

Lake Ellen Plant Surveys

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A Look Ahead

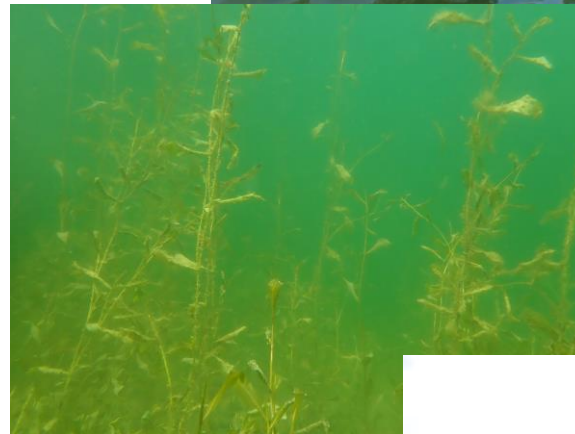
- 2017 Early Detection Survey
- 2019 Point Intercept Survey
 - Plants found with statistics
- Clean Boats/Clean Waters

2017 Early Detection Survey



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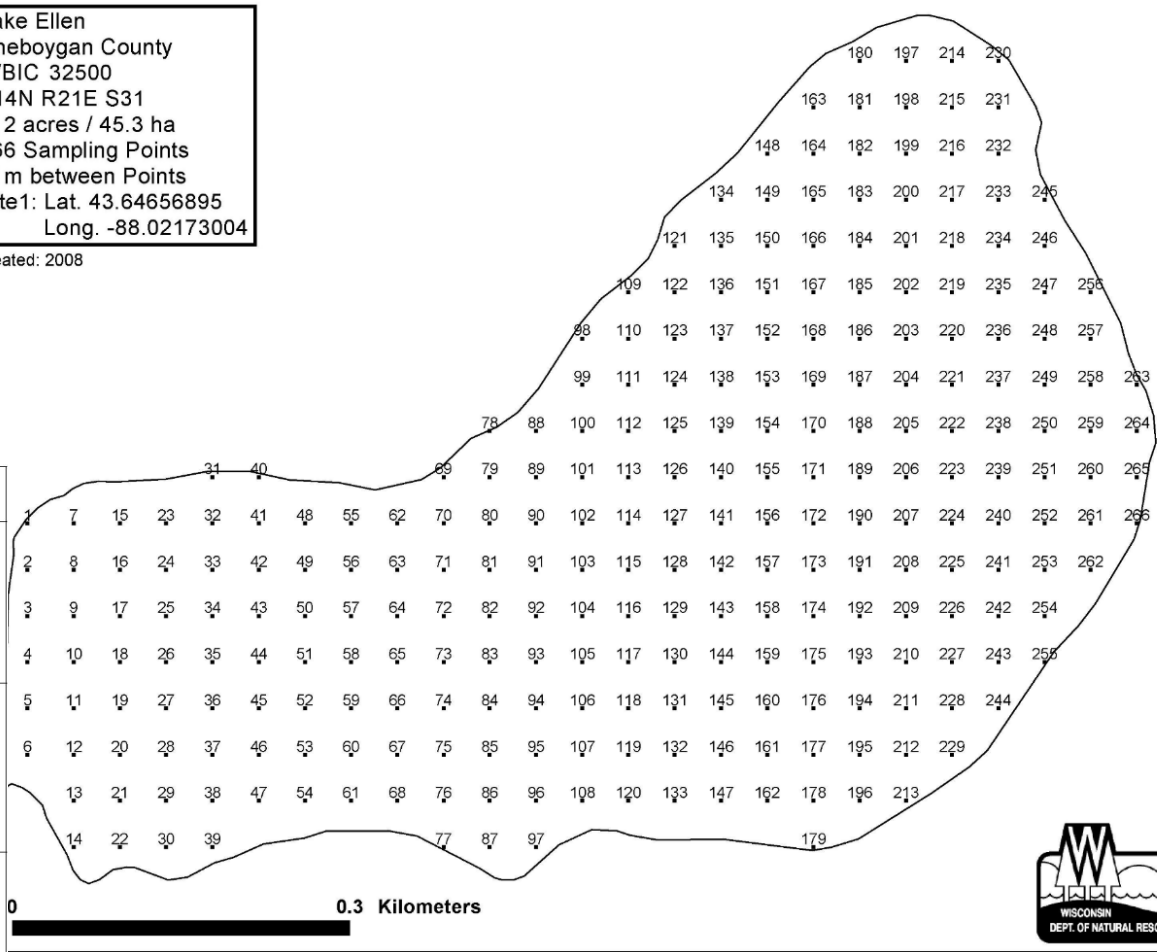
- Meander Survey
- Five Target Sites
 - Snorkeler
 - Rake Tosses
- Boat Launch
 - Snorkeler
 - Rake Tosses
- Spiny Waterflea (SWF) Dredge
 - Deep hole looking for spines
 - **No SWF found...**






