



Fourteen Island Mink Lakes Association

Planning on a Subwatershed Basis

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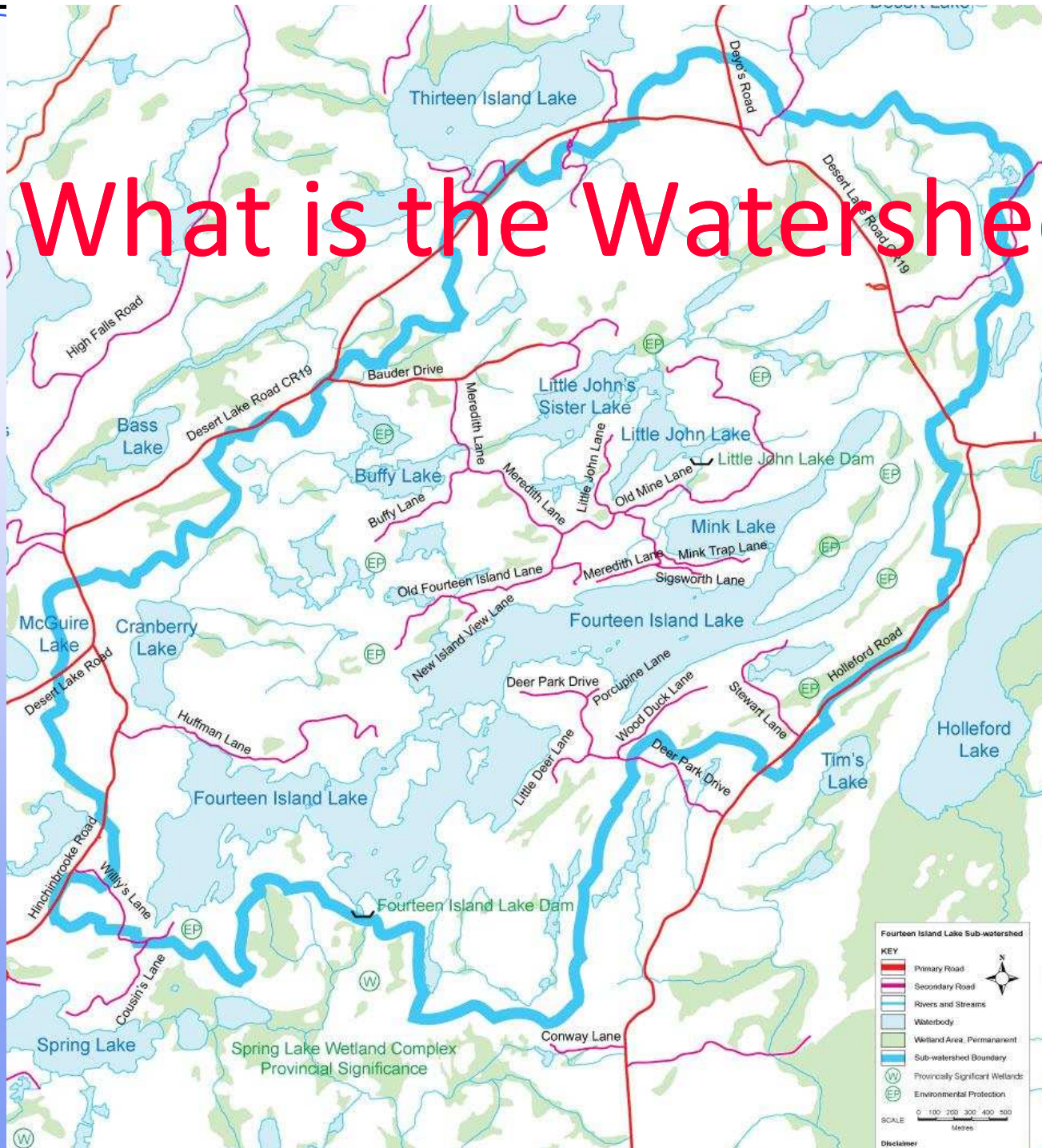
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What is the Watershed?



Why Plan Based on a Watershed?



- **Because water runs downhill**

What Were Our Goals?

