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# Definitions & Abbreviations

**Ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>)** – an inorganic form of nitrogen that is contained in fertilizers, septic system effluent, and animal wastes. It is also a product of bacterial decomposition of organic matter. NH<sub>3</sub> becomes a concern if high levels of the un-ionized form are present. In this form NH<sub>3</sub> can be toxic to aquatic organisms. The presence of un-ionized ammonia is a function of the NH<sub>3</sub> concentration, pH, and temperature. Conversion of NH<sub>3</sub> to NO<sub>2</sub> by nitrification requires large quantities of oxygen which can kill aquatic organisms due to the lowered dissolved oxygen concentrations in water.

**Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)** – non-native species such as zebra mussels and Eurasian watermilfoil

**Birch Lake Improvement District (BLID)** – Homeowner/lakeshore owners on Birch Lake in White Bear Lake MN

**Chlorophyll-a (Chl A)** - Chl A is a green pigment in algae. Measuring Chl A concentration gives an indication of how abundant algae are in a waterbody.

**Colony Forming Units (CFU)** – unit used in measuring the level of E. coli in a water sample.

**Conductivity (mS/cm)** - Conductivity is a good measure of salinity in water. The measurement detects chloride ions from the salt. Salinity affects the potential dissolved oxygen levels in the water. The greater the salinity, the lower the saturation point. Measurement in millisiemens per cm. 1 mS/cm = 1000 uS/cm.

**Dissolved Oxygen (DO)** - The concentration of molecular oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>) dissolved in water. The DO level represents one of the most important measurements of water quality and is a critical indicator of a water body's ability to support healthy ecosystems. Levels above 5 mg/L are considered optimal, and most fish cannot survive for prolonged periods at levels below 3 mg/L. Microbial communities in water use oxygen to breakdown organic materials, such as animal waste products and decomposing algae and other vegetation. Low levels of dissolved oxygen can be a sign that too much organic material is in a water body.

**Ecoli** – Criteria for E. coli set forth in Minn.R. 7050.0222 creek must not exceed 126 organisms per 100 ml as a geometric mean of not less than 5 samples in any calendar month, nor shall more than ten percent of all samples taken during any calendar month individually exceed 1,260 organisms per 100 ml

**EQUIS** - a repository for water quality, biological, and physical data and is used by state environmental agencies, EPA and other federal agencies, universities, private citizens, and many others. The MPCA uses the information entered into the database to determine the quality of the state's water bodies. If water quality standards are not met, the water body will be designated as impaired and will need to have a TMDL study conducted.

**Eutrophic** – a water body that is high in nutrients and low oxygen content. A eutrophic lake is usually shallow, green, with limited oxygen in the bottom layer of water.

**Eutrophication** – The aging process by which lakes are fertilized with nutrients. Natural eutrophication will gradually change the character of a lake. Human activities can accelerate the process.

**Hypereutrophic** – A very nutrient-rich lake with murky water, frequent algal blooms and fish kills, foul odor, and rough fish

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**Impaired Waters** – The Clean Water Act requires states to publish, every two years, a list of streams and lakes that are not meeting their designated uses because of excess pollutants. The list, known as the 303(d) list, is based on violations of water quality standards.

**Mesotrophic** – the classification between eutrophic and oligotrophic lakes. These lakes have moderately clear water, late-summer algal blooms, moderate macrophyte populations, and occasional fish kills.

**Molecular Sourcing** – the use of specific DNA markers to determine presence of a specific host origin of E.coli in a water sample (example, Human or Avian)

**Most Probable Number (MPN)** - unit used in measuring the level of E. coli in a water sample, similar to (CFU)

**Nitrate (NO<sub>3</sub>)** – High NO<sub>3</sub> levels are often caused by over application of fertilizers that leach into water-bodies. Nitrate loading from water bodies in Minnesota has national implications as it is the primary chemical contributing to the hypoxia (low oxygen) zone at the mouth of the Mississippi River in the Gulf of Mexico. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has a standard for nitrates in drinking water of 10ppb, infants and children are especially at risk.

