

NSTLRA LAKE DISTRICT STEERING COMMITTEE

NORTH SOUTH TWIN LAKES - LAKE DISTRICT DRAFT WORK PROGRAM

1. Review WI Statute focusing on Chapter 33 guidelines and content
 - a. The University of Wisconsin (Stevens Point) has excellent information regarding Lake Districts and sample established Lake District budgets - <http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr-ap/UWEXLakes/Pages/organizations/districts/default.aspx>
2. Draft/approve budget
 - a. Understand the maximum tax or mill rate which can be levied against district property owners
 - i. Current data reflects \$2.50 per \$1000 of equal valuation
3. Understand and maintain data relative to property ownership
4. Email Lake District info and link (NSTRLA website)
5. Draft/distribute email survey
6. Prepare multiple articles for Fall newsletter, include a “response” strategy with contact points
7. Collect any data, references, re EWM impact on real estate values, degradation to natural resources, diminishment of fish populations, bird populations, etc.
8. Collect info and talk with established lake districts
 - a. Exhaust DNR contact points to other Lake Districts
 - b. Focus on local Lake District successes
 - i. Long Lake
 - ii. Little St. Germain
 - iii. Little Arbor Vitae
9. Meet with Town Board Chairs- Phelps and Conover to establish desired direction, initial goals, build rapport, and to establish contact points
 - a. Can these Town Board entities in Conover and Phelps by resolution represent all of the property owners in their respective jurisdictions? ... This would greatly simplify the petition process by signing on behalf of all qualified landowners
 - b. Determine if a similar involvement is necessary at the County level
 - c. Food for thought ... Districts can be created by Town Boards ...
 - i. This would entail the above Conover and Phelps relationships to be established
10. Review our historical experience, data, lessons learned, etc.
 - a. Attempt to determine what caused it to fail the last time and what we can do to ensure our success this time
11. Develop public information strategy and outreach program
 - a. Mailings to non-association property owners to enhance their education of the problem and to understand the brutal reality of remaining status quo
12. Draft informational mail piece along with Certification for signatures
13. Establish a follow-up mail and phone program
14. Plan a summer door-to-door canvassing program
15. Potential Lake District Task Force participation in any pertinent educational workshops or Lake District Conferences

- a. Press the DNR for Lake District educational materials and training and to understand their connection and involvement with our Lake District once it is established.
 - i. Inquire if it is possible to have the DNR assign a representative who would be associated with our Lake District for future consultations and constructive direction
- 16. Determine if there is an established Lake District association in WI or Vilas Co. and relationships with local units of govt.
 - a. Explore ways of mutual support and cooperation.
 - b. Are there any conflicts any local units of government in the Phelps/Conover geographic region
 - c. Understand boundaries and avoid any territorial issues
- 17. Explore if any current Lake Association member is a licensed Attorney in the State of Wisconsin or would it be necessary to connect with local Attorney resources
 - a. Potential exists to solicit legal services and/or legal consultation during our quest to establish a Lake District, as well as after a Lake District is established
 - b. Accidents occurring on the lake
 - i. Running into buoys, public lake piers, or natural danger points on bodies of water not marked by the water management entity
- 18. Consider the establishment of a North/South Twin Lake District Web Site
 - a. Current NSTLRA website could become too cluttered with Lake district information
 - i. Lake District records are required to be available to the public
 - 1. It would be time to move on from the NSTLRA website
- 19. Consider establishing an audit resource for the eventual Lake District annual audit
- 20. Develop a general idea of the desired boundaries of the Lake District
 - a. Both North and South Twin?
 - b. Only the properties touching the water shed?
 - c. Properties off the water, benefiting from the waters of the Twin Lakes
 - d. Close businesses (Hotels, Motels, Restaurants, etc.) benefiting from their close proximity to the waters of both North and South Twin
 - i. This will eventually come up in discussion