#### **JORDAN LAKE MANAGEMENT6 PLAN PT 2--REVISED 8/10/13**

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#### **EDUCATION**

#### Goal A: Educate community and public about lake management concerns.

- 1. Establish community events to encourage & educate the community about lake conservation practices.
- 2. Publish educational information on Lake District Website and periodic mailings to district members.
- 3. Update and/or place informational signs at all public access sites about actions citizens can take to improve/maintain water quality.
- 4. Maintain educational exotic species signs at boat landing.
- 5. Implement education of lake users, lakefront owners & watershed community on identification & control of exotic species by publication & website information.
- 6. Develop & distribute an informational packet regarding lake issues, water quality, and best management practices to watershed citizens and businesses.
- 7. Request that lakefront property owners not to use fertilizers or chemicals within 200' of the water.
- 8. Contact other organizations to get information about similar lakes, then contact those lakes to gain information about how they handle water quality issues.
- 9. Publish information on hand-harvesting of aquatic plants of not more the 30' wide corridor (for each 100' of shoreline) for access & viewing on lakefront properties to encourage landowners to limit clearing nearshore water areas.

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- 10. Request that lake users catch & release fish, especially predator fish.
- 11. Improve sign outlining lake movement pattern & times for lake users.
- 12. Conduct a lake community assessment to understand what lakeshore property

owners value as they use and manage their lakeshore property.

- 13. Educate community about sensitive area using techniques by developing an informational fact sheet.
- 14. Monitor lake level via sand point well every 2 weeks and report results to Adams County LWCD and enter into SWIMS database.

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#### WATER QUALITY

GOAL A: Maintain & improve present water quality and prevent algal blooms.

- 1. Cooperate with other lake districts and associations in the Town of Jackson & other to develop an ordinance prohibiting the sale, provision or use of phosphorusbased lawn fertilizers and encourge the adoption of this policy.
- 2. Establish and identify lake water quality goals with measurable targets for determining progress in protecting the lake.
- 3. Recruit volunteers for ongoing monitoring of lake water quality with participation in the DNR Self-Help Monitoring Program, with monitoring results being compared to 2004-2006 water quality data collected by Adams County LWCD.
- 4. Increase non-chemical testing of water quality by 10% over previous year times.
- 5. Obtain an updated bathymetric (depth) map showing the water depths and the low & high fluctuations.
- 6. Work with Adams County LWCD & Planning & Zoning to protect designated critical habitat areas. Planning & Zoning were provided with copies of the critical habitat report in January 2007.
- 7. Protect undeveloped property, sensitive areas and critical habitat areas by investigating purchase of permanent conservation easement.
- 8. Set up study protocol and parameters to investigate impact of septic systems and spring locations on lake water quality.

WATER QUALITY Goal B: Restore natural shore conditions in riparian areas & incorporate stormwater runoff protection.

- 1. Set up 10-20 pilot shore & runoff protection demonstration sites over the next 3 yrs.
- 2. Contact landowners about design & installation of best management practices for voluntary shore restoration & stormwater runoff.

3. For those chosing to participate, obtain funding to assist in installation of shore restoration & runoff management practices.

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#### AQUATIC SPECIES MANAGEMENT

Goal A: Revise aquatic plant management plan to improve water quality & safety.

- 1. Continue to chemically spot-treat for EWM in Jordan Lake after evaluating need at end of prior year. Acreage needed for treatment has been declining in the last few years Reduce treatable acres in 3 years to no more than 6 acres per year.
- 2. Other options for controlling EWM not appropriate for Jordan Lake: (a) winter drawdc not possible since Jordan Lake is a natural lake; (b) mechanical harvesting at this time not appropriate due to patchy nature of current EWM distribution & considering disturbance of in-water habitat that can be caused by mechanical harvesting.
- 3. Educate & encourage lake users to hand-pull invasive plants by having on-site training to assist in identification, developing fact sheet about timing & methods, and posting information on website & around the lake.
- 4, Determine the cost in money & time required to implement propagration of milfoil weevils as possible additional control for EWM population.

