

Plan 2020: A Clear Path Forward

2019 Update

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Dear Clean Lakes Advocate,

We began our strategic action planning in June of 2016, which led to the publication of *Plan* 2020: A Clear Path Forward in March 2017. Our vision of where this plan will take us includes a community aware of the challenges facing the lakes with avenues for acting on their behalf; significant progress made towards our 50% goal of reducing phosphorus runoff into each of the Yahara lakes; strong community support for the lakes; and accountablity both as an organization and as a community by measuring and reporting progress.

The four-year plan and subsequent updates included months of planning and feedback from our boards, committees, partners, and donors. Of our eight areas of focus, four will increase community engagement to empower action and four will ignite progress towards our water quality goals. In this update to the plan, we take into account the historic flooding and massive cyanobacteria blooms earlier in the year by looking critically at our actions to ensure we can still meet our goals. As a result, we have added a significant new focus area, Yahara CLEAN 3.0, to update the *Yahara CLEAN Strategic Action Plan for Phosphorus Reduction*, our roadmap to cleaner lakes.

Much has been accomplished these last two years. More people are involved and we have more business support to improve and protect the water quality in the Yahara River Watershed. Our advocacy work generated support for \$18 million for lake initiatives in the Dane County budget and for the Healthy Farms Healthy Lakes Task Force recommendations. We have grown our base of supporters. More people are donating for the lakes and following us on social media than ever before. We are acting on behalf of our lakes with funding for on-the-ground practices and enhanced messaging for leaf-free streets. We expanded opportunites for our community to become more engaged. We have more than tripled volunteerism through our *Renew the Blue Volunteer Days* and citizen monitoring.

Our updated action priorities continue to focus on the biggest source of water quality challenges in our lakes – excessive phosphorus – and continue to build a strong community of support for the lakes. The path to clean lakes is clear and we are making progress. But this past year of flooding and beach closures means we need to do more at a faster pace. This plan update will guide our organization in taking effective action for the lakes. Thank you for being a part of this journey. We are honored to have you as part of our alliance.

In Partnership,

James Tye Executive Director

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Lloyd Eagan Executive Board Chair

Introduction

Why Did We Create Plan 2020?

Plan 2020:

We envision a future in which everyone realizes our lakes are the center of the community. To realize that vision, we are building a community of people, businesses, organizations, and government agencies dedicated to improving and protecting water quality in the Yahara River Watershed. Plan 2020 was created to focus our work and leverage our strengths in a four-year strategic operating plan (2017-2020).

2018 Accomplishments Highlights

Award Winning Advocacy

- » Dane County Budget \$18 million for lake initiatives
- » Healthy Farms Healthy Lakes Task Force promoting best farming practices
- James Madison Park Master Plan promoted sustainability and green infrastructure designs
- » Back to the Beach working for lakeshore improvements

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- » Leaf-free streets messaging won an award for our work promoting through all media channels
- » Building our brand substantially increased our social media followers on all platforms

Build Alliances

- » Yahara CLEAN Began work to reconvene partners and update the plan
- » Engaged the Community Initiated a monthly series of community talks and lake tours

Take Action

- » Clean Lakes Grants to support partners
- » Award winning citizen monitoring network expanding the sites and sampling events
- » Weekend Lake Report enhanced community awareness of real-time lake conditions

Educate

- » Lake Explorer Camp expanded youth served and program funding
- » Yahara Lakes 101 presentations and print Lake-O-Grams - Increased our reach in the community
- » Renew the Blue Volunteer Days tripled the number of volunteer groups

What are the changes for 2019?

Because of historic flooding and cyanobacteria blooms in our lakes, we need a "reset" to address climate change and continue ongoing work. We have a new focus area, Yahara CLEAN 3.0, to drive action towards updating the Yahara CLEAN phosphorus targets. Our Urban Management focus area will help us promote green infrastructure in urban areas to advance our water quality goals and decrease the risk of flooding. For all the focus areas, action priorities and work plans were updated to reflect our current work. In addition, advocacy goals were created, in consultation with our committees, to guide action for the lakes.

Our Approach

To further our vision and mission, Clean Lakes Alliance follows a reinforcing, seven-objective approach.

