



Welcome!

Greater Jefferson German Lakes Association

May 27, 2023 Annual Meeting



AGENDA

- 1.0 Call to Order, Welcome & Introductions
- 2.0 Approval of Agenda
- 3.0 Approval of 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes
- 4.0 Financial Reports: Approved Financial Budget 2023 / AIS Financial Report
- 5.0 Membership Report
- 6.0 Guest Speakers:
 - Steve Rolfing, District 5 Commissioner, Le Sueur County
 - Jim Staupe, Aly Deegan, Le Sueur County Sheriff's Office
- 7.0 Current Project Update
 - 7.1 Survey Results
 - 7.2 On-Shore & Off-Shore AIS Weed Spraying Update
 - 7.3 New Branding Initiative
 - 7.4 Communication Initiatives
 - 7.5 Historic Research & Data Compilation
- 8.0 Future Projects
 - 8.1 New Lake Data
 - 8.2 Survey Next Steps: Analyze Data & Create Action Plan
 - 8.3 Greater Jefferson-German Lake Management Plan
 - 8.4 Network, Advocate & Funding
- 9.0 Open Forum
- 10.0 Board Elections
- 11.0 Closing Remarks & Adjournment



GLGLA BOARD 2022-2023

1.0 INTRODUCTIONS:

- Jamie Swenson, President/Director At-Large Representative
- Scott Hanson, Vice-president/Director At-Large Representative
- Carol Burns, Director/Secretary- East Jefferson
- Angela Jahr, Director- West Jefferson
- Pam Hrubes, Treasurer
- VACANCY, German Lake
- VACANCY, Middle Jefferson
- VACANCY, At-Large Representative



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2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3.0 APPROVAL OF 2022 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES



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4.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Pam Hrubes, Treasurer

Greater Jefferson-German Lakes Association Treasurer's Report CY/FY 2023

	Calendar Year Ending			Adopted 2023
	12/31/2020	12/31/2021	12/31/2022	
Beginning Cash Balance - Total	\$ 25,907.24	\$ 29,250.70	\$ 43,022.67	\$ 51,964.99
Cash Receipts (Income)				
Annual Dues	\$ 4,975.00	\$ 7,775.00	\$ 7,885.00	\$ 7,000.00
Siren Donations	\$ 150.00	\$ -		
Fundraising - 2019 Silent Auction/Shirts	\$ -	\$ -		
Weed Spraying	\$ 12,448.00	\$ 19,228.00	\$ 15,138.00	\$ -
State Grants; 2019 Spray Donations (695)	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,500.00	
Donations	\$ 695.00	\$ 825.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Sponsorships	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,600.00
Total	\$ 19,668.00	\$ 35,428.00	\$ 29,523.00	\$ 9,200.00
Cash Disbursements (Expenses)				
Silent Auction '19; Summer Splash '18	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Newsletters/Mailings and Printing	\$ -	\$ 2,296.88	\$ 1,508.00	\$ 2,300.00
Weed Spraying	\$ 13,390.50	\$ 16,373.37	\$ 14,925.40	\$ -
Software (Wild Apricot)	\$ 1,166.40	\$ 1,166.40	\$ 1,425.60	\$ 1,200.00
Siren Electricity	\$ 238.12	\$ -		
Siren & General Business Insurance	\$ 307.00	\$ 331.00	\$ 464.00	\$ 500.00
Directors & Officers (D&O) Insurance	\$ 846.00	\$ 893.00	\$ 894.00	\$ 900.00
Meeting Hall Rental/Notices/Ads/Other	\$ -	\$ 53.58	\$ 75.00	\$ 150.00
Postage and PO Box Fee	\$ 56.00	\$ 159.22	\$ 66.00	\$ 300.00
Internet/Computer/Zoom License	\$ 15.95	\$ 44.93	\$ 160.96	\$ 50.00
Memberships in Associations	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 300.00
Marketing/Advertising/Communications	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ 500.00
Meeting Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 258.12	\$ 250.00
Banking/PayPal and Other Fees	\$ 104.57	\$ 137.65	\$ 129.96	\$ -
Match for Multi-Gov/Phosphorous Reduce	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 16,324.54	\$ 21,656.03	\$ 20,557.04	\$ 6,450.00
Ending Cash Balance - Total	\$ 29,250.70	\$ 43,022.67	\$ 51,988.63	\$ 54,714.99
Ending Cash Balance - Checking -General Fund	\$ 28,804.11	\$ 42,999.03	\$ 32,814.36	
Ending Cash Balance - AIS Fund			\$ 19,174.27	
Ending Cash Balance - PayPal	\$ 446.59	\$ 23.64	\$ -	

