



OUR VISION

A healthy, resilient watershed that sustains a clean, restored Green Lake.

OUR MISSION

To safeguard Green Lake by improving its water quality, protecting it from critical threats, and accelerating its return to a clean lake.

The Green Lake Association is an environmental non-profit safeguarding Big Green Lake, Wisconsin's deepest natural inland lake. This small, committed organization is tackling the greatest water quality challenge of our time to protect the lake that is existential to our community. Through phosphorus reduction and aquatic invasive species mitigation, the Green Lake Association is building a healthy, resilient watershed that will create a clean, restored Green Lake for years to come.

RENEW OR JOIN THE GLA TODAY!



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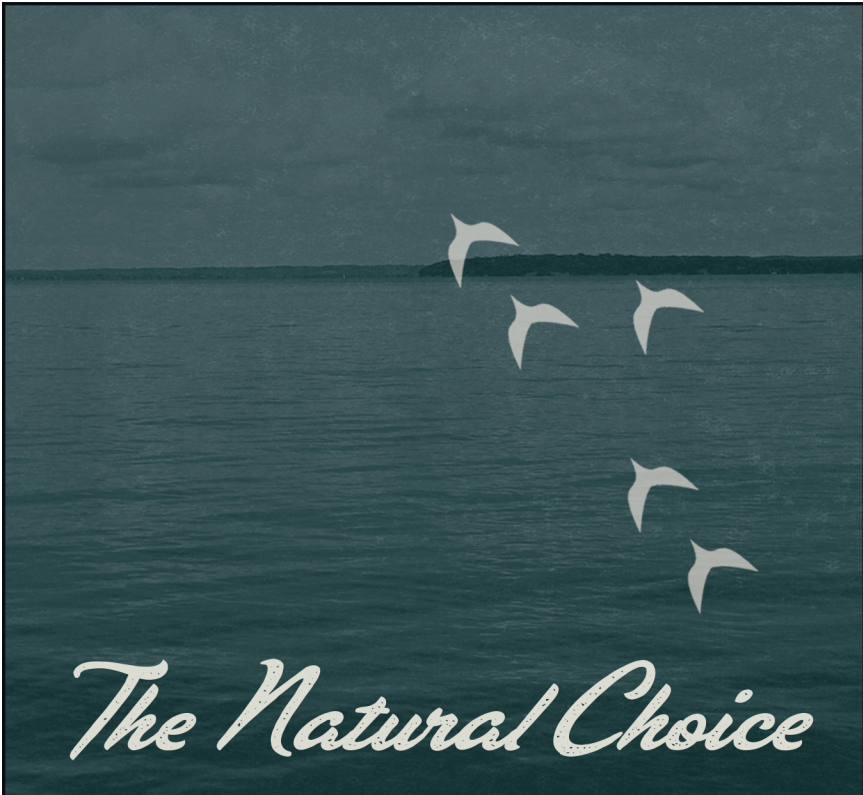
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 8:30** **BREAKFAST**
- 9:15** **WELCOME**
 Gary Mecklenburg, Chair of the Board of Directors
- 9:30** **SPONSOR COMMENTS**
 Helcia Bierman, Horicon Bank
- 9:35** **CALL TO ORDER**
 Gary Mecklenburg
- 9:45** **STATE OF THE LAKE PRESENTATION**
 Stephanie Prellwitz, Chief Executive Officer
- 10:15** **Q&A**
 Stephanie Prellwitz
- 10:30** **CLOSING COMMENTS**
 Gary Mecklenburg
- 10:45** **ADJOURN**



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Leslie Gearing*

Equipment Sales Manager,
Zinkan Enterprises

* pending vote of GLA Membership

** renomination of Board Member

About Leslie Gearing: Leslie Gearing has lived in Green Lake for more than 35 years. She has a Bachelor's degree in Mining Engineering from UW-Platteville and is also a certified real estate broker. Leslie's entire career has been in and around the mining and equipment industry in research, development, and sales. She began her career as an R&D and Plant Engineer at Badger Mining Corporation (1985-2001). She has worked for five other organizations, and since 2014 has been an Equipment Sales Manager at Zinkan Enterprises. One division of Zinkan is ChemREADY, which focuses on applying technology and expertise to solving water and wastewater challenges for municipal, mining, and industrial customers. Leslie is enthusiastic about the GLA and would welcome the opportunity to join the Organization. Her experience in the mining industry uniquely positions her as a valuable asset to the GLA.

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NOW OPEN: BOAT WASH STATION

LOCATION: DODGE MEMORIAL COUNTY PARK

OPERATING HOURS: 7AM-3PM, MEMORIAL DAY TO LABOR DAY

WHY WASH YOUR BOAT?