- » **Build Alliances** Cultivate and strengthen partnerships to achieve shared goals
- » Education Increase public awareness and understanding of our lakes and what it will take to protect them
- » Advocate/Promote Awareness Push for community policies, investments, and actions that support our goals
- » Focus Priorities Direct attention and resources toward the most cost-effective actions and approaches
- » Secure Funding Procure the necessary financial support to help leverage needed project work
- » Take Action Mobilize and empower stakeholders to donate, advocate, volunteer, and act on behalf of our lakes
- » **Report Progress** Provide regular updates on how we are doing



2020 Vision

Our community is aware of the challenges facing the lakes and has avenues to act through volunteerism, citizen monitoring, education programs, and donations. We are making significant progress towards our goal of reducing phosphorus runoff by 50% into each of the Yahara lakes. We have a strong base of support, which is fueling support for the lakes. Finally, we are accountable both as an organization and as a community by measuring and reporting progress.



Why We Need Accelerated Progress

The Yahara CLEAN Strategic Action Plan for Phosphorus Reduction aims to reduce phosphorus runoff into the lakes by 50%. The Yahara CLEAN roadmap – guided and endorsed by our watershed's major government partners – will result in more days when our lakes are algal-bloom free and our beaches are open.

- On cropped land, we are only part of the way towards our annual goal of decreasing the amount of soil erosion and phosphorus loss from farm fields. Better incentives and policies are needed to encourage farmers to improve cropping and tillage practices and use conservation practices that reduce runoff.
- 100% of the cropland acres need to have and use nutrient management plans in critical areas.
- Timely removal of leaf litter from the streets can reduce urban phosphorus concentrations in stormwater up to 80%. In urban areas, we need street-clearing campaigns and improved municipal leaf collection to address this number one source of urban phosphorus.
- Municipalities need to embrace more green infrastructure to address the increasing intensity and volume of rain we are experiencing in the watershed due to climate change.
- In the face of rapid urban development, we need builders to voluntarily go above and beyond current construction erosion regulations and be recognized when they do.

Focus Areas to Accelerate Yahara CLEAN Phosphorus Actions

- 1. New Yahara CLEAN 3.0 Lead partner effort to update, formally adopt, and set completion timelines for the Yahara CLEAN Strategic Action Plan for Phosphorus Reduction (2012)
- 2. Innovative solutions Explore best practices, advocate for proven new technologies, fund research, and leverage action through Clean Lakes Grants
- 3. Farmland management Build coalitions, provide funds, and advocate for best farming practices
- 4. **Urban Management** Create tools and incentives for actions that will lead to a more resilient and healthier watershed

Focus Areas to Increase Community Engagement

- 1. *Education* Increase awareness about the challenges and benefits of cleaning up our lakes, promoting science-based solutions, building alliances, and creating focus for action
- 2. **Volunteerism** Create volunteer experiences that empower businesses, board and committee members, and residents to act on behalf of our lakes
- 3. *Monitoring* Ensure monitoring coverage on all five Yahara lakes, enhance community awareness of lake conditions, and advocate for effective testing of our beaches
- 4. **Capacity Building** Increase capacity for the organization by building alliances with local groups and citizens, building our clean lakes brand, and increasing community financial support for the lakes

Plan 2020: A Clear Path Forward Our Plan 2020 Process

Developing the Plan

Our Plan 2020 process started in May 2016. Every year we will present on our achievements and organizational workplans at our Clean Lakes Community Breakfast in May. The process to develop our strategic priorities includes multiple opportunities for input from our boards, committees, donors, and key partners through surveys, feedback sessions, and meetings.

Updating the Plan

Each fall, we will work with key partners and our boards and committees to evaluate progress and plan for the upcoming year. At our November Community Board meeting, we will present our updates for discussion and approval.

Our Annual Schedule to Update Plan 2020			
January - December	Workplan actions carried out		
May	Progress reported at Clean Lakes Community Breakfast		
August - October	Progress evaluated and new workplans developed		
October - November	Partners and committees give feedback on new workplans		
November	Community Board approves updated Plan 2020		

Plan 2020 Areas of Focus

Plan 2020 presents a strategic framework to create action for the Yahara lakes from 2017 to 2020. Through this framework, Clean Lakes Alliance will accelerate action on reducing phosphorus runoff and ignite citizen action in support of our lakes. In the framework summarized on the next two pages, you will see our philosophy outlined in community goals, our action priorities that guide staff and committee workplans, our advocacy goals that communicate priorities for pushing action in the watershed, and measurable action outcomes that we use to communicate our progress in State of the Lakes Report.

