

# Delavan Lake Watershed Initiative Network (Delavan Lake WIN)

## Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into by organizations whose work includes the management, development or protection of land or water within the Delavan Lake Watershed. This agreement creates a voluntary membership of organizations and agencies who share common interests in protecting the Delavan Lake watershed and have come together to work in coordinated collaboration.

### **Mission**

Delavan Lake WIN uses a watershed approach to attain a healthy, sustainable water quality in Delavan Lake that meets the needs of the surrounding human and ecological community. Delavan Lake WIN is composed of community groups, all levels of government, nonprofit organizations and other local interest groups. The diverse membership works collaboratively to implement a comprehensive Delavan Lake watershed plan by organizing, prioritizing, coordinating and monitoring land management and outreach activities.

### **Goals**

The proposed goals of Delavan Lake WIN are as follows:

1. Land in the Delavan Lake watershed is used, managed and developed in a manner that minimally impacts the Delavan Lake watershed.
2. The health of natural areas and ecological corridors is improved and protected.
3. Polluted runoff from agriculture, private property and development is reduced.
4. Delavan Lake WIN supports a comprehensive stormwater program that includes infrastructure, education and outreach.
5. An updated, comprehensive Delavan Lake watershed improvement plan document is created by updating the SEWRPC *CAPR No. 253: A Lake Management Plan for Delavan Lake* and completing a River Planning and Protection Plan for Jackson Creek Watershed. The new working document should incorporate adaptive management opportunities as watershed conditions change.
6. Delavan Lake WIN maintains a diverse membership and has the resources to enable its success.

### **Organization**

Organizational structure and practices are outlined in the Delavan Lake WIN Framework document, created in January 2011, and scheduled to be updated in the first quarter of 2013.

### **By signing this MOU, Delavan Lake WIN members agree to:**

- Identify one or two people to represent the organization or agency and allow that person

to attend meetings as necessary

- Help create and evaluate annual watershed management work plans that will prioritize and focus existing or new watershed management activities
- Identify and pool resources (services or money), when possible, to achieve goals outlined in the work plans
- Work to foster region-wide coordination of the Delavan Lake watershed management
- Identify new needs, challenges and opportunities for Delavan Lake WIN
- Be publicly listed as a member of Delavan Lake WIN

**It is mutually agreed and understood by and among the parties hereto that:**

--This Memorandum of Understanding reflects an entirely voluntary commitment among the parties hereto to cooperate and collaborate to achieve the vision and mission articulated herein. This Memorandum of Understanding in no way obligates or restricts the activities of any party hereto in any way.

--No member shall obligate, or purport to obligate, any other member with respect to any matter.

--Any member may withdraw from Delavan Lake WIN at any time by providing written notice of the party's intent to withdraw from the network.

--Likewise, the Delavan Lake WIN Steering Committee may ask a member to withdraw if the Steering Committee determines that the member is not acting in the spirit of the network's goals and objectives. Request for withdrawal will be made in writing by the Steering Committee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Memorandum of Understanding to be executed as of the date written below.

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Organization Authorized Representative

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Date

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Print Name and Organization