Prepared on 01/9/2023; Board Approved on 1/10/2023



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5.0 MEMBERSHIP REPORTS

Dave Tripp, Membership Chair

MEMBERSHIP TRENDS (2016-Week 1 May 2023)



Membership Categories:

Sponsorship (\$200) = 12

Lifetime (\$500) = 4

Benefactor (\$100) = 22

Guarantor (\$50) = 29

Regular (\$25) = 152

Lake Representation:

East Jefferson = 71

West Jefferson = 70

Middle Jefferson = 37

German = 29

Swede's Bay = 6

Other = 5



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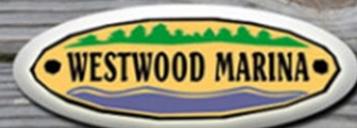
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6.0 GUEST SPEAKERS

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7.0 CURRENT PROJECT UPDATES

7.1 Survey Results, Angie Jahr

WHAT

- Survey to assess lakes and association health, outlook, trends, and future objectives

WHO

- Paper surveys mailed with Newsletter in February to area residents & members
- Online survey format also available via social media & website

GJGLA Survey Results!



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7.0 CURRENT PROJECT UPDATES

7.2 On-Shore & Off-Shore AIS Weed Spraying Update (Scott Hanson / Ryan & Elizabeth Mattison / Jill Steffen)

Aquatic Plant Mgmt Program

(**INSHORE** Treatment)

- <100 ft from shoreline, <35 ft wide or 50% of shoreline to 100 ft max (*whichever is greatest*)
- Requires individual DNR permit, one permit/property owner
- Lake Improvement Consulting for 2023
- Two treatments occur in Jun & Jul

Invasive Aquatic Plant Mgmt Program

(**OFFSHORE** Treatment)

- Between 100 –150 ft from shoreline
- Requires permit, one permit / lake via Lake Captain
- Contractor requires >250 linear ft to participate, occurs mid-May (this requires coordination w/ neighbors).

**LAKE CAPTAINS NEEDED FOR
EAST, MIDDLE & WEST JEFFERSON IN 2024**

To learn more or to participate in the **OFFSHORE** program, please contact your Lake Captain, sign up on the **GJGLA website**, or send an email to: GJGLABoard@gmail.com

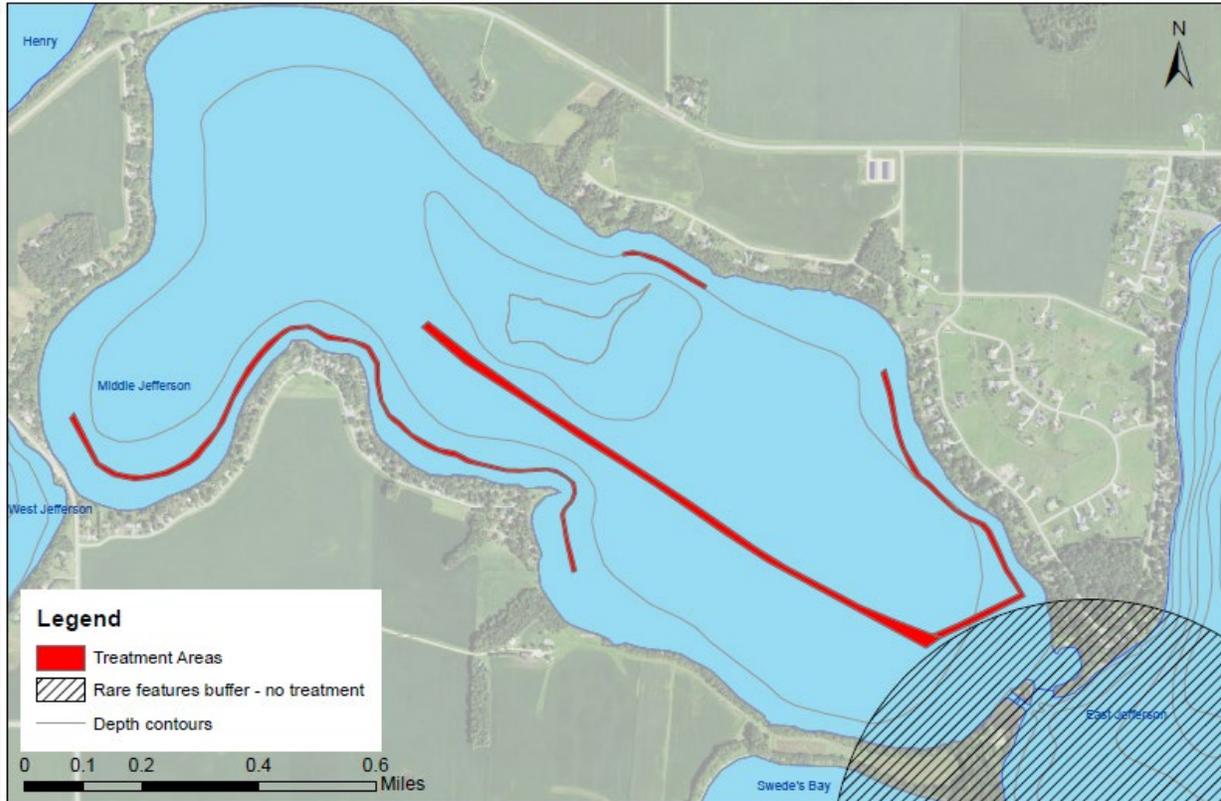
German Lake Captain: germanlakeassociation@gmail.com

