

TOGETHER FOR HEALTHY LAKES

Why the Lakes Advisory Committee is here tonight!

- Bring awareness to the need for Trippe & Cravath Lakes improvements
- Show commitment and dedication to the City of Whitewater Lakes and showcase the most valuable asset the City has.
- Increase awareness regarding the upcoming creation of the City of Whitewater Trippe & Cravath Lakes District by resolution, which will be presented to City Council on May 6, 2025



LAKES ADVISORY COMMITTEES TOP 10 GOALS

1. Restore shorelines with invasive cattail removal

Lakes Advisory Committee's goal is to restore lake shorelines back to status of before initial dredge project. Cattails can be a beneficial species to have, providing excellent habitat to both resident and migratory birds, as well as some aquatic and semi-aquatic organisms, along with natural filtration system.

2. Work within storm water plan to ensure overall best practices for healthy lakes

Landowner education, and work with community groups on improving streams and rivers.

3. Update and implement Aquatic Plant Management Plan & Comprehensive Plan

SEWRPC is currently working two plans. The Aquatic Plant Management Plan to be completed in 2025. Comprehensive Plan to be completed in 2027. (A comprehensive plan is a strategic, long-term planning document designed to guide the sustainable management, conservation, and development of a lake and its surrounding environment)

4. Watershed protection, education, and preservation

Public awareness campaigns, community outreach & engagement, collaborations with local organizations, incentivize sustainable practices, make it fun & interactive.

5. Fish stocking

Enhancing recreational fishing, restoring depleted fish populations, supporting biodiversity, maintaining ecological health, conservation efforts, and promoting environmental education.

6. Improve accessibility

Improve infrastructure and facilities (Enhance access points, picnic areas, new kiosks, ADA kayak launches, fishing platforms) , promote recreational opportunities (Kayak rental lockers, & paddle boards)

7. Create outdoor classrooms

Highlight educational benefits. Focus on experiential learning similar to more capstone projects, promote mental & physical health, collaborate with schools, volunteer programs.



8. Family opportunities year round

Highlight family- oriented activities/events (city market, concerts, 4th of July, renting facilities for family gatherings), focus on convenience, comfort, and beauty (accessibility to lake, family friendly amenities).

9. Healthy lakes & creeks

Healthy lakes help to create healthy creeks, continue partnership with the Whitewater Creek Coalition.

10. Involve ALL of the community by creating a City of Whitewater Trippe & Cravath Lakes District

Create a sense of ownership, stewardship, and pride among residents. develop collaborative partnerships, create volunteer opportunities, host educational programs and events, foster a sense of ownership, and make community input a priority. Citizens vote on the annual budget.



HOW A CITY OF WHITEWATER TRIPPE & CRAVATH LAKES DISTRICT IS FORMED

- A city or village may establish a lakes district by a simple resolution by City Council approval.
- When a district is established by a city or village, the city council or village board generally serves as the board of commissioners. These municipal districts are otherwise governed like other lake districts, with an annual meeting of electors and property owners determining the district's budget and tax levy.
- The city council or village board is required to provide for an election of the board of commissioners and host an annual meeting.
 - According to the census data of 2022, Whitewater had a population of 15, 700



WHY CREATE A CITY OF WHITEWATER TRIPPE & CRAVATH LAKE DISTRICT

- Lake districts have a unique blend of powers and governance provisions tailored to fit the needs and goals of local community.
- A lake district's day-to-day operations are carried out by a board of commissioners composed of elected volunteers and local officials. The financial direction of the district is determined by district residents (electors) and property owners at an annual meeting
- Funding opportunities
- A lake district is guided and operated by those that live in or own property in the district.
 - Who can vote (eligible individuals get one vote)
 - 18 years of age
 - Citizen of United States
 - Renters
 - Home Owners
 - Landlords
 - Designated person from trust or corporation
 - LLC Owners (one vote allowed, even if own multiple)

The undersigned does solemnly swear (or affirm) that he or she:

Is at least 18 years of age and a citizen of the United States and is not otherwise disqualified to vote in Wisconsin elections, and

Check One:

- Owns land within the boundaries of this Lake District.
- Resides within the boundaries of this Lake District.
- Is the official representative, officer or employee who is authorized to vote on behalf of the following trust, foundation, corporation, association or organization that owns real property in the District:

(print full name of organization that owns property within this Lake District)

WHO WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE CITY OF WHITEWATER TRIPPE & CRAVATH LAKES DISTRICTS?

The Lakes Advisory Committee is recommending the entire City of Whitewater be included as a Trippe & Cravath Lakes District.



WHAT WILL A CITY OF WHITEWATER TRIPPE & CRAVATH LAKES DISTRICT COST ME?

- The annual budget will be set on the first meeting, therefor setting cost. The budget is approved by majority vote of the residents and landowners, so you set the budget.
- For Example , if the budget were to be set at \$250,000, residents could see an estimated \$0.26 per thousand of assessed value to their annual tax bill. A home assessed at \$150,000 would see an estimated \$39 a year increase. A home assessed value at \$200,000 would see an estimate of \$52.



Give it a thought: A medium cup of a chain store coffee is on average \$3. A cup a day will cost you \$1,095.00 a year.

Together for Healthy Lakes

Educational Listening
Sessions



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Juntos por Lagos Saludables

Sesiones de Escucha
Educativa

Public Listening Sessions Sesiones de Escucha Pública

The City of Whitewater Lakes Advisory Committee is hosting informational sessions to increase awareness regarding the upcoming City of Whitewater Trippe & Cravath Lake District resolution, which will be presented to the City Council on May 6, 2025.

El Comité Asesor de la Ciudad de Whitewater Lakes está organizando sesiones informativas para aumentar la conciencia sobre la próxima resolución del Distrito de Trippe y Cravath Lakes de la Ciudad de Whitewater, que se presentará al Concejo Municipal el 6 de mayo de 2025.

March
Marzo
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Starin Park Community Building
Edificio Comunitario del Starin Park
504 W. Starin Rd.
Whitewater, WI 53190

11:30 a.m.

March
Marzo
20

Cravath Lakefront Building
Edificio Cravath Lakefront
341 S. Fremont St.
Whitewater, WI 53190

10:00 a.m.

6:00 p.m.

April
Abril
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Municipal Building - 1st Floor
Edificio Municipal - Primer Piso
312 W Whitewater St.
Whitewater, WI 53190

10:00 a.m.

6:00 p.m.

QUESTIONS ?

Lakes Advisory Committee
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