**Nitrite (NO<sub>2</sub>)** – The second stage of the nitrogen cycle. Nitrite is poisonous to fish. Levels over 75 ug/L can cause stress in fish and greater than 500 ug/L can be toxic

**Nitrogen (N)** – Nitrogen is second only to phosphorus as an important nutrient for plant and algae growth. The amount of nitrogen in a water body strongly correlates to land use. Nitrogen comes from fertilizers, animal waste, sewage treatment plants and septic systems through surface runoff or groundwater sources. Nitrogen does not occur naturally in soil minerals but is a major component of all organic matter.

**Nitrogen Cycle** - the process of nitrogen breakdown in water. The first stage is the production of NH<sub>3</sub>. The second stage is the oxidation of NH<sub>3</sub> into NO<sub>2</sub> which is very poisonous to fish. The final stage is conversion of NO<sub>3</sub> which aquatic plants use. Once the plants have used their share of NO<sub>3</sub>, bacteria change it back into a gaseous form and release it back to the atmosphere. The Nitrogen Cycle is dependent on oxygen. If a water body has low DO, organic decay of nitrogen is slower and the water will have increased interim levels of toxic products (NH<sub>3</sub> and NO<sub>2</sub>). The cycle also moves quicker in warmer water.

**Oligotrophic** – a water body that is generally clear, deep, and free of weeds or large algae blooms.

**Particulate Phosphorus** – a form of phosphorus that is attached to sediment particles and in plant and animal fragments suspended in the water and may not be immediately available to support algae growth. Some of this phosphorus is readily available but the amount can vary.

**Phosphorus (P)** - Phosphorus is the primary cause of excessive plant and algae growth in lake systems. Phosphorus originates from a variety of sources, many of which are human related. Major sources include human and animal wastes, soil erosion, detergents, septic systems and runoff from farmland, yards, and streets.

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**Secchi Disk** – a round, white, metal disk that is used to determine water clarity. It is lowered into the water until it is not visible. The depth is recorded, and then the disk is raised until it is visible. The mean value of the two readings gives the clarity.

**Secchi Disk Transparency (SDT)** - the term used in describing the results of a secchi reading expressed in feet or meters.

**Soluble Reactive Phosphorus (SRP)** – a form of phosphorus that dissolves in water and is readily available (bio-available) to algae and has an immediate effect on algae growth and DO depletion. Its concentration varies widely over short periods of time as plants take it up and release it.

**St. Paul Regional Water Service (SPRWS)** – Agency which assists VLAWMO with water quality testing and controls the Vadnais chain of lakes, which supplies drinking water to the city of St. Paul.

**Surface Water Assessment Grant (SWAG)** - Grant awarded by the PCA to help fund surface water monitoring

**Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN)** – The sum of NO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>3</sub>, and NH<sub>3</sub> in a water body. High measurements of TKN typically results from sewage and manure discharges to water bodies.

**Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)** – Calculation of the maximum amount of a pollutant that a waterbody can receive and still meet water quality standards and an allocation of that amount to the pollutant's source.

**Total Nitrate and Nitrite Nitrogen** - Nitrate (NO<sub>3</sub>) plus nitrite (NO<sub>2</sub>) as nitrogen. In lakes, most nitrate/nitrogen is in NO<sub>3</sub> form.

**Total Phosphorus (TP)** – A nutrient essential to the growth of organisms, and is commonly the limiting factor in the primary productivity of surface water bodies. Total phosphorus includes the amount of phosphorus in solution (reactive) and in particle form. Agricultural drainage, wastewater, and certain industrial discharges are typical sources of phosphorus, and can contribute to the eutrophication of surface water bodies.

**Total Suspended Solids (TSS)** – Very small particles remaining dispersed in a liquid due to turbulent mixing that can create turbid or cloudy conditions. A measure of the material suspended in water in mg/l. Total suspended solids (TSS) cause: a) interference with light penetration, b) buildup of sediment and c) potential reduction in aquatic habitat. Solids also carry nutrients that cause algal blooms and other toxic pollutants that are harmful to fish. Clay, silt, and sand from soils, phytoplankton (suspended algae), bits of decaying vegetation, industrial wastes, and sewage are common suspended solids.

**Trophic Status Indicator (TSI)** – TSI is an indicator of water quality. Lakes can be divided into three categories based on trophic state – oligotrophic, mesotrophic and eutrophic. A natural aging process occurs in lakes which cause them to change from oligotrophic to eutrophic over time and eventually fill in. Humans can accelerate this process by allowing nutrients from agriculture, lawn fertilizers, streets, septic systems, and urban storm drains to enter lakes. Trophic status is determined through TP, Chl A, and SDT measurements.

