



**Volunteer Days**



**LakeForecast**



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# Resilient Landscapes





**We should be able to swim in our lakes!**

Mendota is unofficially the **most studied lake** in the world

All 5 Yahara lakes, 10 stream tributaries, and 8 beaches are **federally impaired**

2018-19 saw the highest total **beach closures** over the past decade

We have never been in a **stronger position** to reach our goals



# Yahara CLEAN Compact

## GOALS

Clearer water

Fewer cyanobacteria blooms

Open beaches

## OBJECTIVES

Less phosphorus

Less *E. coli*

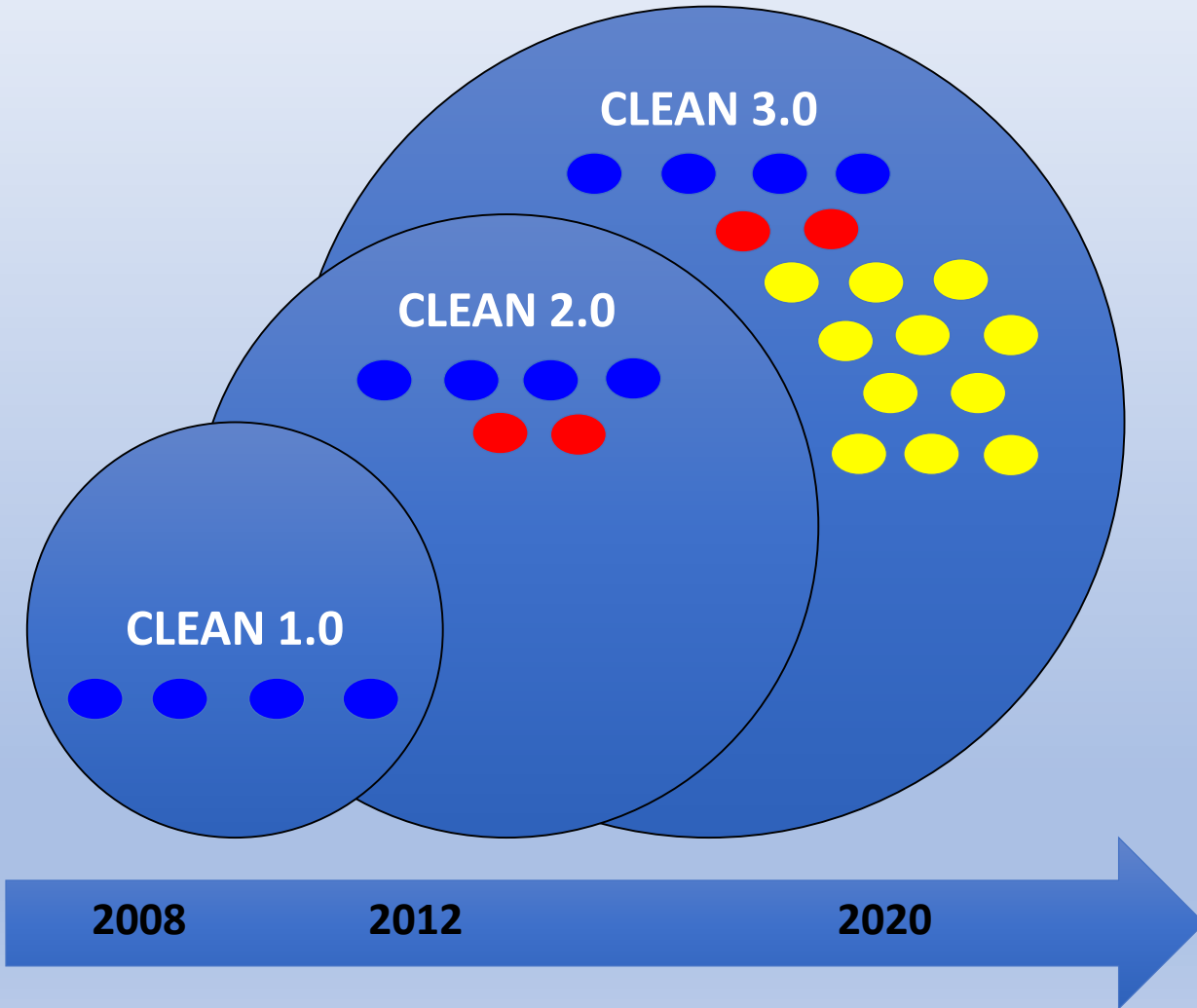
Less runoff

Healthier soils

Healthier shorelines



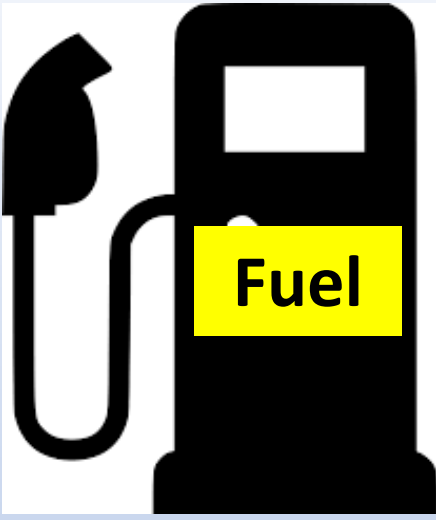
# Enlarging the Wheel



- DNR
- DATCP
- Dane County
- City of Madison
- Clean Lakes Alliance
- UW Center for Limnology MMSD
- Yahara WINS
- CARPC
- RASCW
- Dairy Farmers of WI
- UW-Madison
- UW Nelson Institute
- UW Division of Extension
- City of Middleton
- Yahara Lakes Association
- Builders Association
- DCTA
- DCVA



