

# YRPC Weekly News

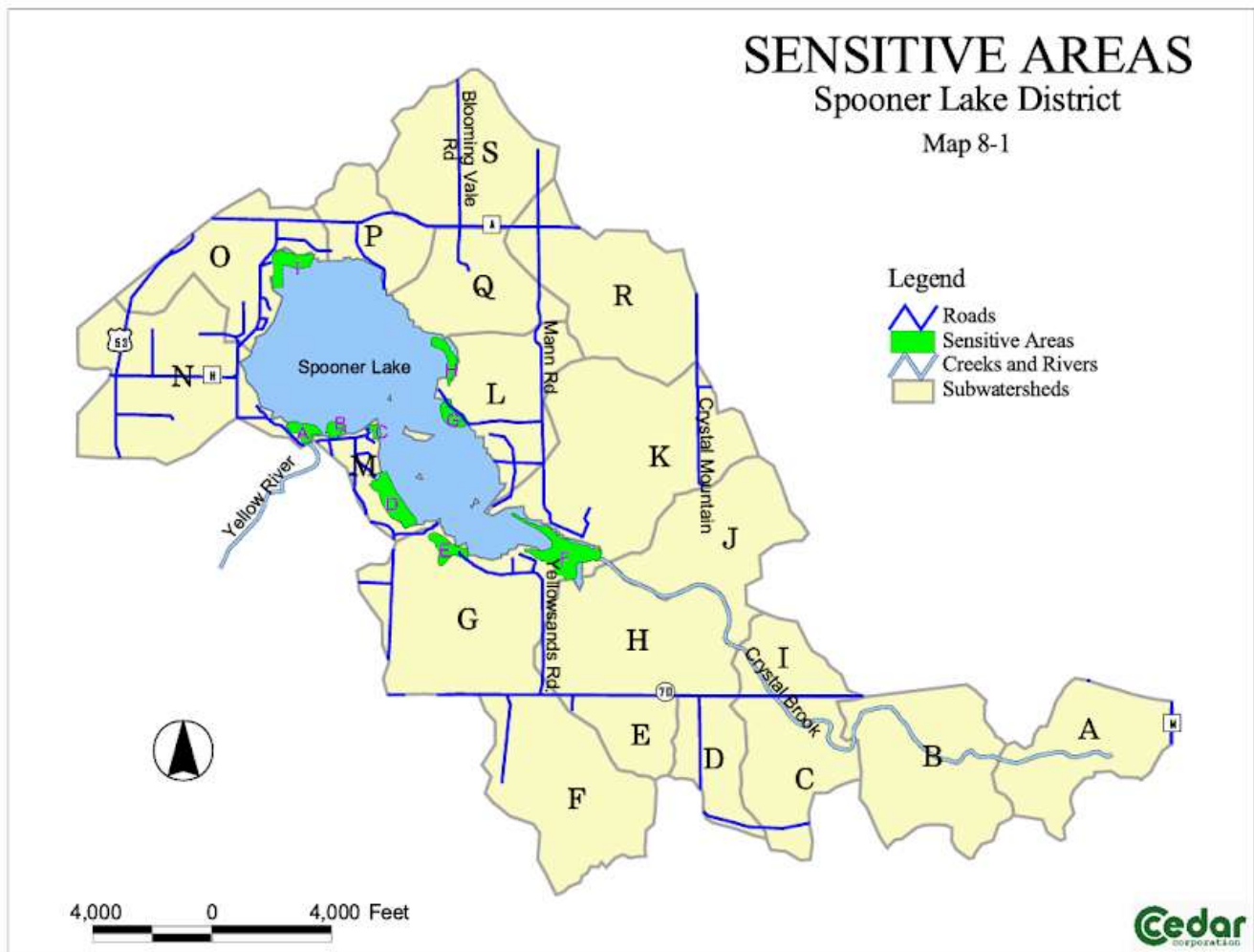
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## Shoreline Protected Forever

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Arnie, a critical habitat area on Spooner Lake, the headwater of the Yellow River, was purchased and protected in July 2026 by YRPC utilizing a generous donation from an anonymous Spooner Lake property owner. [Critical Habitat Areas](#) are areas of aquatic vegetation identified by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources as offering critical or unique fish and wildlife habitat (including seasonal or life stage requirements) or offering water quality or erosion control benefits to the body of water.

The complete YRPC purchase makes up 1,500 feet of shoreline and 26.3 acres on the east shore of Spooner Lake (see Sensitive Area H on the map below). Sensitive Area H is within the purchase area. Identified by the DNR in 2000, Area H is located on the eastern shore of Spooner Lake north of sensitive area G. This area covers 1,100 feet of shoreline extending out 100 feet. This area provides important habitat for panfish, bass, and northern pike. Northern pike and large mouth will use this area for spawning, feeding, protection and as a nursery for young. Panfish will use this area for feeding, protection and a nursery for young. This area also provides important habitat for forage species.



Map above from the Lake Watershed Management Plan for the Spooner Lake District. Sensitive area H is in Subwatershed L on the map above. Area H is included in the shoreline that was purchased and protected by YRPC.

The purchase of Tax Parcel 23715 is step one in a plan to protect the largest contiguous piece of wild land on Spooner Lake, between County Highway A, Mann Road, and Miramar Road on the east side of the lake. Additional goals of the Protect the Headwaters-Spooner Lake Project are to protect the water quality at the headwaters of the Yellow River, protect 250+ acres of wetlands in this tract, preserve Evergreen Lake, a pristine bog lake, and preserve the natural beauty of approximately 1,200 feet of wild, undeveloped Spooner Lake shoreland.

The Protect the Headwaters-Spooner Lake Project seeks support. Contact [phil.sylla@yrpc.ltd](mailto:phil.sylla@yrpc.ltd).

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