Yahara CLEAN Phosphorus Actions

Phosphorus runoff comes from city streets, paved parking lots, sidewalks, farmland, and disturbed areas like construction sites. Approximately 70% of the phosphorus runoff comes from farms and 30% from urban areas. The split between urban and rural reflects the makeup of the land that drains into the lakes. Our Plan 2020 actions seek a balanced approach to address both sources of phosphorus.

1. Yahara CLEAN 3.0

Plan 2020:

Our community goal is an adopted and fully funded community-endorsed action plan for cleaner lakes. Our Yahara CLEAN plan (2012) will be updated to take into account progress and new information. We are reconvening our coalition of agency partners to update the plan with focused priorities and a timeline for completion. We are also exploring funding options to complete the job. We will report progress through our State of the Lakes Annual Report.

2. Innovative Solutions

Our community goal is to support new, innovative, and effective approaches to reducing runoff and phosphorus pollution. Our Committee on Strategic Implementation — with members from the University of Wisconsin, agricultural businesses, government agencies, and consulting engineers — will continue to meet regularly to consider new innovations that could benefit the lakes. We will provide funding to encourage innovative projects that reduce phosphorus and showcase new and effective approaches.

3. Farmland Managment

Our community goal is for agricultural stakeholders to efficiently manage nutrients and soil erosion to achieve a healthy watershed and clean lakes. We will continue to build alliances to expand the network of engaged citizens and professionals promoting best farming practices. We will continue to put dollars raised through donations towards on-the-ground practices that reduce runoff and erosion from farm fields. We will continue working with farmers and other partners on approaches to better manage manure and nutrients.

4. Urban Management

Our community vision is for urban communities to lead in using green infrastrucure, keeping construction sites clean, and maintaining leaf-free streets. We will enhance the efforts of groups already active in this area through proactive public outreach, funding, and advocacy.

Community Engagement Actions

The mission of Clean Lakes Alliance is to build a community dedicated to improving and protecting water quality in the Yahara River Watershed. Our Community Engagement focus areas are a key part of building that constituency for the lakes. As our citizens make the lakes a central part of their lives, it will spur action that will help us achieve our clean lakes goals.

1. Education

Our community goal is for a majority of the community to understand that lake challenges are solvable and act to help achieve our water quality goals. We will continue our strong educational programming with Yahara Lakes 101, Yahara Watershed Academy, Lake Explorer Camp, Farm Tours, community talks, and annual events. We will evaluate gaps in public understanding and explore new opportunities to drive action in support of our lakes.

2. Volunteerism

Our community goal is to create a culture of volunteerism for our lakes. We will build on our customized *Renew the Blue* Volunteer Day experiences for area businesses by expanding our circle of partners and types of projects. We will also look for opportunities to enhance the Clean Lakes Alliance volunteer experience for board and committee members and to push for resources and policies that benefit our lakes.

3. Monitoring

Our community goal is to enhance awareness and understanding of evolving lake and beach conditions. We will continue to recruit and mobilize a citizen monitoring network and make real-time lake conditions available on LakeForecast.org and in Weekend Lake Reports. Analysis of the data from LakeForecast.org will be used to create an early warning system for harmful algal blooms as they develop. We will push for more effective government testing and warning signs at our beaches.