2019 Point Intercept Survey

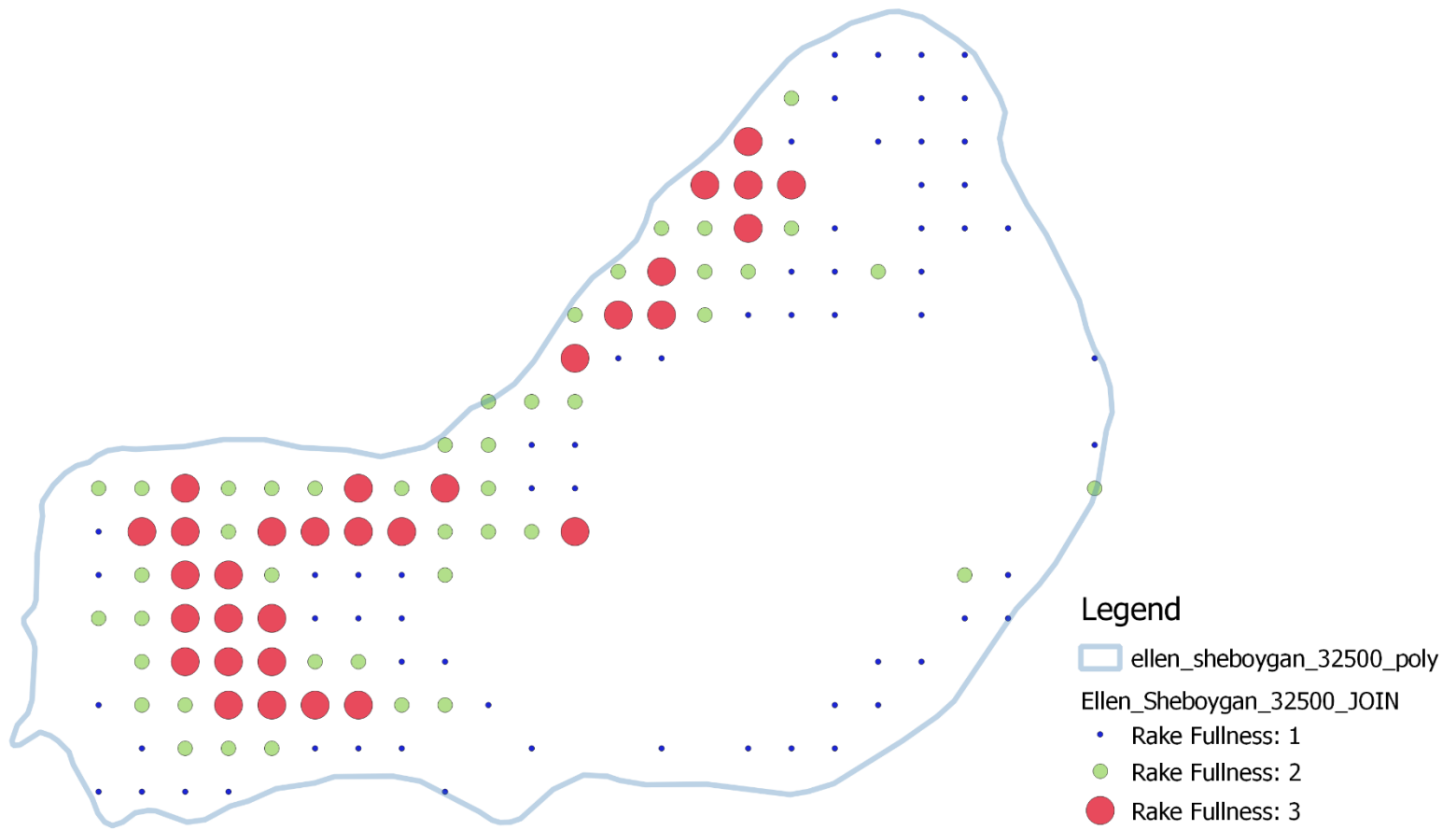
Lake Ellen
Sheboygan County
WBIC 32500
T14N R21E S31
112 acres / 45.3 ha
266 Sampling Points
41m between Points
Site 1: Lat. 43.64656895
Long. -88.02173004

Created: 2008



Fullness Rating	Coverage	Description
1		Only few plants. There are not enough plants to entirely cover the length of the rake head in a single layer.
2		There are enough plants to cover the length of the rake head in a single layer, but not enough to fully cover the tines.
3		The rake is completely covered and tines are not visible.