# CLEAN 3.0



Vision, Hope,  
Community Will

## Action Dials



Knowledge



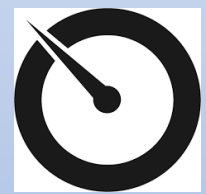
Projects



Policies



Economics

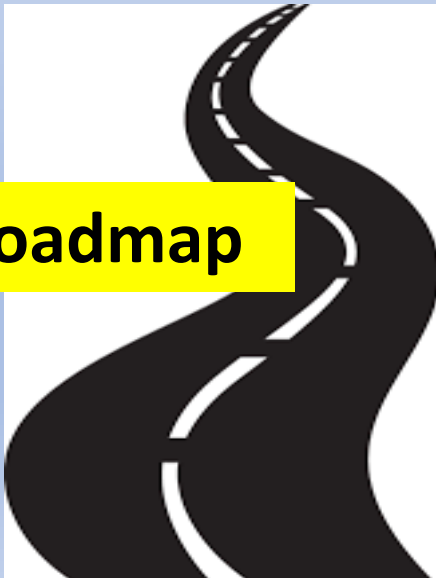


Engagement



Resources

## Roadmap



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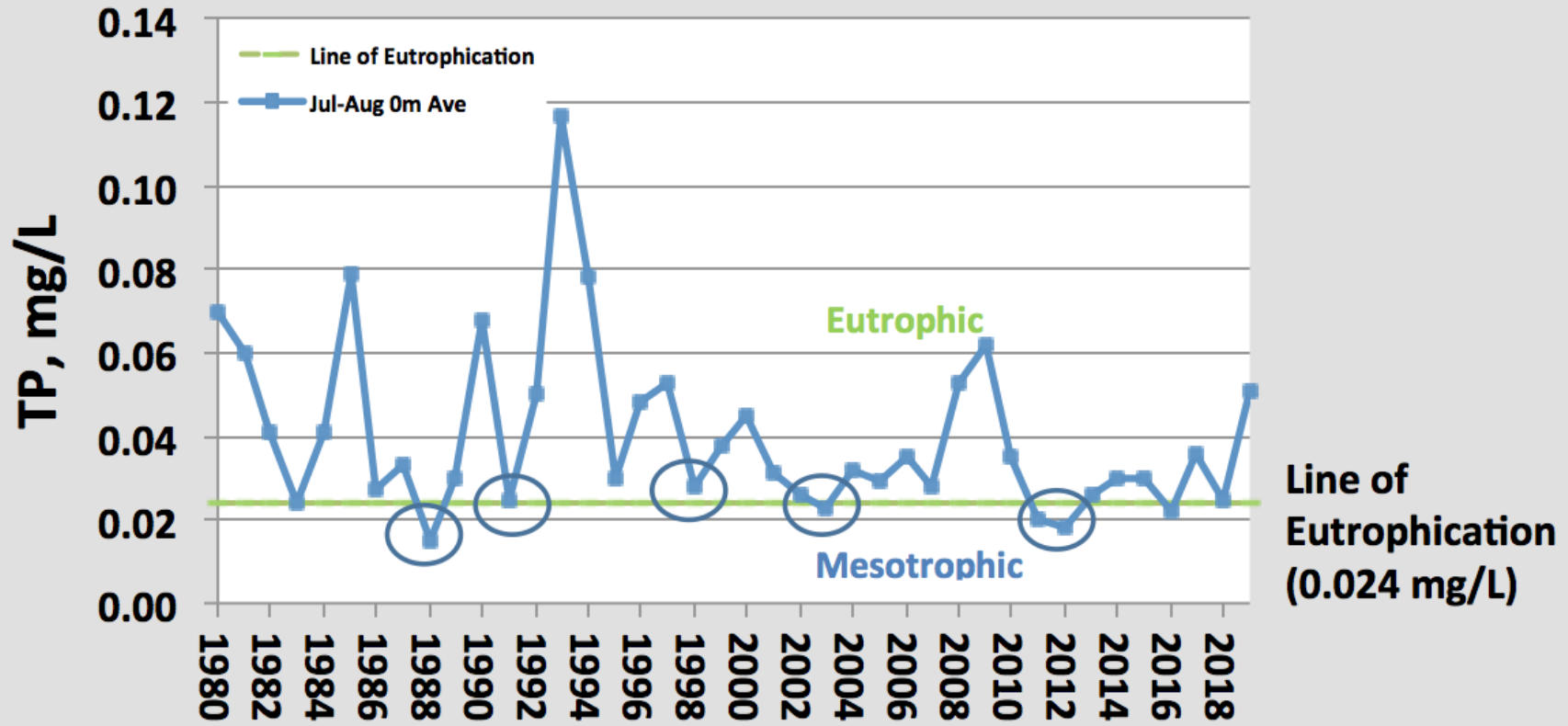


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# Lake Mendota Water Quality