4. Capacity Building

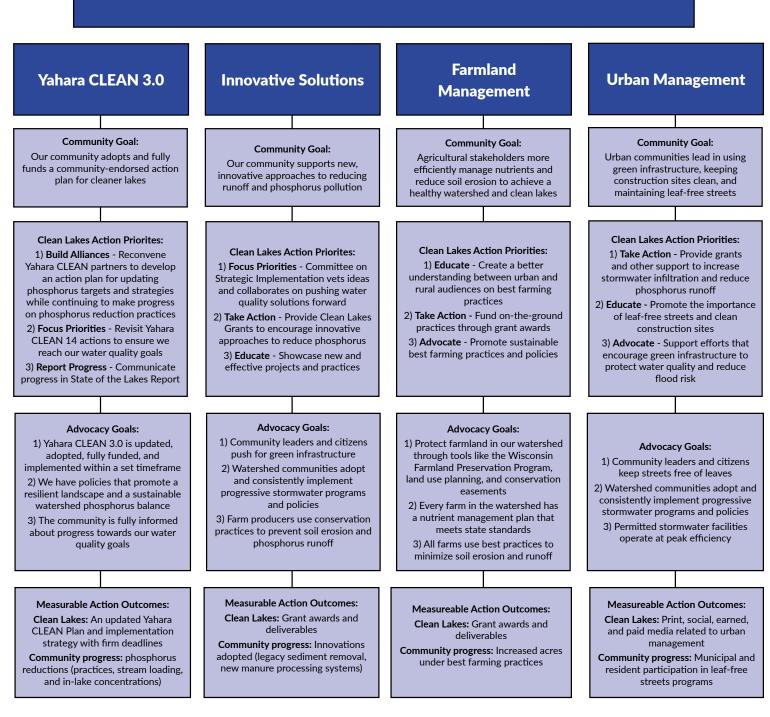
Our community goal is to have sufficient resources available to improve and protect water quality in our lakes. We will continue to build a bigger base of support both internally and in the community. We will improve organizational visibility, branding, and financial growth, allowing us to have a bigger voice and impact within the watershed.

Our collaborative and transparent strategic planning approach involves the input of:

- More than 100 board and committee members
- More than 700 current donors
- One-on-one meetings with our major implementation partners
- Over 50 meetings to present updates and solicit feedback

We are grateful to our partners, boards, donors, and committees for all the feedback they have given through surveys, participation in dialogue sessions, and one-on-one meetings. You have helped us design effective actions that will bring the community together so that we can all benefit from healthy lakes.





Summary of Changes

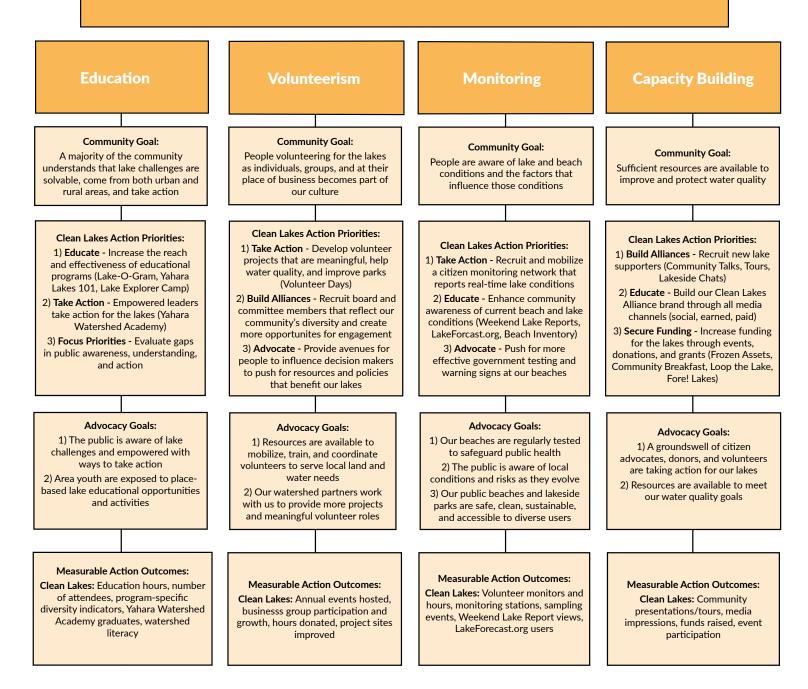
Yahara CLEAN 3.0 - New focus area to update Yahara CLEAN

Innovative Solutions – Streamlined actions

Farmland Management – Streamlined actions to better reflect Healthy Farms Healthy Lakes Task Force recommendations **Urban Management** - New focus area that combines Leaf Management and Construction Erosion and added actions to promote green infrastructure

All Areas: Changed "Role/Strength" into actions; eliminated "Collaborators;" added Advocacy Goals; refined Community Goals

Community Engagement



Summary of Changes

Education – Recrafted actions to highlight educational programming goals
 Volunteerism – Streamlined action priorities
 Monitoring – Moved the action "tracking phosphorus reduction progress" to the new Yahara CLEAN 3.0 focus area
 Capacity Building – Changed the name to better reflect our role in expanding resources for the lakes

All Areas: Combined Role/Strength into actions; eliminated "Collaborators;" added Advocacy Goals; refined Community Goals

Yahara CLEAN 3.0

Lead partner effort to update, formally adopt, and set completion timelines for the Yahara CLEAN Strategic Action Plan for Phosphorus Reduction (2012).

