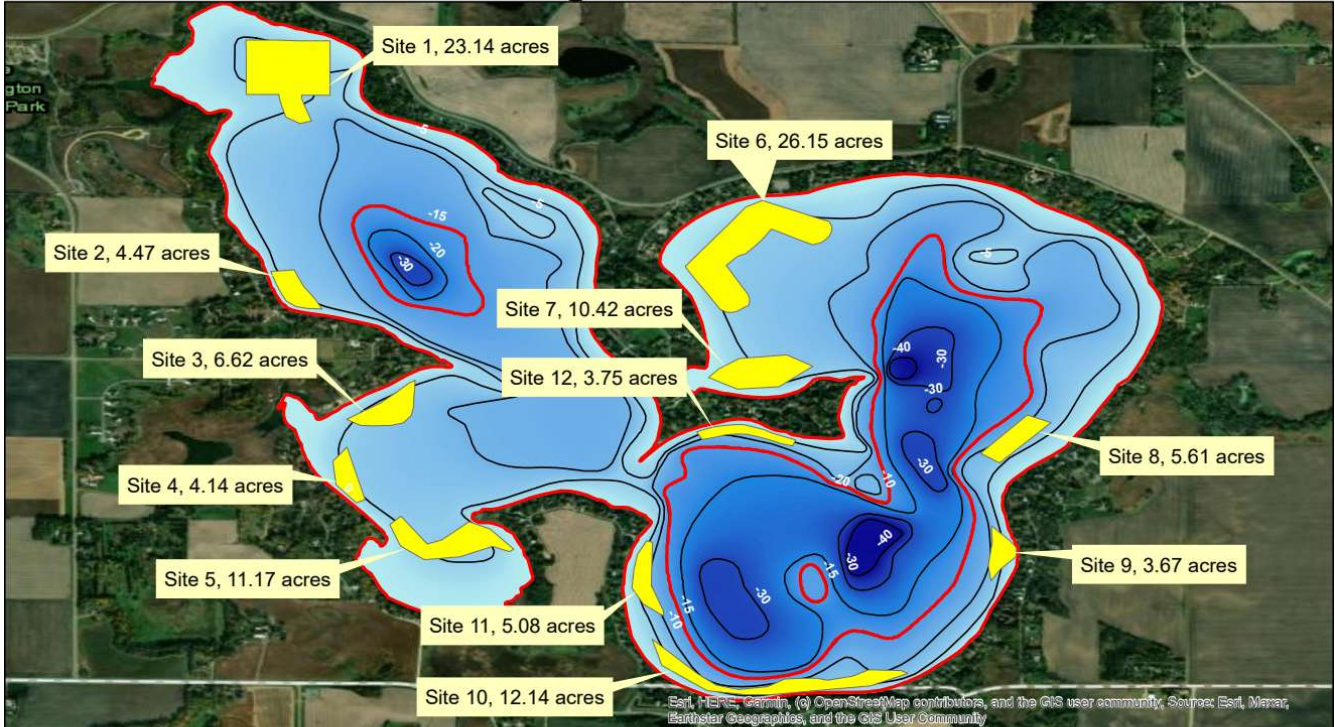
Phone Number: Home _____ Cell _____

Mailing Address (if different from Lake Property Address) _____

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Proposed treatment areas

Washington CLP 2026



*Source Data MN DNR

Legend

- Treatment Zones (116.36 acres)
- Littoral Zone (0-15' depth)



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The Land of Lakes Bow fishing Association has an upcoming event.

Our lake will be one of many local lakes participating in the "Icebreaker Bow fishing Tournament". It will be held on May 2nd from 6:30PM to 6:30 AM. If you do not know what bow fishing is I have attached a few links to their web page and the FB page. These are the boats you may have seen cruising the lake at night with the powerful lights.

You may also see them the evening before on May 1st as they scout the area. The removal of carp from our lake is a good thing, and there are plenty of them, so there is no danger of them being fished out! Please review these links for further information.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2456614031450538/> This is the FB link to the May 2nd event

<https://www.landoflakesbowfishing.com/> This is their website.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063571184228> This is their Facebook page.

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The “Visitor perceptions of lake water quality” project

What Do You See When You Look at Our Lake? Join a New Study to Help Shape Our Future!

Perhaps you've noticed a sign at a Lake Washington boat launch or at the Washington County Park with a colorful graphic on it, but passed it by in 2025. The sign is part of a project looking at people's perceptions of lake water quality compared to measured water quality, led by researchers from the University of Minnesota and University of St. Thomas and funded by the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (LCCMR).

