

Agricultural, Natural and Cultural Resources Goals and Objectives – Natural Resources:

Goal 1: Protect, enhance and promote the sustainable use and management of the Town's environmental diversity, natural resources, natural beauty and northwoods character.

Objective1: Identify and enhance the protection of environmentally sensitive and vulnerable resources.

- Action 1: Protect threatened and endangered resources
Primary Responsible Party – Plan Commission
Responsible Party – Town Board, WDNR
When – Ongoing
- Action 2: Foster the identification and elimination of invasive species.
Primary Responsible Party – Plan Commission
Responsible Party – WDNR
When – Ongoing
- Action 3: Develop cooperative management agreements (memorandums of understanding) MOU'S with relevant federal, state, regional, county and towns entities to enhance and protect environmental diversity.
Primary Responsible Party – Plan Commission
Responsible Party – Town Board
When – Ongoing
- Action 4: Foster working relationships (MOUS) with non-governmental organizations (NGO'S) to help identify, protect and conserve environmentally sensitive areas and resources (e.g. conservancies, lake associations, land trusts)
Primary Responsible Party – Plan Commission
Responsible Party – Town Board
When – Ongoing

Objective 2: Identify and enhance the protection of Natural Resources.

- Action 1: Enhance the protection of Wisconsin's public trust waters and shorelines by enforcing and promoting appropriate plans and ordinances
Primary Responsible Party – Plan Commission
Responsible Party – Town Board
When – Ongoing

- Action 2: Identify and protect vulnerable resources such as islands, wetland floodplains, environmental corridors, riparian areas, fish spawning grounds, remnant old growth landscapes, and unique and endangered plants (flora) and animals and birds (fauna)
Primary Responsible Party – Plan Commission
Responsible Party – Town Board, WDNR
When – Ongoing
- Action 3: Identify potentially highly erosive areas to protect water quality fish habitat and recreational use.
Primary Responsible Party – Plan Commission
Responsible Party – NWRPC, County Land Information Department (CLID)
When – Ongoing
- Action 4: Foster the preparation of watershed based management plans that enhance and protect water quality, quality fisheries, and diverse recreational boating opportunities.
Primary Responsible Party – Plan Commission
Responsible Party – Town Board, County, NWRPC
When – Ongoing
- Action 5: Protect wildlife habitat areas in the town, beyond regulated wetlands, floodplains and shorelands, identifying natural areas in the town using this information:
- a. Seek grant-funding sources available through the WDNR and other agencies to help protect wildlife habitat areas for future generations to enjoy.
 - b. Build partnerships with local habitat conservation organizations (Ducks Unlimited, Trout Unlimited, Nature Conservancy, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Loon Watch, etc.) to help with wildlife protection and education.
 - c. Seek to prevent fragmentation of these habitats by encouraging cluster and conservation-based development.
- Primary Responsible Party – Plan Commission
Responsible Party – Conservation Organizations, WDNR
When – Ongoing

- Action 6: Foster the preparation of a comprehensive open space and by-ways plan including the identification of potential parks, waysides, water access areas, picnic areas, active recreational areas and a system of multiuse and interlinked trails, paths and roads.
- Primary Responsible Party – Plan Commission
Responsible Party – NWRPC, WDNR
When – Ongoing
- Action 7: Encourage property owners and lake and riverway users to participate in the preparation and implementation of long range management plans to protect water quality, environmental diversity, a quality fishery and a quality recreational experience(s).
- Primary Responsible Party – Plan Commission
Responsible Party – NWRPC, WDNR
When – Ongoing
- Action 8: Protect Wisconsin’s Legacy areas and landscapes identified in the WDNR Land Legacy Report.
- Primary Responsible Party – Plan Commission
Responsible Party – Town Board, County, WDNR
When – Ongoing
- Action 9: Protect exceptional and outstanding waters identified by the WDNR and EPA.
- Primary Responsible Party – Plan Commission
Responsible Party – Town Board, WDNR
When – Ongoing

Objective 3: Identify, enhance and promote the protection of Natural Beauty.