Swede's Bay Captain: Scott Hanson GJGLABoard@gmail.com



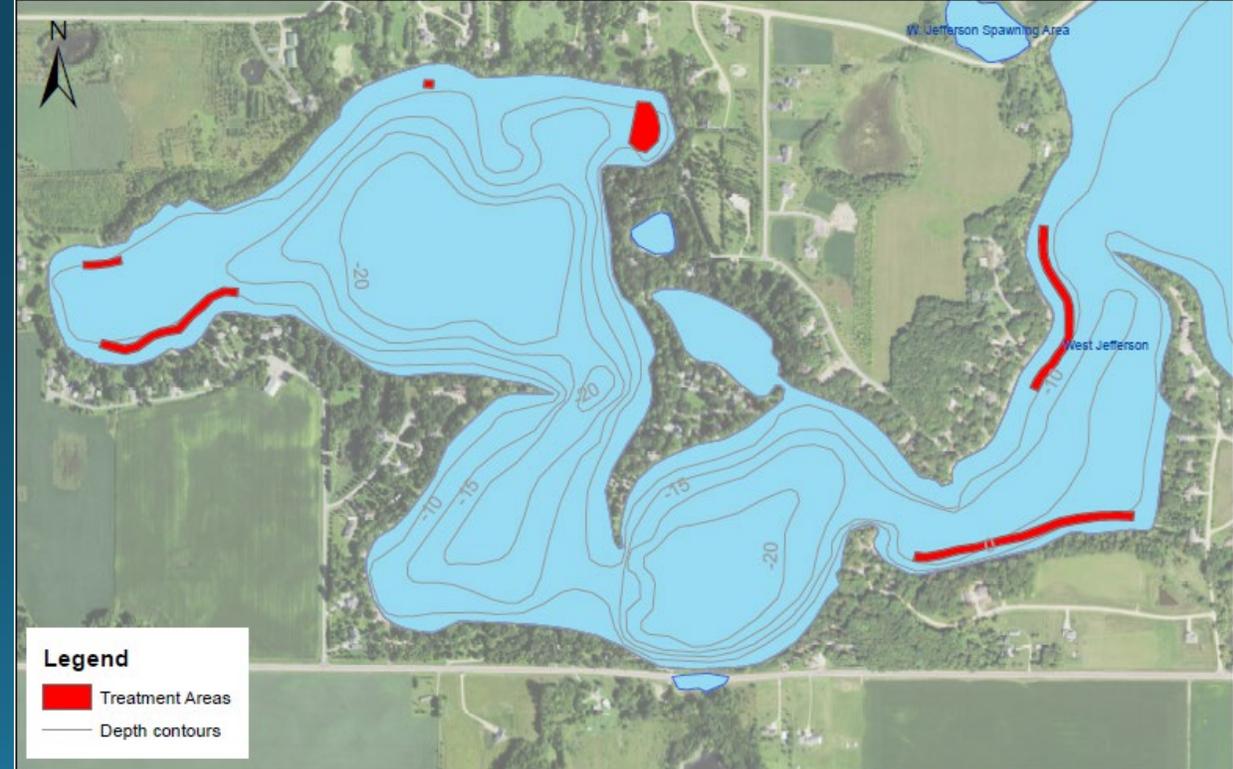
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Middle Jefferson Lake, Le Sueur County
2023 Curly-leaf pondweed treatment areas
Permit No. 2017-0512 - 18.7 acres