Why Is This Study Important?

As members of this association, we know that lake management—from controlling invasive species to managing nutrient runoff—is both complex and expensive. However, management decisions are often made based solely on technical data, without a clear understanding of how visitors perceive those changes.

Does a "clear" lake always have higher water quality perceptions? Do people notice the impact of restoration efforts? This study aims to answer those questions by combining water quality trends with real-time feedback from you and other people enjoying Lake Washington.

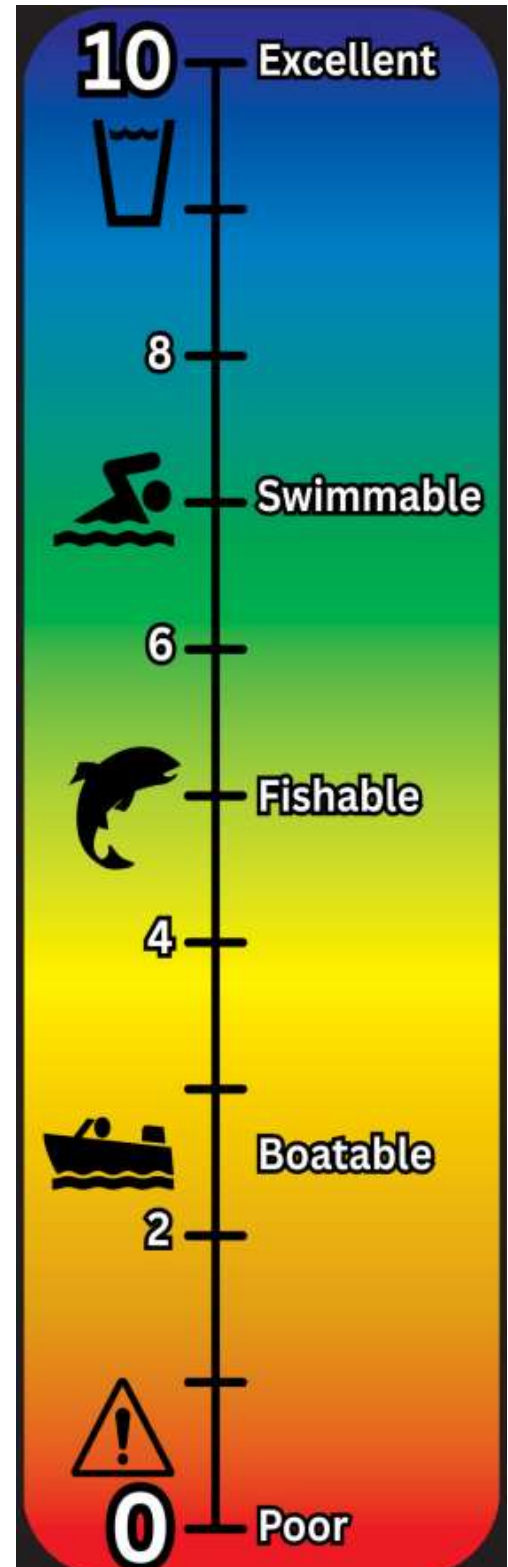
How Can You Participate?

It's as Simple as Sending a Text. During the 2026 open-water season (April through October), you will notice signs posted at public access points around our lake. These signs are an invitation to a conversation.

Using a specialized "chatbot," researchers will collect anonymous feedback via text message. By texting the number on the sign, you can share your thoughts on:

- How you perceive the current water quality.
- Any threats you notice to water quality.
- What brings you to the lake that day.

There are no apps to download and no long forms to fill out. Your participation is entirely anonymous; researchers use special programming to ensure your phone number is never linked to your responses. You are welcome to participate several times over the course of the season.

