



THE RIPPLE EFFECT

A Monthly Update Highlighting One Committee's Progress
EXPLORING EVERY IMPACT
EMPOWERING EVERY VOICE
ENSURING A HEALTHIER HIGGINS LAKE

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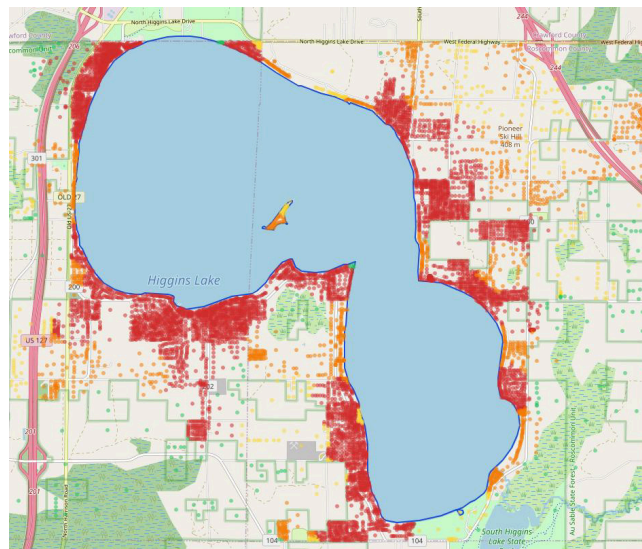
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CONNECTING THE DOTS

What Development Density Can
Tell Us About Higgins Lake

- Every dot represents an improved property - a parcel with a home or structure
- Groundwater supplies our wells and ultimately Higgins Lake
- Most homes rely on private wells for their drinking water

WHY DOES DENSITY MATTER?



- It helps us visualize where homes are concentrated throughout the watershed
- Understanding where development is concentrated helps us ask better questions and guides future monitoring and research efforts
- As development increases, understanding groundwater becomes increasingly important. It supplies our wells, supports streams and plays an important role in the long-term health of Higgins Lake

HELP CONNECT THE DOTS

Free Well Water Testing

Higgins Lake Foundation is offering free well water testing to area residents. Go to higginslake-foundation.org for more information.

By participating, you can:

- Learn more about your drinking water
- Establish a baseline for future monitoring
- Identify potential concerns early
- Help build a better understanding of groundwater conditions throughout the watershed

MORE TO COME...

This density map is only the beginning

- Future versions will incorporate additional environmental, groundwater, and watershed data to help provide a more complete picture of the factors influencing Higgins Lake.

The next Steering Committee meeting is the 3rd Tuesday of every month, 7 PM at the hall.

Plan to attend and participate! For more information, go to the website or on Facebook at Gerrish Township Health of Higgins Lake.