THE HEALTH OF HIGGINS LAKE
PROTECTING OUR WATERS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

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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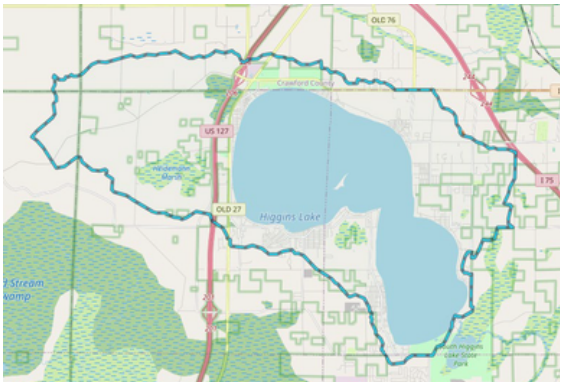
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PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE OF HIGGINS LAKE

Why an updated Watershed Management Plan matters—and how you can help

The blue line surrounding Higgins lake represents the watershed boundary



AT A GLANCE

Watershed Management Plan Update

- A watershed is the entire area of land where rainwater, melting snow, and groundwater drain into a common body of water.
- A watershed plan is a roadmap for protecting and improving water quality — not an ordinance.
- The existing Higgins Lake plan dates to 2007.
- Community volunteers are needed to help update it.
- An approved plan can also help open the door to state and federal grants.

WHAT IS A WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN?

- A shared roadmap for protecting water quality across the land that drains toward Higgins Lake. It identifies concerns, sets priorities, and recommends practical actions.
- It is a collaborative planning tool that helps communities make informed decisions.

WHY UPDATE THE 2007 PLAN?

- Nineteen years later, new research, changing land use, and evolving conditions make it time to review progress and set current priorities.
- Read: 2007 Higgins Lake Watershed Management Plan

WHY DOES A PLAN MATTER?

- It helps organizations work together using science and local knowledge.
- An updated plan that meets current requirements can help qualify Higgins Lake watershed projects for EGLE grant funding.
- More information: EGLE: Developing a Watershed Plan

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Whether you have experience in environmental science, planning, communications, community outreach, fundraising, or simply a passion for Higgins Lake, we welcome your involvement.

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