Map created by Carli Wagner, April 2023.

West Jefferson, Le Sueur County
2023 Curly-leaf pondweed treatment areas
Permit No. 2017-0513 - 5.5 acres



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Map prepared by Carli Wagner, May 2023.



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Swede's Bay Offshore Treatment Options - 2023

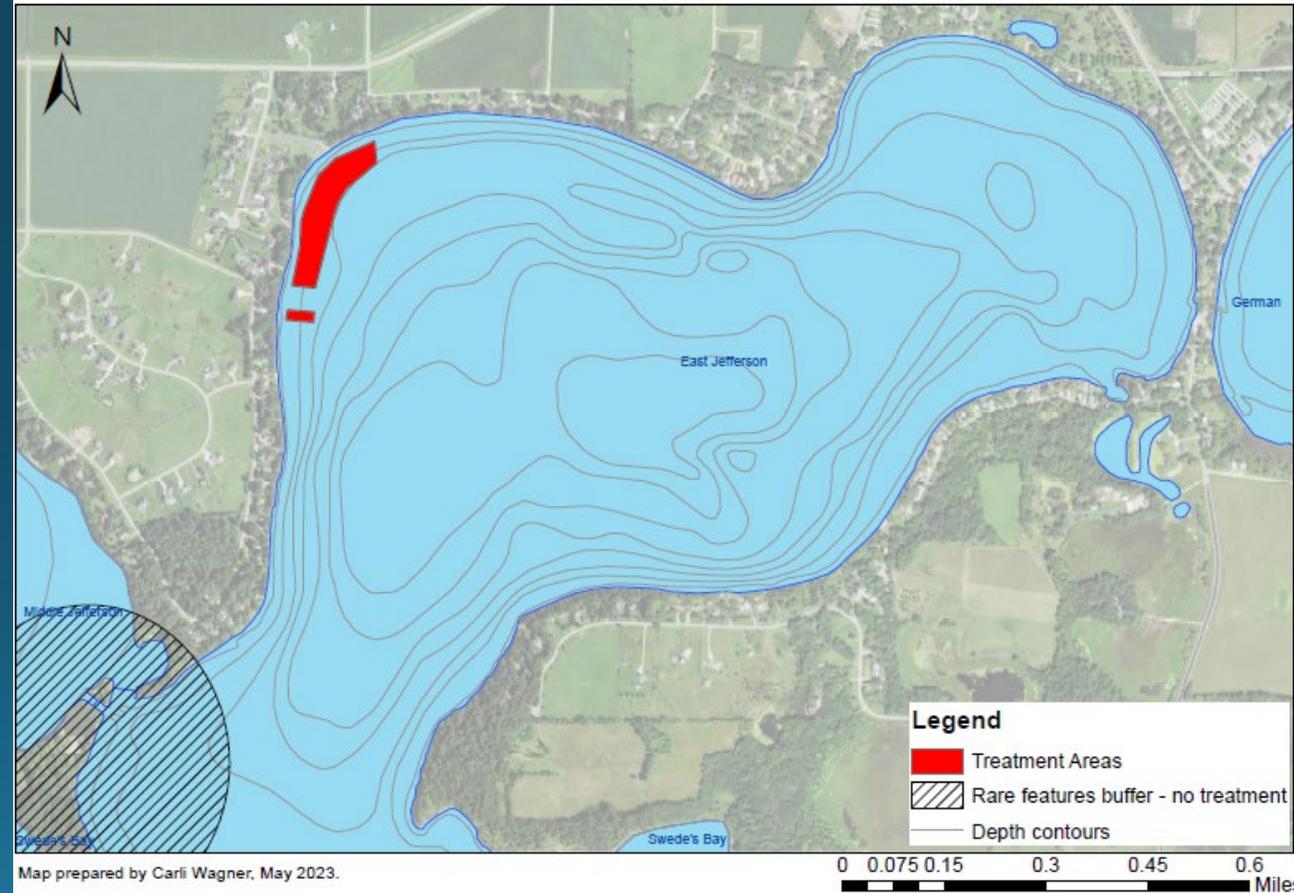


Treatment of channel approximately:

- 50 ft wide extending 3950 feet long
- 4.53 acres

** Pending MN DNR permit approval

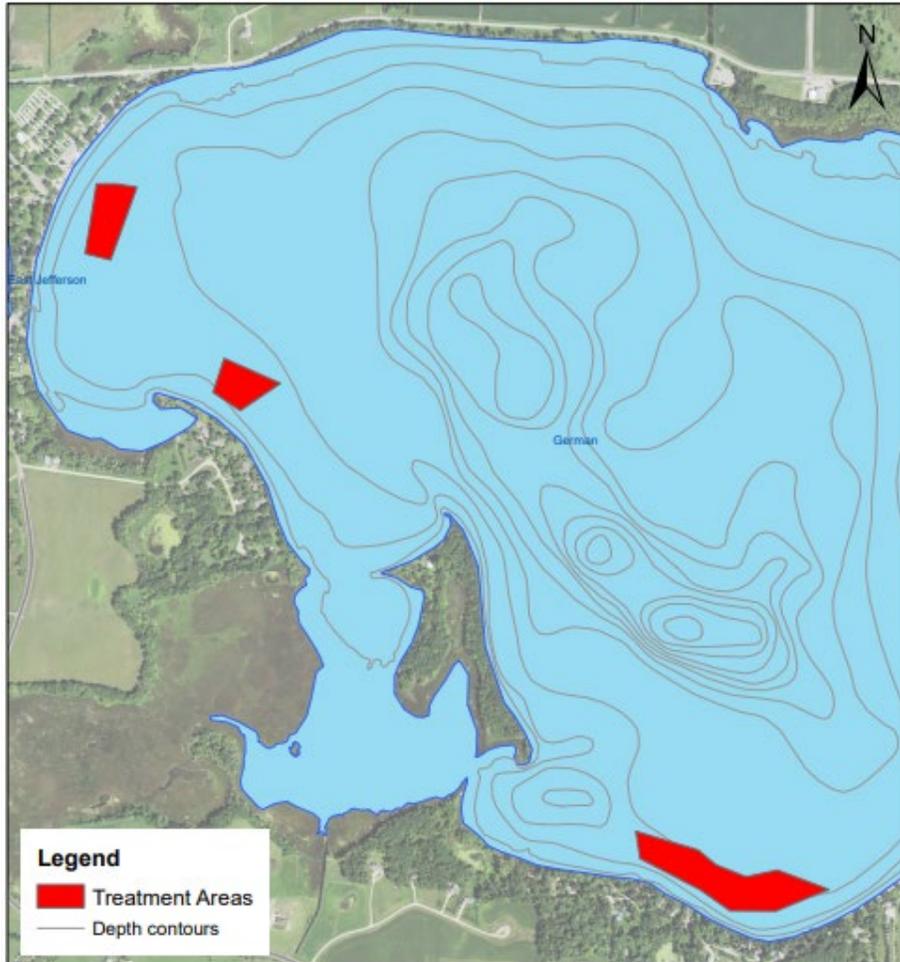
East Jefferson Lake, Le Sueur County 2023 Curly-leaf pondweed treatment area Permit No. 2017-0511 - 6.58 acres





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German Lake, Le Sueur County
2023 Curly-leaf pondweed treatment areas
Permit No. 2022-0180 - 15.1 acres



Map prepared by Carli Wagner, May 2023.

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Miles

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German: \$9,000 grant for 2022 & 2023.

Lake Captain: germanlakeassociation@gmail.com

East Jefferson: Currently only Jefferson Shores. \$1,500 grant in '23.

LAKE CAPTAIN NEEDED FOR 2024

Middle Jefferson: \$4,500 grant in 2021, \$9,000 grant for 2022 & 2023.

LAKE CAPTAIN NEEDED FOR 2024

West Jefferson: \$1,500 grant in 2021; \$1,500 grant in 2023.