## Lake Mendota Phosphorus



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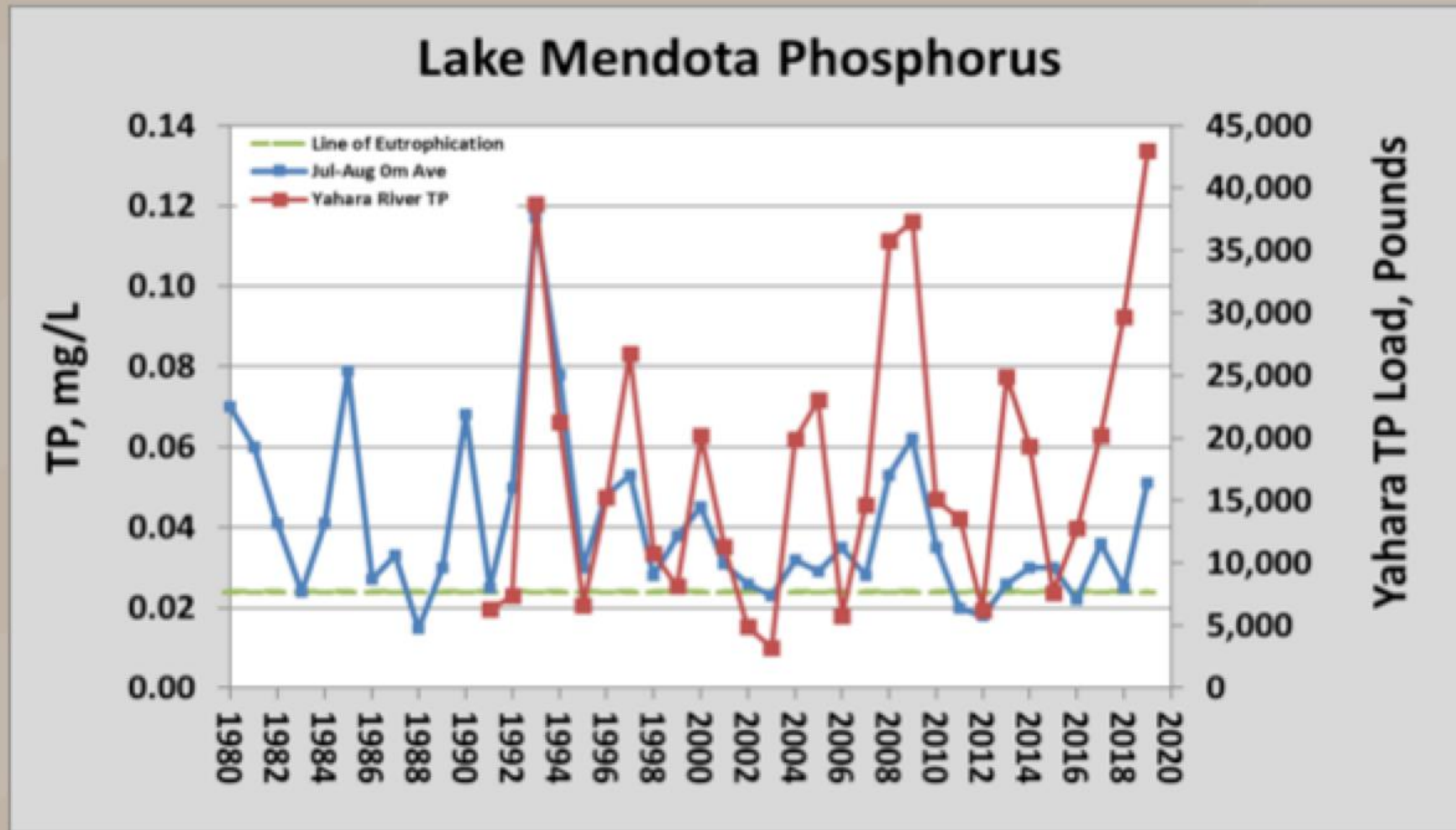
Years with low P inputs resulted in good lake water quality.