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**Turbidity** – a water quality parameter that refers to how clear the water is. It is an indicator of the concentration of suspended solids in the water. Excessive sedimentation in streams and rivers is considered to be the major source of surface water pollution in the United States. Polluted waters are commonly turbid. Turbidity is expressed in NTU (Nephelometric Turbidity Units).

**Volatile Suspended Solids (VSS)** – a measure of the organic matter in suspended particles. When measured in conjunction with TSS, the proportions of organic versus mineral content of the particles can be determined.

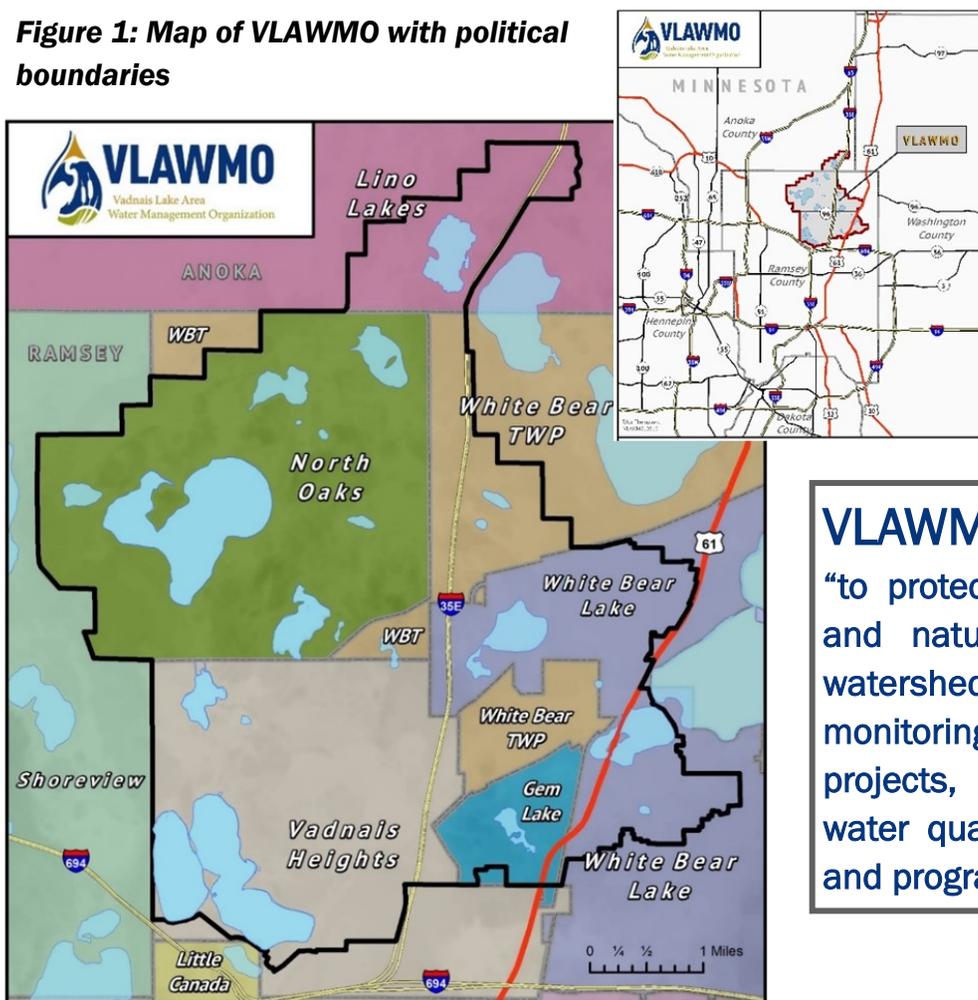
# INTRODUCTION



The Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization (VLAWMO) covers approximately 25 square miles in the northeast metropolitan area. The watershed encompasses the City of North Oaks and portions of the Cities of White Bear Lake, Gem Lake, Vadnais Heights, Lino Lakes, and White Bear Township. The watershed is 96% urbanized; agricultural land exists in the northern end of the boundaries. New land development is occurring near Wilkinson Lake. Data collected through this program tracks changes in water quality in conjunction with the change in land use around these water bodies.