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Yahara CLEAN 3.0

Plan 2020:

Community Goal:

Our community adopts and fully funds a community-endorsed action plan for cleaner lakes

Clean Lakes Action Priorites:

 Build Alliances - Reconvene Yahara CLEAN partners to develop an action plan for updating phosphorus targets and strategies while continuing to make progress on phosphorus reduction practices
 Focus Priorities - Revisit Yahara CLEAN 14 actions to ensure we reach our water quality goals
 Report Progress - Communicate progress in State of the Lakes Report

Advocacy Goals:

 Yahara CLEAN 3.0 is updated, adopted, fully funded, and implemented within a set timeframe
 We have policies that promote a resilient landscape and a sustainable watershed phosphorus balance

3) The community is fully informed about progress towards our water quality goals

Measurable Action Outcomes:

Clean Lakes: An updated Yahara CLEAN Plan and implementation strategy with firm deadlines Community progress: phosphorus reductions (practices, stream loading, and in-lake concentrations) **Action 1. Build Alliances** – Reconvene Yahara CLEAN partners to develop an action plan for updating phosphorus targets and strategies while continuing to make progress on phosphorus reduction practices

- **2017-18 Achievements:** New focus area in 2019. Initiated meetings with agency partners to define needs and agree on an approach to update the plan.
- **2019:** Meet with partners to develop and issue a Request for Proposals, and hire a consultant to guide the updating of the plan. CSI and EIPC will steer action in this area.
- **2020:** Finish updating the plan and submit for partner adoption.

Action 2. Focus Priorities – Revisit Yahara CLEAN 14 actions to ensure we reach our water quality goals

- **2017-18 Achievements:** The State of the Lakes involves every community and implementation partner and reports current phosphorus-reduction progress and lake conditions.
- **2019:** Review accuracy of current phosphorus modeling/formulas and targets, and account for progress to-date.
- 2020:

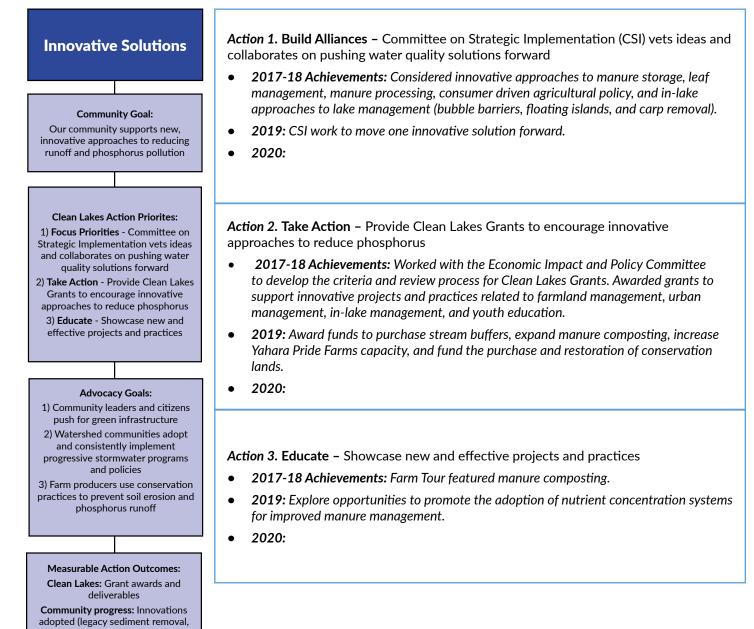
Action 3. Report Progess – Communicate progress through our State of the Lakes Report

- **2017-18 Achievements:** New focus area in 2019. Advocated for Yahara CLEAN 3.0 to be included in recommendations of the Healthy Farms Healthy Lakes Task Force. Progress towards reconvening the original Yahara CLEAN partnership has begun.
- **2019:** Communicate phosphorus-reduction progress and lake conditions. CSI and EIPC guide messaging strategies.
- 2020:

Plan 2020: Innovative Solutions

Explore best practices, advocate for proven new technologies, fund research, and leverage action through Clean Lakes Grants.