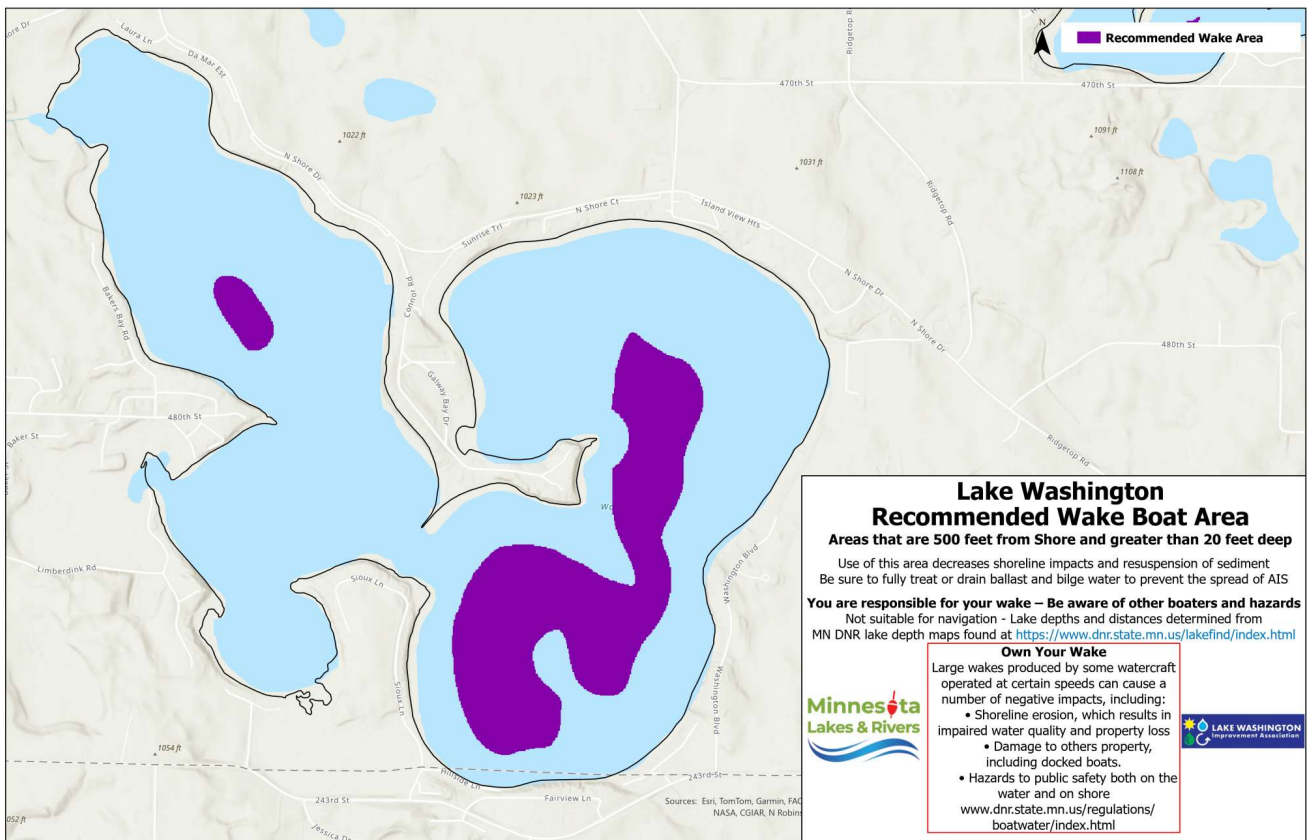


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Safe Wake Boat Map

The University of Minnesota St. Anthony Falls Research Lab has done research on the effects of power boats on the lake bottom, and has documented the effects of various boat types on the lake bottom. I have attached a link to the report below. This information has informed the creation of a map indicating where power boats, and more specifically wake boats can operate with minimal impact on the lake. The map is below the link.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sAWr0G1d5sgA0lyKgHsIISjJuzpXaqY/view?usp=drive_link



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And lastly, as always, we would appreciate your support. If you are not yet a member, please consider supporting us. Below is a form to be mailed, or a link to Venmo. Thank you, and thank you to all our current supporters for your support!

Please Join or Renew Now!
LWIA 2026 Tax Deductible Membership
If you have already renewed, please consider making an additional contribution.
Thank You.

Name(s) _____ Email _____
Mailing Address: _____ Lake Address (if different) _____
City: _____ State _____ Zip _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone Number (Hm) _____ Telephone Number (Cell) _____

\$75 dues 2026 (Jan 1-Dec 31, 2026)
Additional donation for benefit of the lake _____

Please fill out the attached form including email address and mail your reply to
Lake Washington Improvement Ass'n, PO Box 3162, Mankato, MN 56002-3162
Checks made out to **Lake Washington Improvement Association**
Or scan the QR code:



venmo

A reminder to all members in good standing of the Lake Washington Improvement Association: All members are welcome to attend our monthly meetings, and are eligible to vote on our gambling business. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month, at 6PM in the Lake Washington County Park Community Building.