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Thank You For Sharing Your Water

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“Howdy neighbor. Just stopped by to thank you for sharing your water.”

Actually Arnie, unless your neighbor lives over the ridge in a different watershed, he had no choice but to share his water. And, you are sharing your water with him too. All people in the Yellow River watershed share water. Nature says we must. It's all about valleys and high lands separating valleys into watersheds. We share both surface water and ground water.

Surface water- it's shared in your lake, your stream, the river itself. It's easy to see surface water and it's easy to see people sharing it, for instance, on the beach at Shell Lake or ducks floating down the river.

Ground water - It's difficult to see the sharing of ground water because we most often see ground water when we open a faucet in the privacy of our own home or farm. Nevertheless, people in the watershed share ground water too. Your groundwater doesn't come from Trego, Siren, or Barronett; they are in different watersheds. However even if you live at the end of the watershed in Danbury, part of your ground water comes from the head of the watershed somewhere near Spooner and the rest comes from Yellow River watershed locations successively closer to your home.

The physics of gravity dictates that both surface water and ground water flow through the watershed until the Yellow River watershed joins the St. Croix River watershed. However, don't assume that just because your neighbor lives lower in the watershed you don't share his water. Oh, no! Underground streams are perverse, flowing through seams of sand and bounded by layers of impervious rock; they often travel in different directions

than surface water. Laws of nature cannot be defied.

Since we all must share water, why not join forces to protect both your water and mine? It's to both our advantages. GUARDIANS OF THE RIVER is a coalition of Yellow River Watershed land owners that protects water quality throughout the watershed. Join GUARDIANS OF THE RIVER. Read about GUARDIANS OF THE RIVER at <https://yellowriverprotectionconservancy.org>

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What Can You Do to Help Your Lake's Water Quality

Arnie, Several studies show that cleaner, healthier lakes significantly increase the value of lake front property. Are you interested in learning about what you can do to help the water quality of your lake? Are swimming, boating, fishing, and the preservation of wildlife important to you? If so, consider attending a workshop on **Saturday, July 25** sponsored by the Shore Owners of Stone Lake Association (SOSLA) in conjunction with the Town of Stone Lake.

Lisa Burns, Conservation Coordinator for Washburn County Land and Water will conduct the program-"Best Management Practices for Healthy Shorelines". Information will include ways to fix erosion problems and create healthier shorelines using restoration and various other techniques to slow runoff. Steps that are taken by lake shore owners can significantly impact the health of a lake.

The workshop will take place at the Stone Lake Town Hall located at [N6071 Stone Lake Rd, Stone Lake](#). It will begin at 9:00 am and should conclude by about 10:30 am. Members of the general public are welcomed to attend. Refreshments will be provided.

Stone Lake is a 523 acre lake located in Washburn County. Known as one of the clearest lakes in Northwestern Wisconsin, Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) was first discovered in the lake in August, 2023. Since then extensive efforts by members of SOSLA in cooperation with the Town of Stone Lake and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources have resulted in successful efforts to reduce large amounts of EWM and control its spread. The long term goal of these efforts is to ensure the excellent water quality of Stone Lake continues for shore owners and all members of the community.

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