Lake Captain: Angie Jahr,

GJGLABoard@gmail.com

CO-LAKE CAPTAIN NEEDED FOR 2024

Swede's Bay: \$2,250 grant in 2023.

Lake Captain: Scott Hanson, GJGLABoard@gmail.com

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7.0 CURRENT PROJECT UPDATES

7.3 New Branding Initiative

NEW Mission:

Promote the conservation, recreational use, and stewardship of the Jefferson-German Lakes for our community.



Old : To improve and preserve water quality of the Jefferson-German Chain of Lakes and advocate clean water for current and future generations.

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7.0 CURRENT PROJECT UPDATES

7.3 New Branding Initiative

Our Focus (What We Do For You):

We serve as an information resource, advocate, and doer for the Jefferson-German Lakes community.

Advocate – Protect the interests of the users and lakeshore owners. Hold government agencies charged with managing the lakes accountable.

Educate – Informed and educated about issues affecting the lakes.

Action – Keep the lakes open for recreation today and for future generations. Develop programs and advocate for positive change.



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7.0 CURRENT PROJECT UPDATES

7.3 New Branding Initiative

Where does the money go?

Funnel dollars into the following interest areas:

Aquatic Invasive Species – weed spraying, harvesting, etc

Communication – website, social media, signs

Research – water quality, species, habitat, economies

Use – cleanup, parking, garbage

Safety – sirens, notices, signs, trails, speed limits, police presence, fire, rescue, pedestrian trails, boat traffic

Promotion/Social/Community – events (mtgs, socials, fundraisers, boat parade), fireworks, sponsor business promotion