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Credit: Todd Stuntebeck



# Linkages between P loading and in-lake P

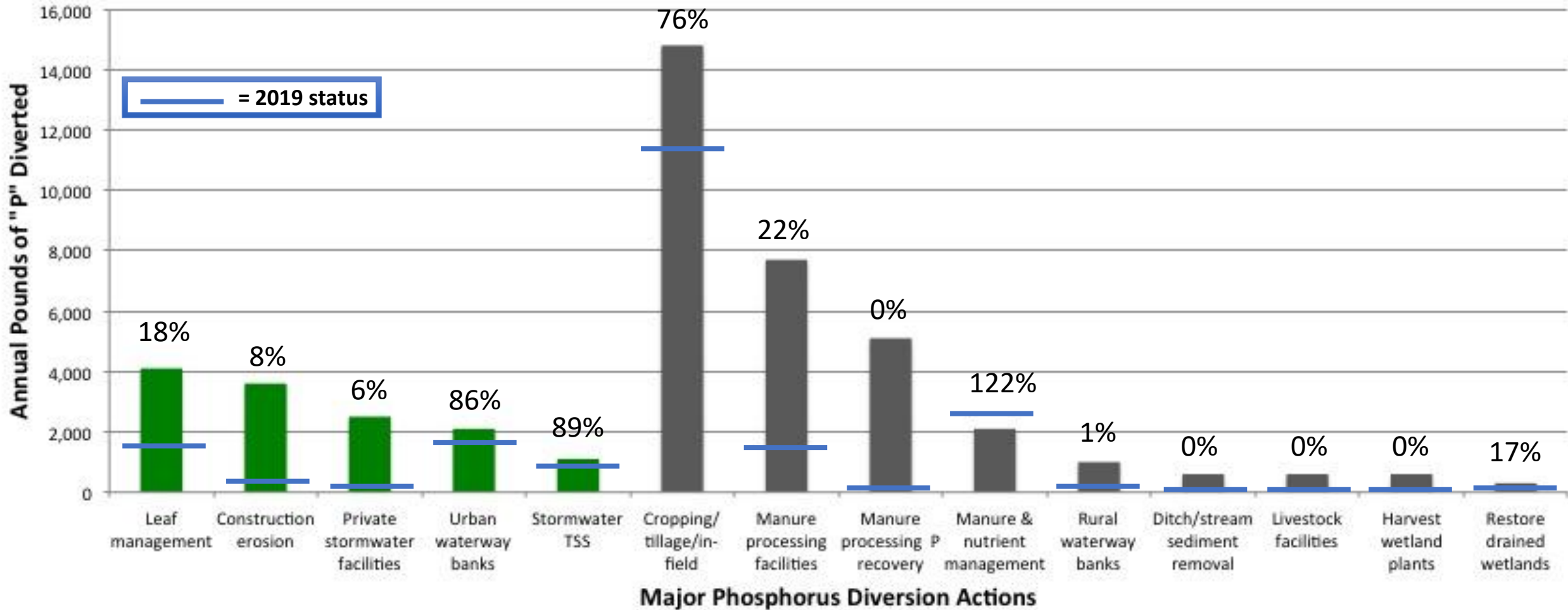


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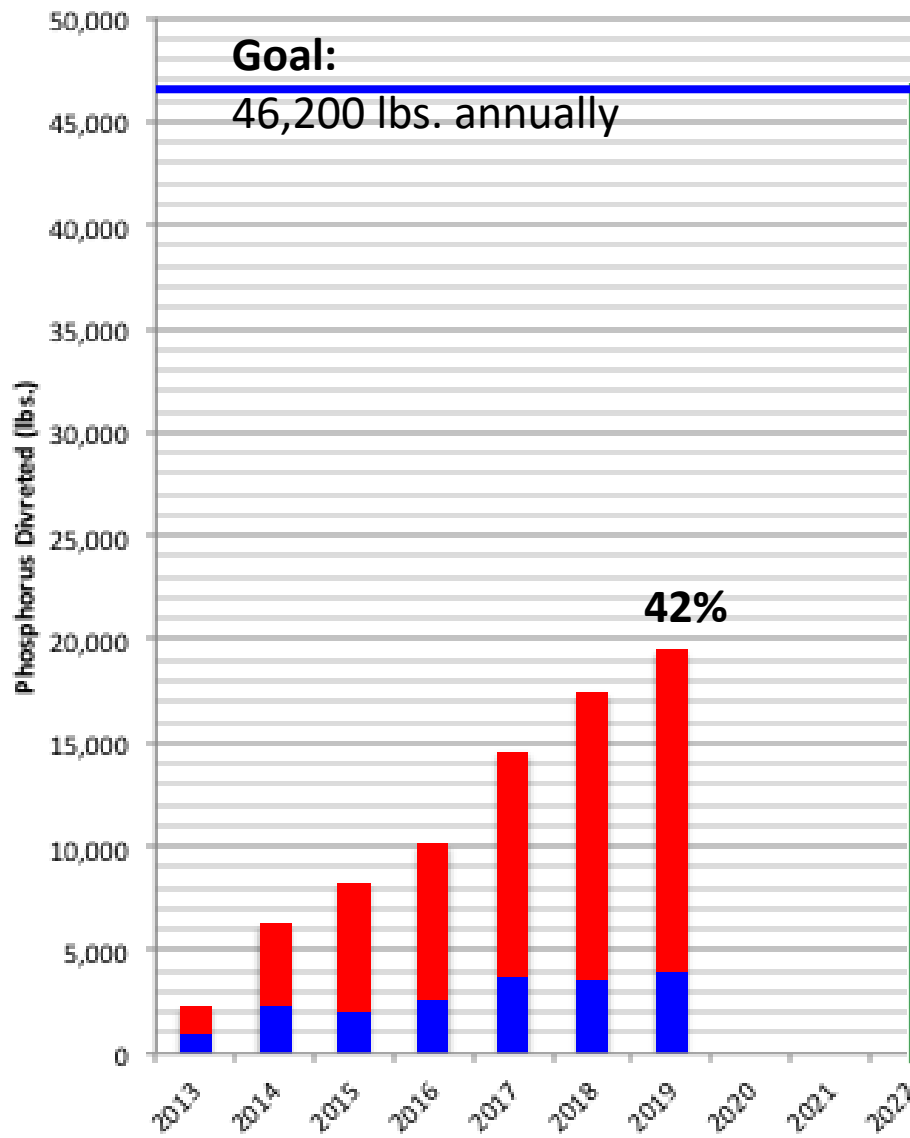


