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From: Michele Sadauskas
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 1:24 PM
To: Jonna Jewell
Subject: FW: pond lake designation



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Hi Michele,

Thanks for asking about this. Below is my take and I understand it is up to the County Planning and Development Committee to ultimately decide on the terminology in the table.

I would recommend calling them all lakes. They would be introducing an additional layer of terminology that does not match with any other government terminology by defining some as lakes and some as ponds based on a 50 acre threshold. There is no ecological basis for this distinction. This will create confusion when communicating with the public. For DNR water quality assessment purposes they are all considered lakes.

There is no consistent definition of pond in state rules as far as I am aware. Different state agencies define ponds a certain way for a specific purpose; such as stormwater ponds, private ponds (for APM permitting), artificial ponds, etc. In general (but not always), ponds in these definitions are an artificially created waterbody.

Vilas and Oneida County are unique worldwide in the number of lakes that exist on our landscape. The vast majority of these are small lakes. I think we should be proud of all of the lakes and continue to call them lakes.

Take care,
Scott

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Hi Scott & Lauren-

Our Planning & Development committee is revising our 10-yr. Comprehensive Plan. They have opted to put this table in to describe our lakes. Do you have any comment with the changing of 'lake' to 'pond' for our waterbodies under 50 acres?

I'm not 100% sure why their desire to go this route.



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