VLAWMO works in conjunction with the St. Paul Regional Water Service (SPRWS) on water quality monitoring. The SPRWS monitors the direct surface water flow into Vadnais Lake to assure high quality drinking water for over 400,000 consumers. The SPRWS monitors the main chain of lakes (Charley Lake, Pleasant Lake, Sucker Lake and East Vadnais Lake) and VLAWMO monitors Lambert Creek which flows directly into East Vadnais Lake.

**Figure 1: Map of VLAWMO with political boundaries**



**VLAWMO's mission is**  
"to protect and enhance the water and natural resources within the watershed through water quality monitoring, education and outreach projects, wetland protection, and water quality enhancement projects and programs."

# INTRODUCTION

VLAWMO began the Lake Monitoring Program in 1997 to monitor several lakes and ponds within the watershed that were identified as having local significance. Staff collect samples from 15 water bodies: Amelia Lake, Birch Lake, Black Lake, Charlie Lake, Deep Lake, Gem Lake, Gilfillan Lake, Goose Lake East, Goose Lake West, Pleasant Lake, Sucker Lake, Tamarack Lake, East & West Vadnais Lake and Wilkinson Lake. These lakes are mostly shallow with average depths no greater than 9 feet. Five lakes are deeper than 9 feet (Charlie, Gem, Pleasant, Sucker and East Vadnais) Six areas along Lambert Creek are also sampled as part of the Organization’s mission to protect and improve the water-related environment. The data received from the monitoring is used by VLAWMO and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) to determine the health of the state’s waters.