- Action 1: Promote and enhance the protection of natural beauty from Wisconsin’s Public Trust Waters by enforcing applicable laws and ordinances.
- Primary Responsible Party – Plan Commission
Responsible Party – WDNR
When – Ongoing
- Action 2: Identify legacy lands that enhance and promote the protection of natural beauty.
- Primary Responsible Party – Plan Commission
Responsible Party – County, WDNR, NWRPC
When – Ongoing

- Action 3: Identify and promote the development of an integrated system of scenic by-ways that enhances access to natural beauty.
Primary Responsible Party – Plan Commission
Responsible Party – Town Board, County, NWRPC
When – Ongoing
- Action 4: Develop design ordinances that limits the deployment and type of outdoor advertising along scenic by-ways and public rights-of-ways.
Primary Responsible Party – Plan Commission
Responsible Party – Town Board, County, Xcel, Jump River Electric, Other Utility Companies and Cooperatives
When – Ongoing
- Action 5: Develop location and design ordinances that protect natural beauty and optimize the deployment of cell towers and wind energy generation facilities.
Primary Responsible Party – Plan Commission
Responsible Party – Town Board, County, Xcel, Jump River Electric, Other Utility Companies and Cooperatives
When – Ongoing
- Action 6: Develop and adopt a comprehensive road-side litter collection program.
Primary Responsible Party – Plan Commission
Responsible Party – Town Board, County
When – Ongoing

Objective 4: Define Northwoods Character.

- Action 1: Develop a working and supportable definition for what constitutes Northwoods Character in the Town of Round Lake. (e.g. the presence of old growth forests, wetlands, fall color, USFS lands, public trust waters, historical logging artifacts, native American activities, wild rice beds, forested islands, viewing opportunities of wildlife such as eagles and osprey, wolves, Elk, and deer, local ad restaurants, resorts and the absence of bill boards, big box business, chains, over zealous shoreline development, etc.)
Primary Responsible Party – Plan Commission
Responsible Party – Town Board
When – Ongoing

Action 2: Promote plans, ordinances and design standards that enhance and sustain northwoods character.
Responsible Party – Plan Commission
When – Ongoing

Action 3: Promote outdoor lighting ordinances and design standards that maintain public access to dark skies.
Primary Responsible Party – Plan Commission
Responsible Party – Town Board
When – Ongoing

Goal 2: Preserve the quality of our area's lakes, surface waters such as streams, rivers, and springs.

Objective 1: Reduce non-point nutrient and erosion runoff into lakes, streams, rivers and springs.

Action 1: Protect surface water quality by supporting stream bank management, natural shoreline restoration practices, river and stream clean-up initiatives, and use of buffer areas.
Primary Responsible Party – Plan Commission
Responsible Party – Town Board, WDNR
When – Ongoing

Action 2: Require construction site erosion control programs designed to improve water quality of the surface waters
Primary Responsible Party – Plan Commission
Responsible Party – Town Board
When – Ongoing

Action 3: Require effective storm water management
Responsible Party – Town Board
When – Ongoing

Action 4: Encourage the Town of Round Lake to use environmentally friendly products on the roadways for winter safety
Primary Responsible Party – Town Board
Responsible Party – County Highway Department, WDOT
When – Ongoing

Action 5: Encourage and provide incentives for the use of retention ponds/rain gardens for stormwater management
Responsible Party – Town Board
When – Ongoing

Action 6: Encourage the use of riprap in ditches to prevent excessive flow of water within the ditch.
Responsible Party – Town Board
When – Ongoing

Objective 2: Protect sensitive shorelands from by identifying and mapping wetlands, river and stream corridors, springs, floodplains and environmental corridors.