- **To Plan on an Ecological Basis**



- **To Broaden Community Involvement**

1. The First Step



- Engage the Community

2. Establish Commonalities

VALUES:

- Tranquility
- Enjoying nature, esp. loons
- Fishing
- Clean water
- Natural shorelines
- Lack of boat traffic, jet skiis
- Sense of community
- Unobtrusive buildings
- Remote, but close to Kingston

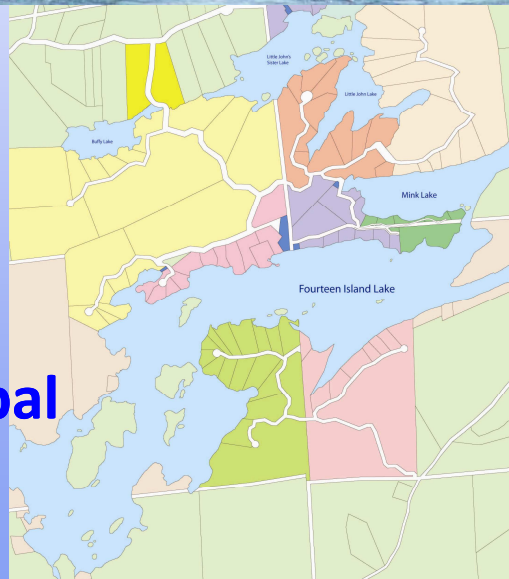
ISSUES:

- Water Quality
- Faulty septic systems
- Disappearing species
- Noise and light pollution
- Future development
- Invasive & exotic species
- Natural shorelines
- Water levels
- Fire protection/policing

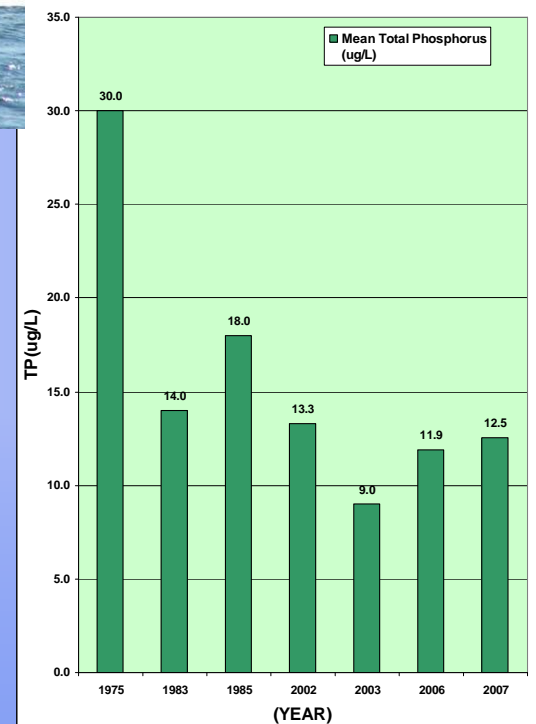
3. Find/Analyze Information

FOR FIVE LAKES – THE COMPLETE WATERSHED

- Natural Environment
- Water Quality & Quantity
- Fisheries & Fishing
- Social & Recreational
- Emergency & Municipal Services
- Land Use & Development