# Yahara CLEAN 2.0 Action Goals & Progress Dashboard





## Yahara CLEAN Progress (2013-2019)



■ Rural 47%

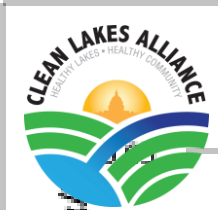
■ Urban 30%



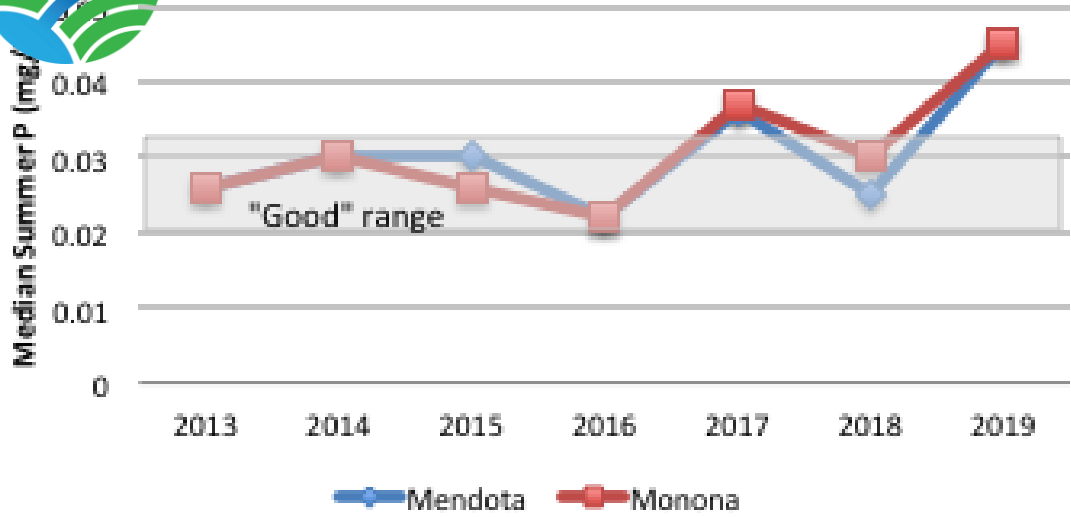
| Yahara CLEAN Strategic Action Plan                          |                                 |                                                                         |                                             |                                                   |                                              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| All Lakes                                                   | Total P Diverted Per Year (lbs) | Goal                                                                    | Lead Agency                                 | Present Value Cost over 20-Year Period (Millions) | Present Value Cost per lb Diverted (20-Year) |
| <b>Urban Actions</b>                                        |                                 |                                                                         |                                             |                                                   |                                              |
| Improve Leaf Management                                     | 4,100                           | 20% increase in collections                                             | MAMSWaP <sup>1</sup> and each municipality  | \$4.1                                             | \$50                                         |
| Improve Control of Construction Erosion                     | 3,600                           | Reduce sediment runoff in new development by 80%                        | Dane County                                 | \$1.7                                             | \$25                                         |
| Maintain Permitted Stormwater Facilities                    | 2,500                           | Achieve compliance from 400 (out of 1500 total) noncompliant facilities | Dane County                                 | \$1.7                                             | \$34                                         |
| Stabilize Urban Waterway Banks                              | 2,100                           | 13,700 linear feet                                                      | Each Municipality                           | \$4.7                                             | \$113                                        |
| Reduce TSS in Municipal Stormwater                          | 1,100                           | Achieve 40% target for all facilities                                   | Department of Natural Resources             | \$17.6                                            | \$860                                        |
| <b>Urban Subtotal</b>                                       | <b>13,400</b>                   |                                                                         |                                             | <b>\$29.8</b>                                     | <b>\$111</b>                                 |
| <b>Rural Actions</b>                                        |                                 |                                                                         |                                             |                                                   |                                              |
| Improve Cropping, Tillage, and In-Field Practices           | 14,800                          | 54,900 acres per year                                                   | Dane County                                 | \$14.5                                            | \$49                                         |
| Build Community Digesters                                   | 7,700                           | 5 systems                                                               | Dane County                                 | \$60.0                                            | \$390                                        |
| <i>Adjustment for Business Investment in Digesters</i>      |                                 |                                                                         |                                             | -\$49.5                                           | -\$322                                       |
| <i>Subtotal for Community Digesters</i>                     |                                 |                                                                         |                                             | \$10.5                                            | \$68                                         |
| Remove Additional P at Digesters                            | 5,100                           | 5 systems                                                               | Dane County                                 | \$10.0                                            | \$98                                         |
| Manage Manure (m) and Nutrients (n)                         | 2,100                           | 11,572 (m) plus 15,700 (n) acres per year                               | Dane County                                 | \$3.2                                             | \$81                                         |
| Stabilize Rural Waterway Banks                              | 1,000                           | 17,000 linear feet                                                      | Dane County                                 | \$2.1                                             | \$104                                        |
| Dredge Drainage Ditches                                     | 600                             | 2.5 miles per year                                                      | Dane County                                 | \$2.4                                             | \$218                                        |
| Relocate or Cover Livestock Facilities                      | 600                             | 14 sites                                                                | Dane County                                 | \$2.1                                             | \$174                                        |
| Harvest Wetland Plants                                      | 600                             | 1,700 acres (once/3years)                                               | Dane County                                 | \$2.0                                             | \$170                                        |
| Promote Restoration of Wetlands                             | 300                             | 100 acres/year                                                          | Dane County and Natural Heritage Land Trust | \$2.0                                             | \$328                                        |
| <b>Rural Subtotal</b>                                       | <b>32,800</b>                   |                                                                         |                                             | <b>\$48.8</b>                                     | <b>\$74</b>                                  |
| <b>Total All Lake Direct Drainage Load Reductions</b>       | <b>46,200</b>                   |                                                                         |                                             | <b>\$78.6</b>                                     | <b>\$85</b>                                  |
| <b>Total All Lake Direct Drainage Load Inputs</b>           | <b>95,000</b>                   |                                                                         |                                             |                                                   |                                              |
| <b>Percent All Lake Load Reduction Achieved</b>             | <b>49%</b>                      |                                                                         |                                             |                                                   |                                              |
| <sup>1</sup> Madison Area Municipal Storm Water Partnership |                                 |                                                                         |                                             |                                                   |                                              |