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<u>Goal B:</u> Control current invasive species (Eurasian Watermilfoil and Curly-leaf Pondweed) and prevent infection by other exotic aquatics.

- 1. Control current invasives species & prevent infection by others.
- 2. Continue to evaluate ongoing plan for invasive species control & prevention.
- 3. Inventory lake for population for native weevils that attack EWM.
- 4. Recruit, train & schedule group of volunteers to monitor lake for invasive species.

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- 5. Conduct a trial process of hand-harvesting and compare to results of chemical spot treatment for management of Eurasian watermilfoil.
- 6. Recruit, train & schedule group of volunteers to participate in WDNR's Clean Boats,

Waters program.

- 7. Conduct periodic aquatic plant survey every 5 years.
- 8. Work with Adams County Parks & WDNR to improve boat ramp and prevent infection through boat ramp traffic.
- 9. Should instance of EWM increase, mechanical harvesting will be explored further as far as scheduling, costs & maintenance.
- 10. Increase the Clean Boats, Clean Waters volunteers in numbers and hours by

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# FISHERY & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

#### Goal A: Maintain fishery habitat & population in Jordan Lake.

- 1. Encourage for ongoing fish stocking and habitat increase.
- 2. Ask lakefront owners to leave fallen trees tree in lake littoral zone to increase fish habitat.
- 3. Request WDNR to conduct an updated fish survey to evaluate fishery.
- 4. Maintain predator fish population by encouraging catch and release.
- 5. Add 3-4 fish cribs to lake each year per DNR permit.
- 6. Determine feasibility of limited fish stocking by Jordan Lake District.

### RECREATIONAL MANAGEMENT

## <u>Goal A:</u> Maintain recreational opportunities while maintaining peace and solitude and preserving safety of lake users.

- 1. Work for buoys to be placed 200' from ordinary high water mark at public boat landing to mark no-wake area. Work with the Town of Jackson to mark critical habitat areas as no-wake areas.
- 2. Request compliance with slow no-wake ordinance and watercraft distance rules by signs, publications and community events.
- 3. Request Parks Department to provide safe & orderly parking in some areas at ramp to allow for turn-around and safe entry & exit.

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### WATEDSHED--LAND <u>Goal A:</u> Reduce nutrients entering lake from watershed. OUTSIDE SHORE

#### **AREA**

- 1. Implement State Agricultural Performance Standards by inventorying watershed and documenting: runoff from livestock confinement operations entering surface waters; livestock direct access sites; uncontained livestock manure storage facilities; soil erosion sites, and producers not implementing nutrient management plans and irrigation water management plans. Offer County, State, Federal cost share assistance and plan/design assistance to landowners identified in inventory so best management practices are installed for compliance with the State Agricultural Performance Standards.
- Complete inventory of lakeshore to identify & map erosion, buffer locations, and stormwater management sites that need to be corrected to assist in reducing nutrients & other pollutants entering the lake.

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## OTHER MANAGEMENT ISSUES

### **Goal A:** Protect sensitive/critical habita areas for their habitat value to Jordan Lake.

 Once sensitive/critical habitat areas have been determined by WDNR & Adams LWC develop strategy to protect them and incorporate strategy into the lake management plan

#### Goal B: Encourage diversity of wildlife around lake.

- 1. Conduct survey of lakefront owners to determine if they would like to encourage particular types of wildlife, including songbirds & water birds.
- 2. Obtain funding & install practices to encourage the desired wildlife.

### <u>Goal C:</u> Incorporate the goals of the general public into the lake management plan.

- Conduct public users survey to identify important management issues.
   Surveys and dropboxes will be located at boat launches for one year, at resorts & campgrounds, and at local businesses. Email may also be used.
- 2. Using this information, determine if and how to address these goals in the lake management plan.

#### Goal D: Research Management of Water Level of Jordan Lake

1. Design & install means of measuring water levels from one year to the next.

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