Overhead – insurance, auditing, grant applications, paperwork

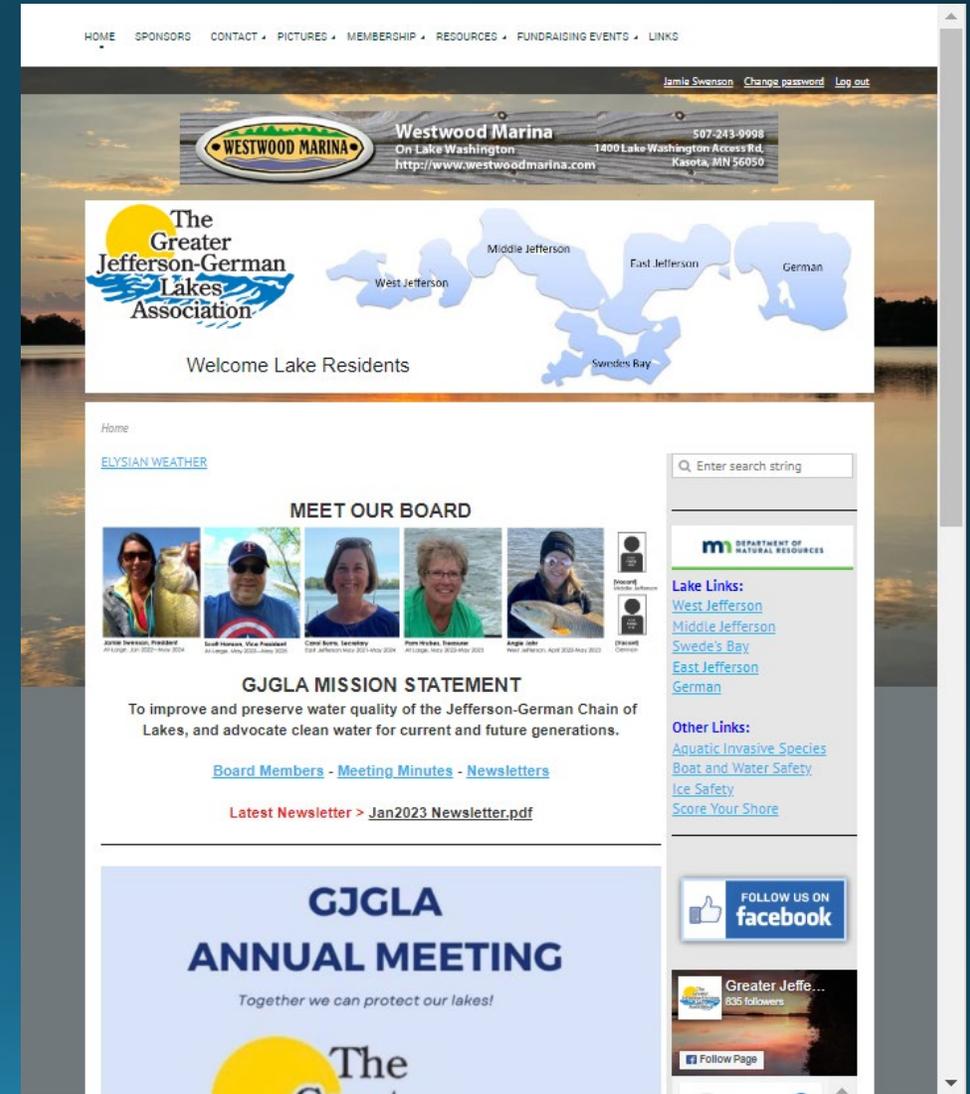




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7.0 CURRENT PROJECT UPDATES

7.4 Communications Initiative: Social Media & Website Refresh





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7.5 Historic Research & Data Compilation

Partners:

- Mike Schultz, Le Sueur County SWCD
- Holly Bushman, Le Sueur County Environmental Services
- Tyler Luethje, Le Sueur County Parks
- Jennifer Tonko, Clean River Partners (*formerly Cannon River WP*)
- Kristen Dieterman, Watershed Project Manager, MPCA
- Craig Soupir, Fisheries, DNR
- TriCOLA

Reports & Research:

- Jefferson-German Lake Chain Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) [LINK](#)
- Cannon River Watershed Monitoring & Assessment Report (WRAPS) [LINK](#)
- One Watershed One Plan [LINK](#)
- BWSR/SWCD Koppelman project [LINK](#)

Data:

[MPCA Water Quality Dashboard \(state.mn.us\)](https://state.mn.us/mnrc/water-quality)

[What's in My Neighborhood \(arcgis.com\)](https://arcgis.com)

[Minnesota Conservation Explorer \(state.mn.us\)](https://state.mn.us/mnrc/conservation-explorer)

[Explore Watershed Health: Minnesota Department of Natural Resources \(state.mn.us\)](https://state.mn.us/mnrc/watershed-health)

[MN River Basin Water Quality Monitoring Data | Minnesota River Basin Data Center \(mnsu.edu\)](https://mnsu.edu/mn-river-basin-water-quality-monitoring-data)

LakeFinder:

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/lakefind/surveys.html>

[Volunteer Water Monitoring | Minnesota Pollution Control Agency \(state.mn.us\)](https://state.mn.us/mnrc/volunteer-water-monitoring)



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8.0 FUTURE PROJECTS

8.1 New Lake Data (fill gaps)

8.2 Survey Next Steps: Analyze Data & Create Action Plan

8.3 Greater Jefferson-German Lake Management Plan

8.4 Network, Advocate & Funding: Le Sueur County, DNR, Cannon River Watershed, SWCD, TriCOLA



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9.0 OPEN FORUM

What questions, feedback, information might you have?





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10.0 BOARD ELECTIONS

Open Positions:

- At large: 3-Yr Term
- Middle Jefferson: 2-Yr Term
- German: 1-year Term
- West Jefferson: 3-year Term



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11.0 CLOSING REMARKS & ADJORNMENT

CALL TO ACTION: WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

Become an Association Member

Attend the Annual Meeting

Complete the Survey

Speak to a Board Member
about your concerns

**Volunteer: BOARD MEMBERS &
LAKE CAPTAINS NEEDED!**

Make an additional contribution
to the Association. Every lake
improvement project requires
some financial cost; every grant
requires matching contributions.

Be a good steward of your own property!

Here are some ideas to get you started:

- Minimize lawn fertilizer, and avoid starter fertilizer that has phosphorus.
- Do not rake leaves or grass clippings into the lake.
- Pump and test your septic system to ensure its in compliance.
- Pick up pet wastes and properly dispose.
- Install rain gardens and/or native vegetation near the shoreline.
- Decrease impervious surface on your lot.
- Dispose of lake weeds in-shore—it makes great compost for the garden. Aquatic plants compare favorably with cow manure as a source of nutrients (2.5% nitrogen, 0.6% phosphorous, and 2.3% potassium)
- Complete the online **Score Your Shore** tool—it's a self-assessment of your lakeshore lot. How do you rate?