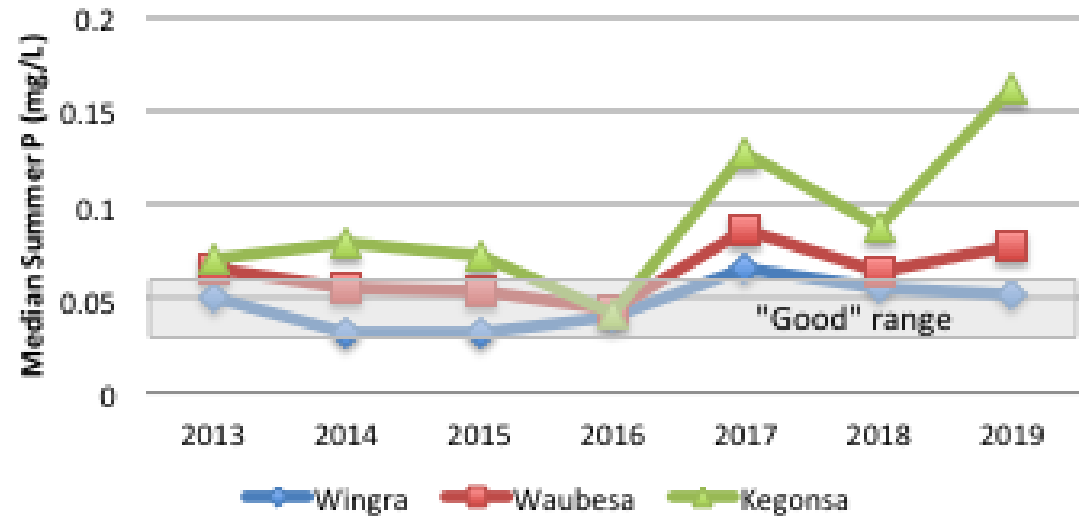
| Yahara CLEAN Strategic Plan for Phosphorus Reduction |                                                             |               | Status*       |               |               |            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Priority Actions                                     | Goal                                                        | 2017          | 2018          | 2019          | % of Goal     | Comments   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Urban (pounds of phosphorus diverted from the lakes) |                                                             |               |               |               |               |            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| [1]                                                  | Improve leaf management                                     | 4,100         | 390           | 150           | 750           | 18%        | Includes estimated phosphorus reductions from reported new or expanded collection programs, or from collections in excess of an established baseline.                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| [2]                                                  | Control construction erosion control                        | 3,600         | 910           | 760           | 290           | 8%         | Most progress associated with city of Madison's Expanded Erosion-control Enforcement Program.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| [3]                                                  | Maintain private permitted stormwater facilities            | 2,500         | 150           | 150           | 150           | 6%         | Dane County inventories and issues notices of non-compliance. No additional facilities were brought into compliance in 2019.                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| [4]                                                  | Stabilize urban waterway banks                              | 2,100         | 1,440         | 1,550         | 1,820         | 86%        | Recent projects completed in Madison on heavily eroded waterway banks.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| [5]                                                  | Reduce total suspended solids in municipal stormwater       | 1,100         | 810           | 900           | 980           | 89%        | Recent projects in Madison and village of DeForest, with assistance from Dane County's Urban Water Quality Grant Program. Includes stormwater treatment ponds and green infrastructure.                                                                                                                                                  |
|                                                      | Alternative & emerging technologies                         |               |               |               |               |            | New technologies, such as in-stream phosphorus inactivation, could play an important role as they are developed and piloted.                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                                      | <b>Urban subtotal</b>                                       | <b>13,400</b> | <b>3,700</b>  | <b>3,500</b>  | <b>4,000</b>  | <b>30%</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Rural (pounds of phosphorus diverted from the lakes) |                                                             |               |               |               |               |            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| [6]                                                  | Improve cropping, tillage & in-field agricultural practices | 14,800        | 7,360         | 10,060        | 11,230        | 76%        | Farmers are adopting conservation measures to limit soil and phosphorus loss from fields. Recent progress mostly reported through Yahara Pride Farms and Dane County Land & Water Resources, and with funding from Yahara WINS and other assistance programs. Cover crops and low-disturbance manure injection were the biggest gainers. |
| [7]                                                  | Build community manure-processing facilities                | 7,700         | 1,660         | 1,660         | 1,660         | 22%        | Two of the recommended five facilities have been built.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| [8]                                                  | Recover additional phosphorus at digesters for export       | 5,100         | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0%         | Dane County is in the process of installing a nutrient concentration system at one of the two manure digesters.                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| [9]                                                  | Manage manure and nutrients                                 | 2,100         | 1,850         | 2,140         | 2,560         | 122%       | Biggest gains were from farm nutrient management planning and the headland stacking or composting of manure. The latter practice previously received funding support from Clean Lakes Alliance and other partners.                                                                                                                       |
| [10]                                                 | Stabilize rural waterway banks                              | 1,000         | 0             | 0             | 10            | 1%         | Recent project in Town of Westport funded through Yahara WINS and Clean Lakes Alliance.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| [11]                                                 | Dredge drainage ditches                                     | 600           | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0%         | Dane County's "Suck the Muck" project has removed legacy sediment from sections of Dorn and Token Creeks. Associated phosphorus reductions to the lakes have yet to be estimated.                                                                                                                                                        |
| [12]                                                 | Relocate or cover livestock facilities                      | 600           | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0%         | Dane County continues to identify high-risk facilities and advertise cost-share availability.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| [13]                                                 | Harvest wetland plants                                      | 600           | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0%         | Work is needed to identify suitable sites.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| [14]                                                 | Restore critical drained wetlands                           | 300           | 30            | 50            | 50            | 17%        | Work is needed to identify additional restoration sites.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                                      | Alternative & emerging technologies                         |               |               |               |               |            | New technologies, such as those involving manure handling and processing, could play an important role as they are developed and piloted.                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                                      | <b>Rural subtotal</b>                                       | <b>32,800</b> | <b>10,900</b> | <b>13,900</b> | <b>15,500</b> | <b>47%</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                                      | <b>Total</b>                                                | <b>46,200</b> | <b>14,600</b> | <b>17,400</b> | <b>19,500</b> | <b>42%</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |



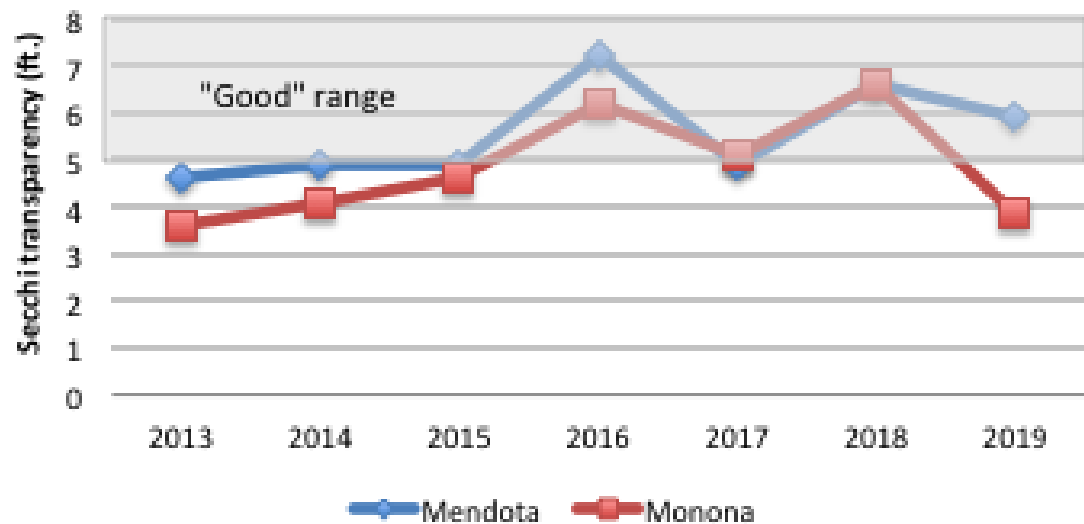
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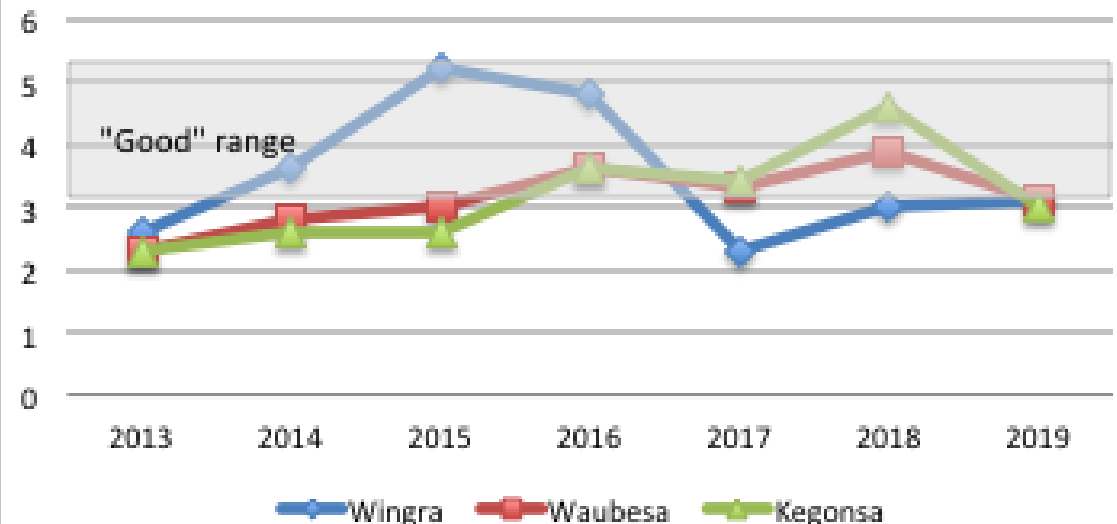
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## Water Clarity