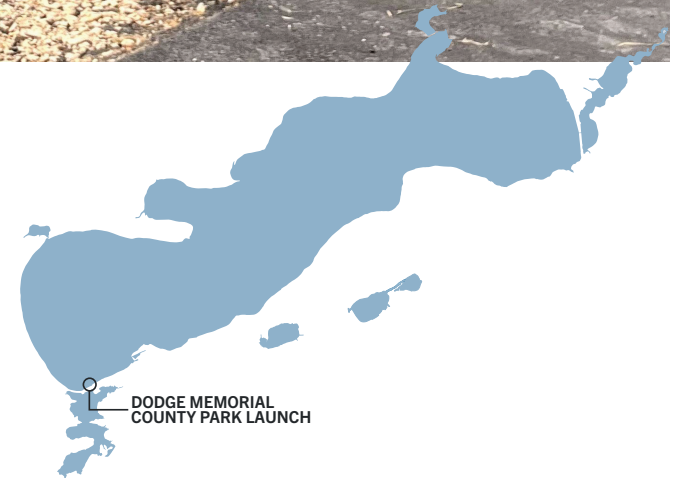
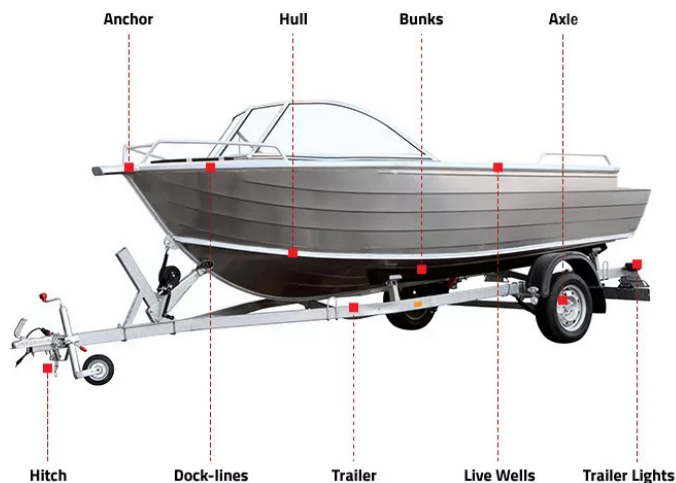
Aquatic invasive species (AIS) are unwanted plants and animals, like zebra mussels or Eurasian watermilfoil, that disrupt a lake's ecosystem and hurt its water quality. Almost all of Green Lake's current AIS were accidentally introduced to the lake on a boat or trailer, yet play a permanent role in harming the lake.

WHY DOES GREEN LAKE NEED A BOAT WASH STATION?

The best way to keep AIS from being introduced to Green Lake is to inspect every boat that enters Green Lake after visiting another water body for any plants or debris, and to wash each boat when possible. The boat launch at Dodge Memorial County Park is one of the busiest on the lake, so the installation of the boat wash station here is critical to the health of Green Lake.

The Green Lake Association is grateful to the Green Lake County Land Conservation Department, the Green Lake Sanitary District and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for partnering on this important initiative. Below are key steps to cleaning your boat before entering Green Lake:

- ✓ Clean the areas of your boat shown below.
- ✓ Drain every conceivable space or item that can hold water.
- ✓ Dry completely before launching into another water body.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The GLA focuses our resources on water quality, but we recognize that lake management and recreation encompass various aspects. To help you find the right person to contact regarding specific lake-related inquiries, please refer to the following guide.

Q: WHAT ARE YOU DOING ABOUT DUCKWEED?

A: Reducing the amount of duckweed that enters Green Lake has been a focus of the GLA. At the request of our members and the community's broad concerns, we were exploring a stationary duckweed harvester to determine if this pilot project was a potential solution to minimize duckweed on Green Lake. After reviewing our proposal, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources cited several concerns and ultimately did not support our proposal.

We are now focused on gathering more information to better understand how duckweed contributes phosphorus to Green Lake and therefore degrades its water quality. We've partnered with the USGS and we're contributing funding to their effort to measure the amount of duckweed flowing into Green Lake.

Q: I'M INTERESTED IN PUTTING IN A DOCK. WHO DO I CALL?

A: The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) determines whether a permit is required to install or repair docks, piers, etc. Please visit <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Waterways/> or call them at 608-267-3125 to learn more.

Q: WHO MANAGES PERMITS FOR BOAT HOUSES & RIP RAP?