Plants found and distribution



Lake Ellen, Sheboygan County July 22, 2019 Survey

Plant Species Found in Lake Ellen

Native Plants - Biodiversity

- Variable-leaf Pondweed
- Sago
- Large Duckweed
- Spadderdock
- Whit water lily
- Slender and southern naiad
- Illinois pondweed
- Chara
- Elodea
- Water Celery
- Variable Milfoil
- Norther Milfoil

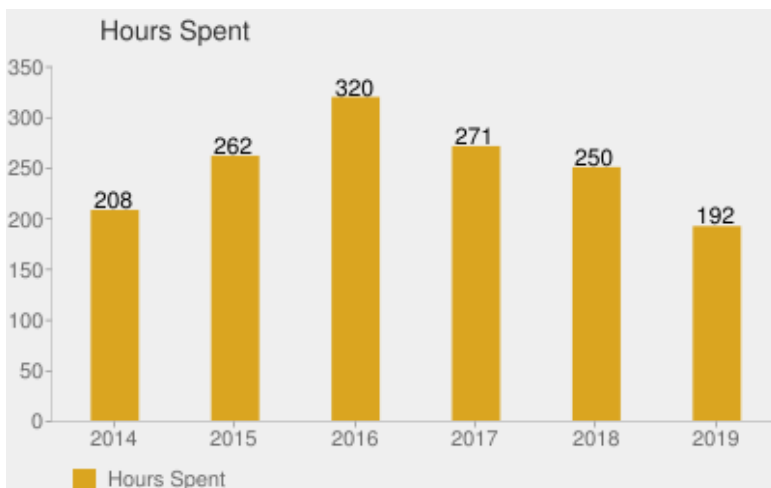
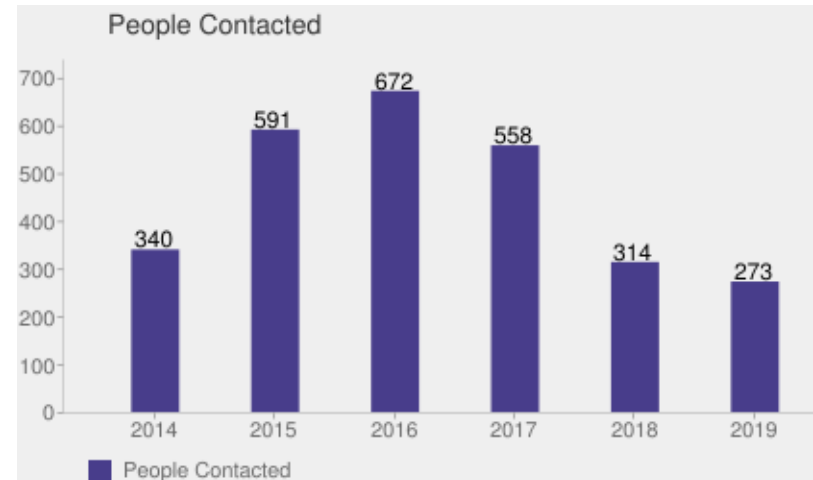
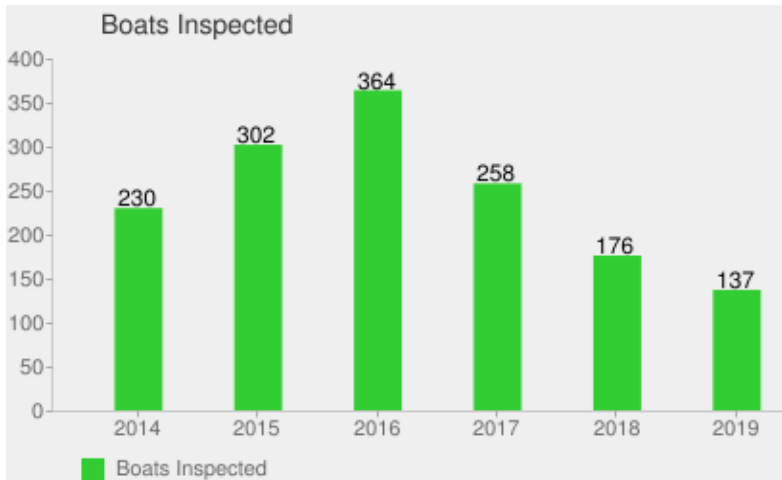
Invasive Species already present and found in survey:

- Curly Leaf Pondweed
- Eurasian watermilfoil
- Zebra mussel
- Yellow Iris
- Spiny naiad
 - 2019
 - Added to NR40 in 2015.
 - Highly debated if it is actually an invasive species or if it is native species.

Lake Ellen Plant Statistics

	Lake Ellen	Statewide Average 2017	Southern Drainage Average 2017
Littoral Zone % Vegetated	83.83	77.0	82.0
Maximum Depth of Plant Growth (ft)	16.0	13.6	14.6
Species Richness	20.0	22.0	16.0
Floristic Quality Index (FQI)	23.75	28.4	21.6

Clean Boats/Clean Water



2019 Numbers are as of August 16, 2019.