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4. Build/Retain Interest

- Offer something for all parts of the watershed



- Keep people informed & engaged

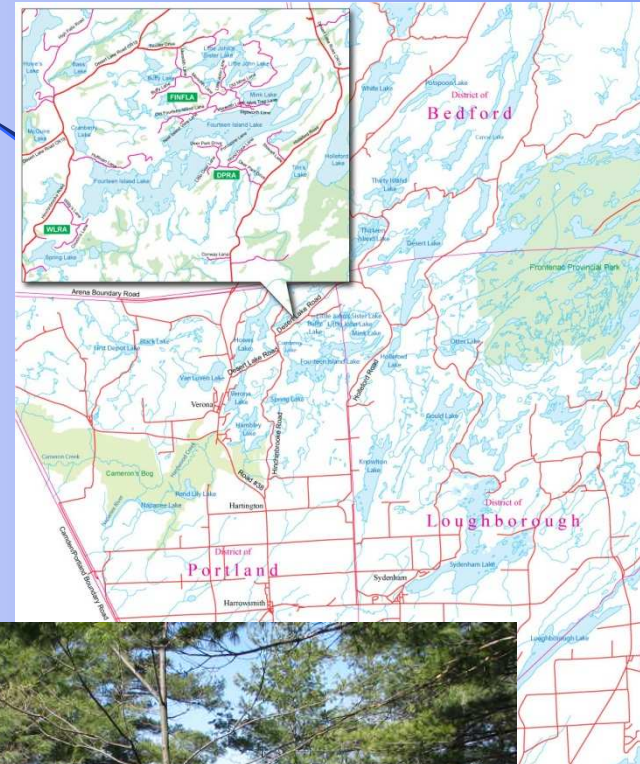
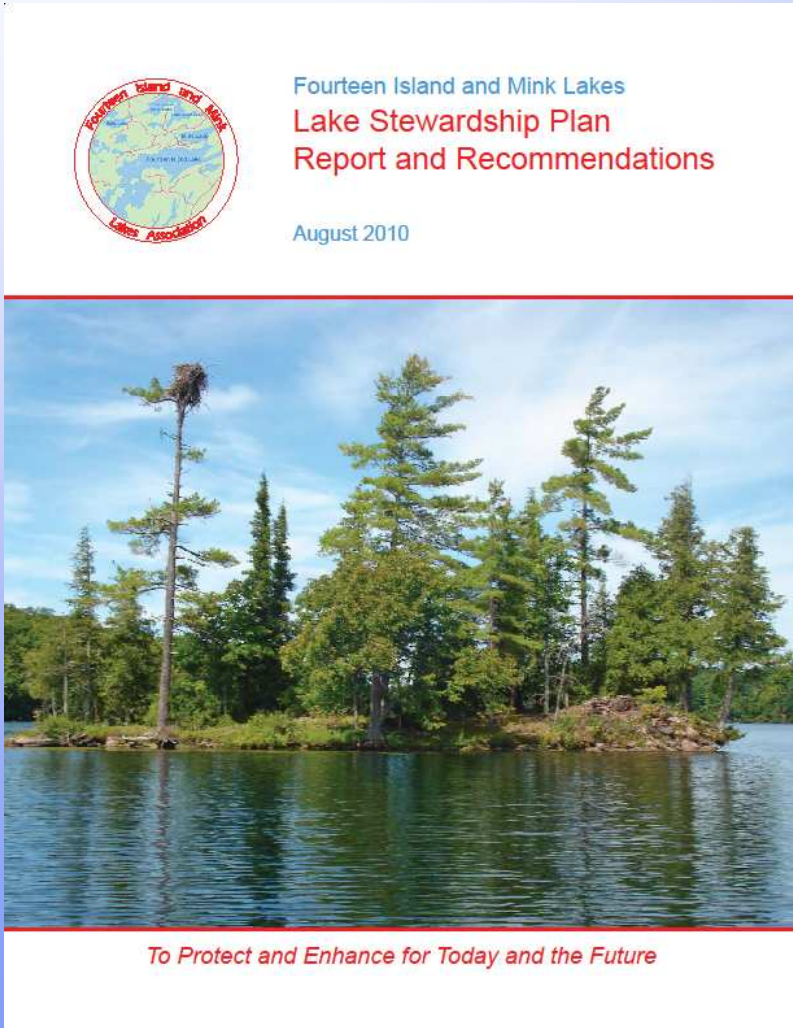
What Did We Accomplish?



1. Increased Membership

| Lake | Total # Properties | #Yr. Round | #Members | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------|----------|------|
| | | | 2007 | 2011 |
| Buffy* | 11 | 5 | 1 | 4 |
| L. John Sister* | 15 | 7 | 3 | 7 |
| Little John* | 10 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| Mink | 15 | 4 | 5 | 8 |
| 14 Island | 81 | 21 | 44 | 54 |
| TOTALS | 132 | 41 | 54 | 75 |

2. A Watershed-Based Lake Stewardship Plan



3. Increased Stewardship Actions

WATERSHED-BASED:

- Species List
- Water Quality Monitoring
- Water Level Monitoring
- Fishery Assessment & Rehabilitation
- Resident Awareness Programs



Watershed-based Planning Worked for FIMLA

- We planned on the basis of an ecological feature, the watershed
- We broadened our community involvement in the watershed
- We continue our Action Plan on the watershed level



Thanks for listening



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