2017 - 2020 Workplan



new manure processing systems)

Farmland Management

Build coalitions, provide funds, and advocate for best farming practices.

2017 - 2020 Workplan



<u> Plan 2020:</u>

Action 1. Educate - Create a better understanding between urban and rural audiences on best farming practices

- 2017-18 Achievements: Committee on Strategic Implementation considered ways to promote best farming practices, including market-driven solutions. Yahara Lakes 101 on farm management.
- **2019:** Work with Yahara Pride Farms on a messaging platform around phosphorus reduction progress made by producers. Host a Farm Tour demonstrating the impact of manure spreading on cover crops (Farm Tour).
- 2020:

Action 2. Take Action – Fund on-the-ground practices through grant awards

- **2017-18 Achievements:** Awarded Clean Lakes Grants for harvestable stream buffers, manure injection equipment, a manure-composting pilot, and incentives for agricultural retailers.
- **2019:** Clean Lakes Grants will be used to protect and restore rural conservation land, expand manure composting, and secure more miles of stream buffers. Provide capacitybuilding funds to Yahara Pride Farms to expand the number of participating farmers.
- 2020:

Action 3. Advocate - Promote sustainable best farming practices and policies

- 2017-18 Achievements: Supported the creation of a Healthy Farms Healthy Lakes Task Force by the Dane County Board and served as a participant. Economic Impact and Policy Committee advised staff on a communication plan for Task Force recommendations. Advocacy work helped with passage of Dane County budget that promoted Task Force recommendations and increased funding for the lakes.
- **2019:** Lobby Dane County Board and committees to advance Task Force recommendations.
- 2020:

Urban Management

Create tools and incentives for actions that will lead to a more resilient and healthier watershed.

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Urban Management

Plan 2020:`

Community Goal:

Urban communities lead in using green infrastructure, keeping construction sites clean, and maintaining leaf-free streets

Clean Lakes Action Priorities:

1) **Take Action** - Provide grants and other support to increase stormwater infiltration and reduce phosphorus runoff

2) Educate - Promote the importance of leaf-free streets and clean construction sites

3) Advocate - Support efforts that encourage green infrastructure to protect water quality and reduce flood risk

Advocacy Goals:

1) Community leaders and citizens keep streets free of leaves

 Watershed communities adopt and consistently implement progressive stormwater programs and policies
 Permitted stormwater facilities

operate at peak efficiency

Measureable Action Outcomes:

Clean Lakes: Print, social, earned, and paid media related to urban management

Community progress: Municipal and resident participation in leaf-free streets programs

Action 1. Take Action – Provide grants and other support to increase stormwater infiltration and reduce phosphorus runoff

- **2017-18 Achievements:** Awarded Clean Lakes Grants to help fund: 1) the development of a phosphorus-crediting system for leaf management; 2) enhanced leaf collection and related outreach; and 3) more staffing for construction site erosion control oversight.
- **2019:** Explore partnerships to promote green infrastructure.
- 2020:

Action 2. Educate – Promote the importance of leaf-free streets and clean construction sites

- 2017-18 Achievements: Developed coordinated leaf-free streets messaging and educational materials. Used webpage, billboards, newsletters, and media channels to increase awareness and request action. Assisted with neighborhood-level leaf-management campaigns. Held Yahara Lakes 101 events on construction erosion and leaf management. (See above for leaf-free streets outreach funded through Clean Lakes Grants.)
- **2019:** Continue outreach related to leaf-free-streets messaging and encouraging action.
- 2020:

Action 3. Advocate – Support efforts that encourage green infrastructure to protect water quality and reduce flood risk

- **2017-18 Achievements:** New priority for 2019. Endorsed proposed change to county ordinance to increase stormwater infiltration standards for new development. Promoted voluntary ways for builders to exceed current standards for protecting water quality. Participated in James Madison Park Stakeholder Advisory Group, and pushed for design features that reduce stormwater impacts and enhance sustainability.
- **2019:** Advocate for better standards to address stormwater runoff and restoration at our public lakeside parks. Explore collaboration opportunities with Green Tier's Clear Waters Intitiative (2018 action deferred to 2019).
- 2020:

Increase awareness about the challenges and benefits of cleaning up our lakes, promoting science-based solutions, building alliances, and creating focus for action.