Action 1: Limit development near wetlands, river and stream corridors springs, floodplains, and in environmental corridors
Primary Responsible Party – Plan Commission
Responsible Party – Town Board
When – Ongoing

Action 2: Require a buffer of natural vegetation along shorelines and wetlands.
Primary Responsible Party – Plan Commission
Responsible Party – Town Board
When – Ongoing

Action 3: Require that wetlands remain in its natural condition.
Primary Responsible Party – Plan Commission
Responsible Party – Town Board
When – Ongoing

Objective 3: Promote understanding of the importance of water resources through distribution and public discussion of this plan

Action 1: Prepare press items, radio and TV interviews, web site promotion, Town Board presentations, etc.
Primary Responsible Party – Plan Commission
Responsible Party – Town Board
When – Ongoing

Goal 3: Protect and improve the quality and quantity of the Town's ground water

Objective 1: Ensure the protection of the town's groundwater

Action 1: Identify potential point and non-point sources of pollution
Primary Responsible Party – Plan Commission
Responsible Party – NWRPC, County, Town Board
When – Ongoing

- Action 2: Systematically evaluate the potential impacts of development proposals on groundwater quality and quantity
Primary Responsible Party – Plan Commission
Responsible Party – NWRPC
When – Ongoing
- Action 3: Assume leadership and coordination of efforts with surrounding Towns to monitor groundwater quality and potential contamination issues.
Primary Responsible Party – Plan Commission
Responsible Party – Town Board, County
When – Ongoing
- Action 4: Support a well abandonment program.
Responsible Party – County
When – Ongoing
- Objective 2: Ensure that adequate amounts of safe drinking water are available through out the town
- Action 1: Identify and map springs, water supply well head areas, and aquifers
Primary Responsible Party – Plan Commission
Responsible Party – Town Board, WDNR, County, State Geological Survey, U.S. Geological Survey
When – Ongoing
- Action 2: Inventory potential contaminant sources within the recharge areas for wells
Primary Responsible Party – Plan Commission
Responsible Party – County
When – Ongoing
- Action 3: Identify ways to protect aquifer recharge areas from risk of contamination
Primary Responsible Party – WDNR
Responsible Party – State Geological Survey, U.S. Geological Survey
When – Ongoing
- Action 4: Protect groundwater quality through the proper placement and dispersion of new on-site wastewater systems, appropriate maintenance and replacement of older systems.
Primary Responsible Party – County
Responsible Party – WDNR
When – Ongoing

- Action 5: Avoid new development within 1200 feet of open and closed landfills.
Responsible Party – Plan Commission
When – Ongoing
- Action 6: Limit excessive irrigation practices.
Primary Responsible Party – Plan Commission
Responsible Party – WDNR
When – Ongoing
- Action 7: Support conservation development designs.
Primary Responsible Party – Plan Commission
Responsible Party – Town Board
When – Ongoing
- Action 8: Continue working with WDNR to monitor effects of closed dump sites.
Primary Responsible Party – Plan Commission
Responsible Party – WDNR
When – Ongoing

Goal 4: Manage Stormwater Runoff

Objective 1: Promote stormwater management practices that reduce property and road damage and ensure a high level of water quality.

- Action 1: Promote the use of stormwater management practices to abate non-point source pollution and protect water quality.
Primary Responsible Party – Plan Commission
Responsible Party – Town Board
When – Ongoing
- Action 2: Preserve natural open space areas such as wetlands and floodplains that will accommodate floodwater and minimize flooding.
Primary Responsible Party – Plan Commission
Responsible Party – Town Board, County, WDNR, NWRPC
When – Ongoing
- Action 3: Maintain town road-side swales/ditches/culverts and other related stormwater facilities for both stormwater quantity and quality control.
Primary Responsible Party – Town Board
Responsible Party – County
When – Ongoing

Action 4: All new or altered ditch slopes shall contain proper stabilization.
Primary Responsible Party – Town Board
Responsible Party – County
When – Ongoing

Action 5: Consider the potential impacts of development proposals on the adequacy of existing and proposed stormwater management features including stormwater storage areas, culverts, ditches, and bridges.
Primary Responsible Party – Town Board
Responsible Party – County
When – Ongoing

OR

Action 5: Stormwater management shall be addressed as a requirement of all development proposals with an appropriate level of review based on potential negative impacts caused by construction site erosion and post-construction runoff.
Primary Responsible Party – Town Board
Responsible Party – County
When – Ongoing