A: The WDNR determines whether a permit is required to install a boat house or rip rap (stones used to armor a stream bank or lake shoreline). Please visit <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Waterways/> or call them at 608-267-3125 to learn more.

Q: WHO MANAGES THE BOAT LAUNCHES AROUND THE LAKE?

A: Green Lake's eight public boat launches are managed by the corresponding municipality based on location. Canal Street: City of Green Lake / Deacon Mills Park: City of Green Lake / Duerling's Landing: Town of Brooklyn / Sunset Park: Green Lake County / Horner's Landing: Town of Green Lake / Dodge Memorial Park: Green Lake County / Beyer's Cove: Town of Princeton / Hattie Sherwood Campground: City of Green Lake

Q: WHO MANAGES AQUATIC PLANT HARVESTING AND HOW DO I ARRANGE THAT FOR MY PIER OR SWIMMING BEACH?

A: The Green Lake Sanitary District (GLSD) runs the aquatic plant harvesting program at Green Lake from June to Labor Day weekend. To take part, you need to have a ribbon provided by GLSD displayed on your pier or swimming area. GLSD is allowed to harvest an area of 30 feet, following WDNR regulations. To request a ribbon, reach out to GLSD at (920) 295-4488 or email paulettej@glakesd.com.



Q: I'VE NOTICED SOMEONE BLOWING LEAVES INTO THE LAKE. IS THIS ILLEGAL? HOW DO I REPORT IT?

A: Leaves naturally contain phosphorus, and it's important to avoid blowing them into water bodies to prevent illegal littering. If you come across excessive leaf dumping, please contact Brad Latza, Green Lake County WDNR Conservation Warden, at (920) 807-4096. Providing pictures or videos of the incident can be useful, as leaves tend to disperse quickly.

Q: WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT GREEN LAKE IS "IMPAIRED"?

A: In 2014, Green Lake was included in the list of Wisconsin water bodies that fail to meet water quality standards set by the Clean Water Act. It was identified as impaired due to low dissolved oxygen, which subsequent studies found to be caused by the lake's high phosphorus loading.

Q: WHO CONTROLS THE LEVEL OF GREEN LAKE?

A: Green Lake's water level is controlled by a dam, which has both ecological disadvantages and benefits for increased lake access. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) is authorized by Wisconsin Statutes Section 31.02 to regulate and manage water levels in navigable waters, including Green Lake. The WDNR has issued an order mandating the City of Green Lake to operate the dam according to specific conditions. While it's technically feasible to modify these conditions, the process is highly involved, and any changes approved by the WDNR are highly unlikely.



WINTER

Reduce salt use. A coffee cup full of salt is enough for 10 sidewalk squares.

Become a Salt Watch volunteer. Help monitor winter water quality in the watershed

Stop invasive hitchhikers. Inspect sleds, buckets, and lures and remove invasives before entering Green Lake—even when it's covered in ice!



SUMMER

Take care of grass clippings. Keep them out of the road and out of the lake.

Limit fertilizer use. If you do apply it, choose one with no phosphorus present in the mix. The middle number on the bag should be zero.

Prevent erosion and slow runoff. Redirect downspouts onto the grass & cover soil bare spots.

HOW TO CARE FOR THE LAKE BY SEASON

Pick up after your pets.

This helps prevent more phosphorus from entering Big Green.

Slow the flow of water to the lake. Plant a rain garden of native plants and/or install a rain barrel in your yard.

Leave a buffer strip. Leave grass long or add native plants to the lakeshore to slow the flow of pollutants into the lake.

SPRING



Plant a tree. Trees help anchor soil in place, protecting the lake from runoff.

Adopt a storm drain. Keep a storm drain in your neighborhood clear of leaves and trash.

Keep leaves out of the road and out of the lake. This reduces the amount of phosphorus that ends up increasing weed and algae growth in Big Green Lake.

FALL



HOW YOU CAN HELP

MEMBERSHIP

Renew your membership or become a Green Lake Association member by scanning the QR code on the back of this program. With a household membership of just \$80 a year, you directly support on-the-ground projects, lake research, and outreach on behalf of a cleaner Green Lake. We also offer individual membership (\$50) and business membership (\$100). If you would like to give above and beyond membership, please consider making an additional donation to support our lake-loving work.

VOLUNTEER

Whether it's planting a rain garden, monitoring water quality, or educating others about lake-friendly practices, our volunteers play a critical role in preserving the health and beauty of Green Lake for generations to come. If you'd like to become a volunteer, contact GLA's Watershed Engagement Manager, Taylor Haag, at Taylor@greenlakeassociation.org.