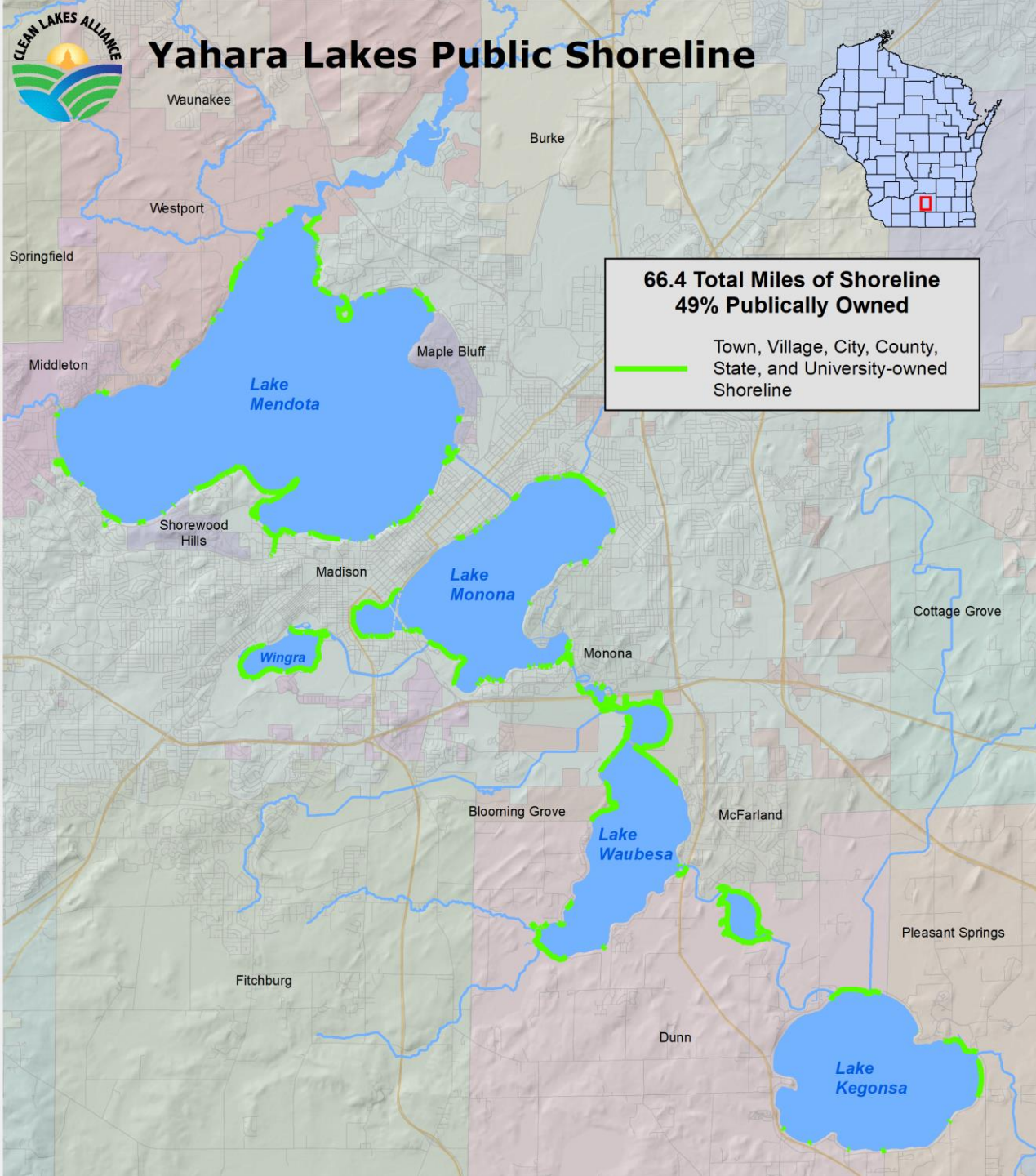


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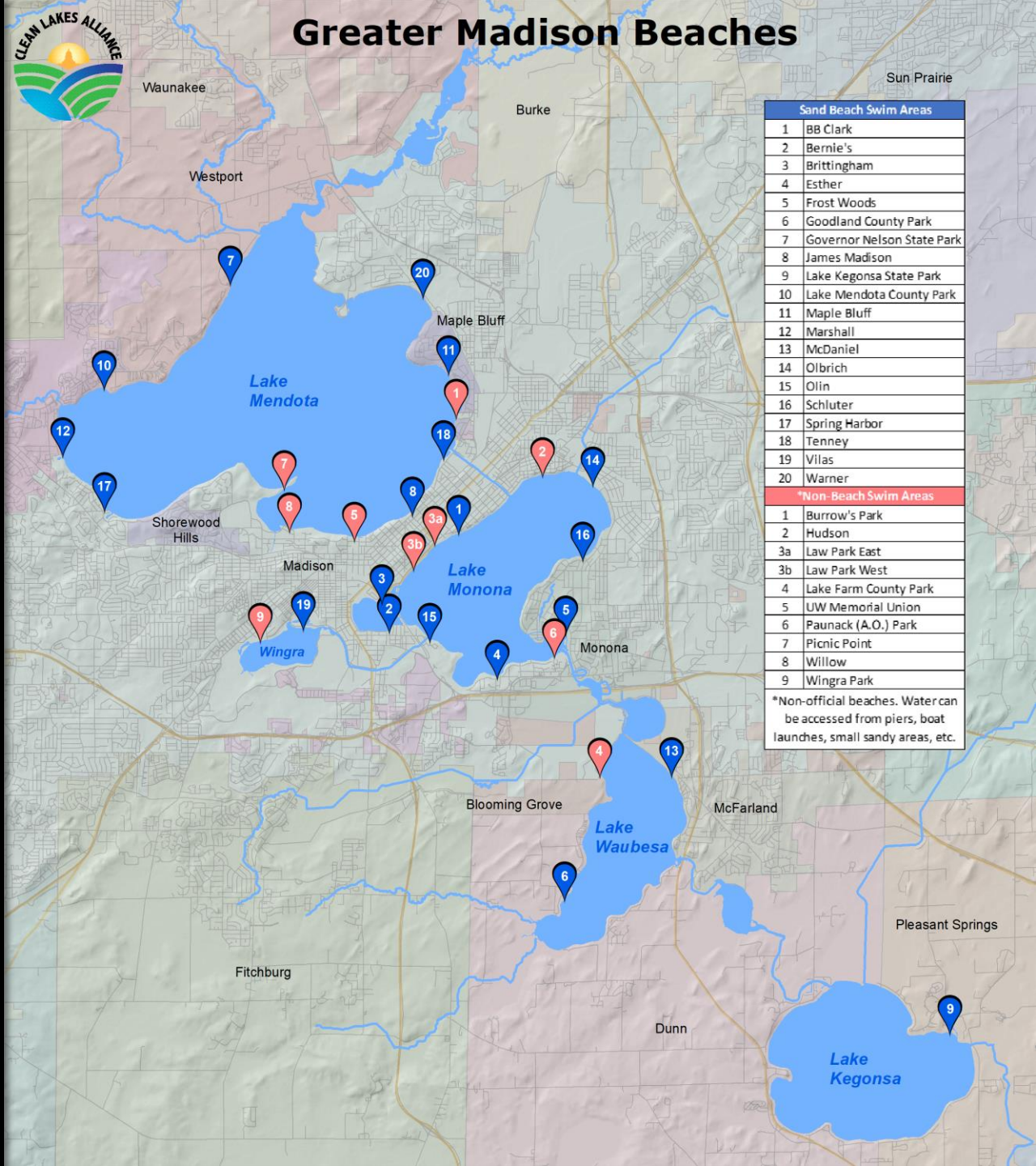
# Yahara Lakes Public Shoreline



**66.4 Total Miles of Shoreline**  
**49% Publically Owned**

Town, Village, City, County, State, and University-owned Shoreline

# Greater Madison Beaches



| Sand Beach Swim Areas |                            |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| 1                     | BB Clark                   |
| 2                     | Bernie's                   |
| 3                     | Brittingham                |
| 4                     | Esther                     |
| 5                     | Frost Woods                |
| 6                     | Goodland County Park       |
| 7                     | Governor Nelson State Park |
| 8                     | James Madison              |
| 9                     | Lake Kegonsa State Park    |
| 10                    | Lake Mendota County Park   |
| 11                    | Maple Bluff                |
| 12                    | Marshall                   |
| 13                    | McDaniel                   |
| 14                    | Olbrich                    |
| 15                    | Olin                       |
| 16                    | Schluter                   |
| 17                    | Spring Harbor              |
| 18                    | Tenney                     |
| 19                    | Vilas                      |
| 20                    | Warner                     |
| *Non-Beach Swim Areas |                            |
| 1                     | Burrow's Park              |
| 2                     | Hudson's Park              |
| 3a                    | Law Park East              |
| 3b                    | Law Park West              |
| 4                     | Lake Farm County Park      |
| 5                     | UW Memorial Union          |
| 6                     | Paunack (A.O.) Park        |
| 7                     | Picnic Point               |
| 8                     | Willow                     |
| 9                     | Wingra Park                |

\*Non-official beaches. Water can be accessed from piers, boat launches, small sandy areas, etc.



# Total Beach Closure Days