Education

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	Community Goal: A majority of the community understands that lake challenges are solvable, come from both urban and rural areas, and take action		•
	 Clean Lakes Action Priorities: Educate - Increase the reach and effectiveness of educational programs (Lake-O-Gram, Yahara Lakes 101, Lake Explorer Camp) Take Action - Empowered leaders take action for the lakes (Yahara Watershed Academy) Focus Priorities - Evaluate gaps in public awareness, understanding, and action 		
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	Advocacy Goals: 1) The public is aware of lake challenges and empowered with ways to take action 2) Area youth are exposed to place- based lake educational opportunities and activities		
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Measurable Action Outcomes:

Clean Lakes: Education hours, number of attendees, program-specific diversity indicators, Yahara Watershed Academy graduates, watershed literacy Action 1. Educate – Increase the reach and effectiveness of educational programs Lake-O-Gram, Yahara Lakes 101, Lake Explorer Camp)

- **2017-18 Achievements:** Increased traffic to the website, and added a resource page for leaf management and lake-friendly yard care. Hosted monthly Yahara Lakes 101 events. Distributed a monthly Lake-O-Gram. Funded and helped administer a summer Lake Explorer Camp, transitioning to a two-week program and serving youth from the Bayview Community and Boys & Girls Club of Dane County.
- **2019:** Produce an in-house video series promoting best farm practices and lakefriendly homeowner actions (2018 deferred action). Expand Lake Explorer Camp by adding a third week, continuing the transition from an exposure to an immersion program, and expanding the ages served from Bayview.
- 2020:
- **2020**:

Action 2. Take Action – Empowered leaders take action for the lakes (Yahara Watershed Academy)

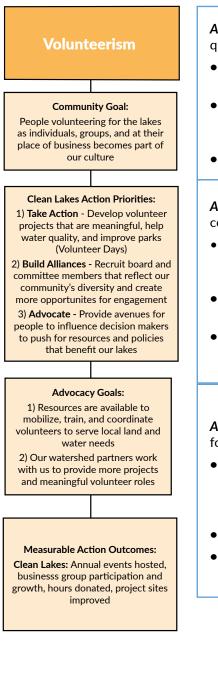
- 2017-18 Achievements: Yahara Watershed Academy graduated a class of 23 Watershed Captains.
- 2019: Graduate up to 25 new Watershed Captains.
- 2020:

Action 3. Focus Priorities – Evaluate gaps in public awareness, understanding, and action

- **2017-18 Achievements:** Measurable action outcome that was moved to an action priority for 2019.
- 2019: Research methods for measuring and tracking watershed literacy, public awareness about Clean Lakes Alliance, and evolving behaviors that impact our lakes.
- 2020:

Volunteerism

Create volunteer experiences that empower businesses, board and committee members, and residents to act on behalf of our lakes.



Plan 2020:

2017 -2020 Workplan

Action 1. Take Action – Develop volunteer projects that are meaningful, help water quality, and improve parks (Volunteer Days)

- **2017-18 Achievements:** Almost tripled the number of Volunteer Day events, volunteer hours, and groups participating.
- **2019:** Continue to plan meaningful projects and explore opportunities to integrate educational components into the experience. Use these events to set up more Lunch 'N Learns.
- 2020:

Action 2. Build Alliances – Recruit board and committee members that reflect our community's diversity and create more opportunites for engagement

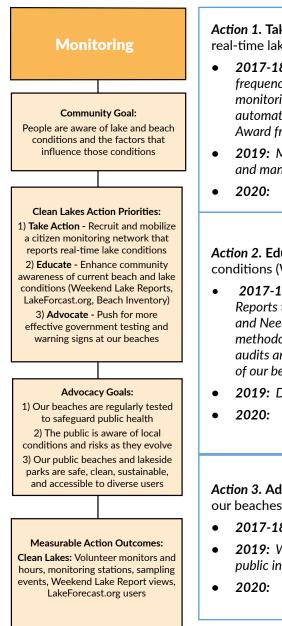
- **2017-18 Achievements:** Began weekly updates to boards and committees to show progress towards our goals. Provided opportunities for boards and committees to participate in Plan 2020 updates.
- **2019:** Align committee work with Plan 2020 goals. Governance Committee to explore methods for enhancing our recruitment efforts.
- 2020:

Action 3. Advocate – Provide avenues for people to influence decision makers to push for resources and policies that benefit our lakes

- **2017 Achievements:** Met with more than 20 neighborhood groups as part of Back to the Beach, hosted the Reimagining Warner Beach Design Contest, organized a student art contest, and completed a beaches inventory. Increased our community presence through Clean Lakes Grants, newsletter articles, and community presentations.
- 2019: Use Volunteer Days and board/committee meetings as platforms for advocacy
- 2020:



Ensure monitoring coverage on all five Yahara lakes, enhance community awareness of lake conditions, and advocate for effective testing of our beaches.



2017 - 2020 Workplan

Action 1. Take Action – Recruit and mobilize a citizen monitoring network that reports real-time lake conditions

- **2017-18 Achievements:** Expanded number of monitoring stations, sampling frequency, and season length. Significantly increased the number of volunteers monitoring our lakes and the number of sampling events. Incorporated the use of automated temperature loggers. Received the 2018 Monitoring Program of the Year Award from the Wisconsin Citizen-based Monitoring Network.
- **2019:** Maintain current level of monitoring effort. Hire freelance consultant to update and manage LakeForecast.org.

Action 2. Educate – Enhance community awareness of current beach and lake conditions (Weekend Lake Reports, LakeForcast.org, Beach Inventory)

- 2017-18 Achievements: Improved production value and promotion of Weekend Lake Reports to drive increased traffic to LakeForecast.org. Convened a Beach Inventory and Needs Assessment Committee to develop public lakeshore principles and a scoring methodology. Initiated an evaluation of all public beaches and lakeshores through site audits and opinion surveys. Developed recommended process for monitoring the safety of our beaches.
- 2019: Develop a 'State of the Beaches' report on our public lakeshores.

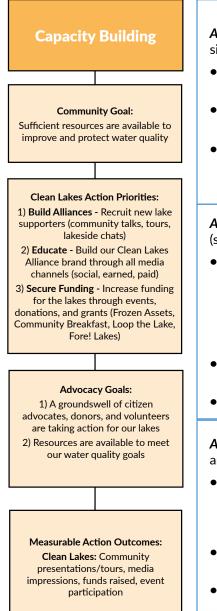
Action 3. Advocate – Push for more effective government testing and warning signs at our beaches

- 2017-18 Achievements: New action in 2019
- **2019:** Work with government entities on a plan for more effective beach testing and public information sharing.

Capacity Building

Increase capacity for the organization by building alliances with local groups and citizens, building our Clean Lakes Alliance brand, and increasing community financial support for the lakes.

2017 - 2020 Workplan



Plan 2020:

Action 1. Build Alliances – Recruit new lake supporters (Community Talks, Tours, Lakeside Chats)

- **2017-18 Achievements:** Launched Back to the Beach Initiative. Hosted at least monthly community talks, tours, and lakeside chats.
- **2019:** Host at least monthly presentations and/or tours to connect more businesses and community groups to our lakes.
- 2020:

Action 2. Educate – Build our Clean Lakes Alliance brand through all media channels (social, earned, paid)

- 2017-18 Achievements: Increased brand awareness. Became the go-to expert for media outlets on the subject of leaf management, flooding, and lake health. Unpaid media impressions increased as a result. Social media followers increased substantially because of our active role in providing expertise on current lake events. Won Good Business Award from the Marquette Neighborhood Association for our advocacy work and participation in community forums.
- **2019:** Marketing Department goals reflect the need to position Clean Lakes as an expert resource in the community.
- 2020:

Action 3. Secure Funding – Increase funding for the lakes through events, donations, and grants (Frozen Assets, Community Breakfast, Loop the Lake, Fore! Lakes)

- 2017-18 Achievements: Raised money and awareness for the lakes through Frozen Assets Festival and Fundraiser, Community Breakfast, Loop the Lake, Shoreline Swim, Fore! Lakes, and through partnered events like Paddle For A Purpose. Awarded \$166,000 in grants to fund our programs.
- **2019:** Increase event awareness by bringing in neighborhood partners and continue to add partnered events.
- 2020:



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