**Figure 2: Map of VLAWMO Water Resources**

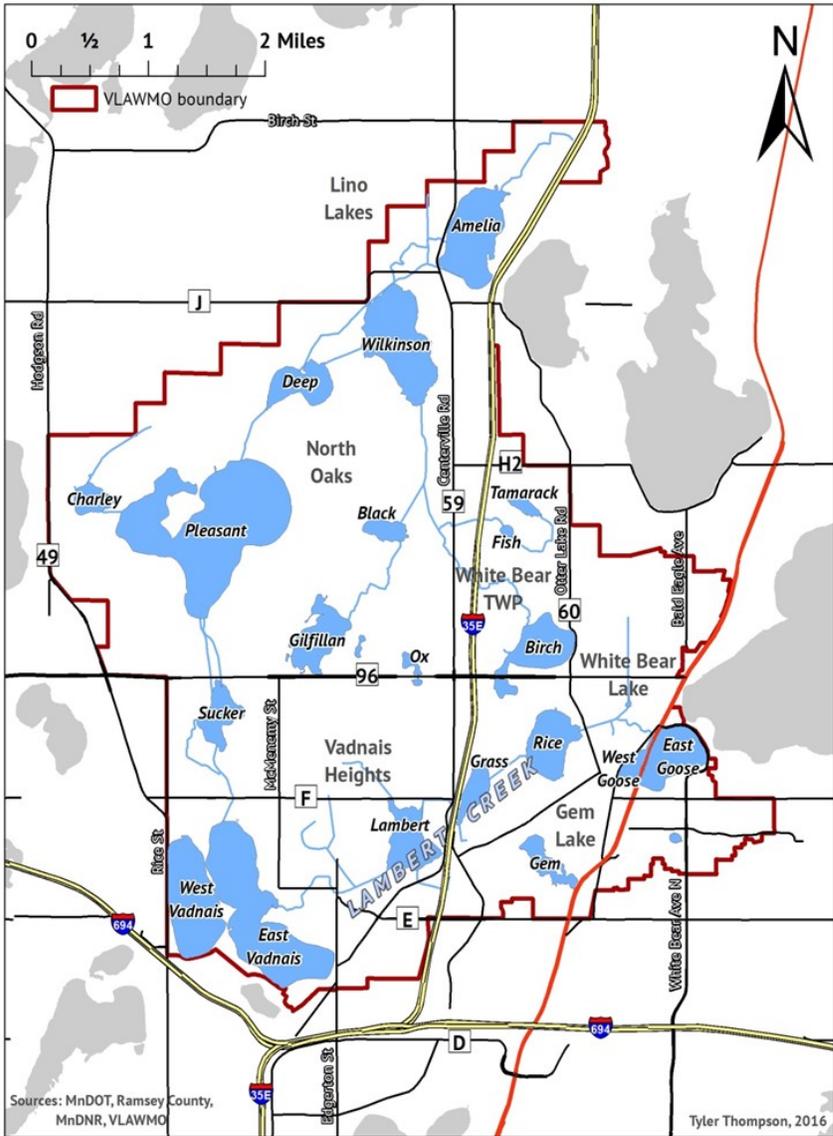
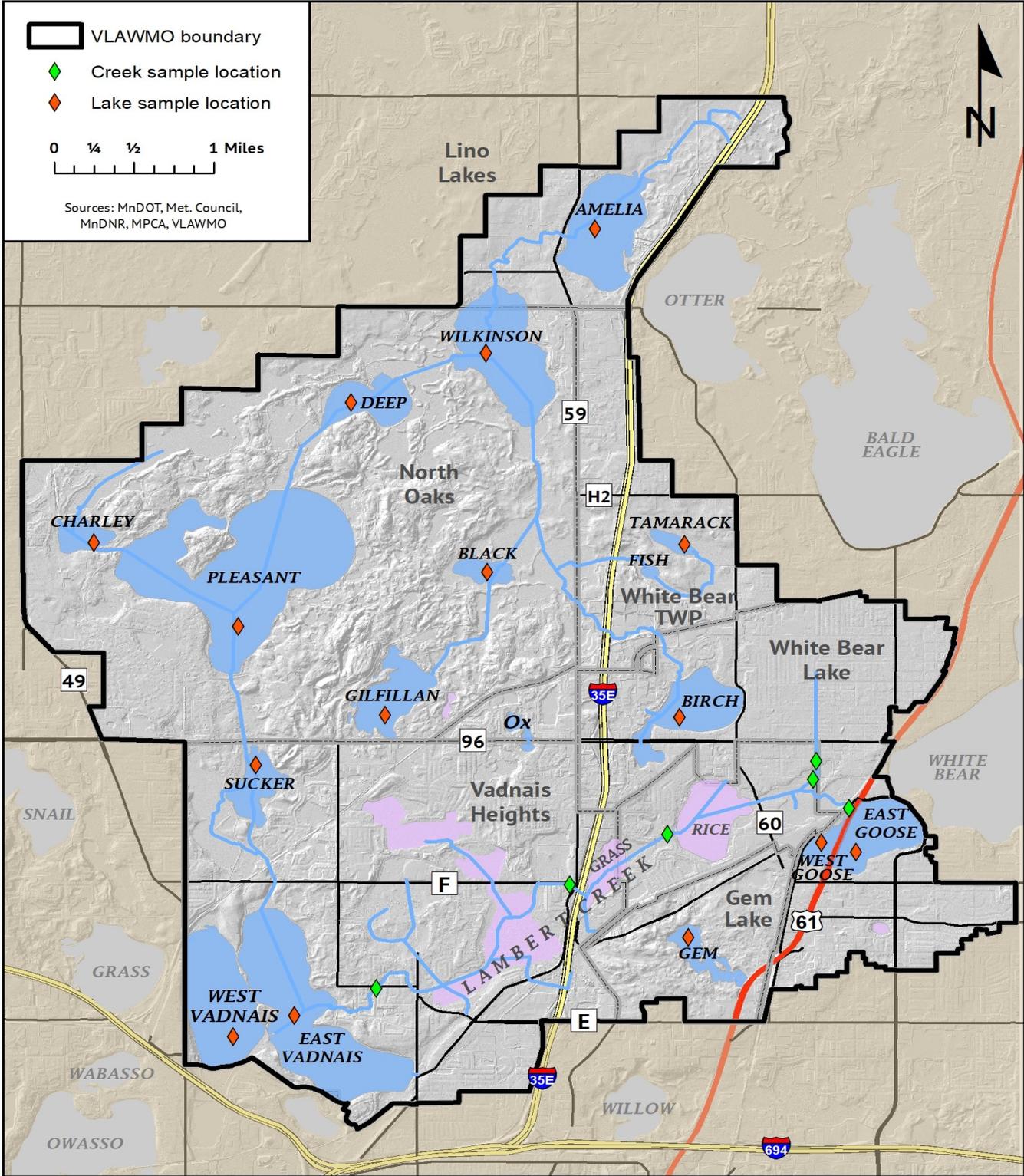


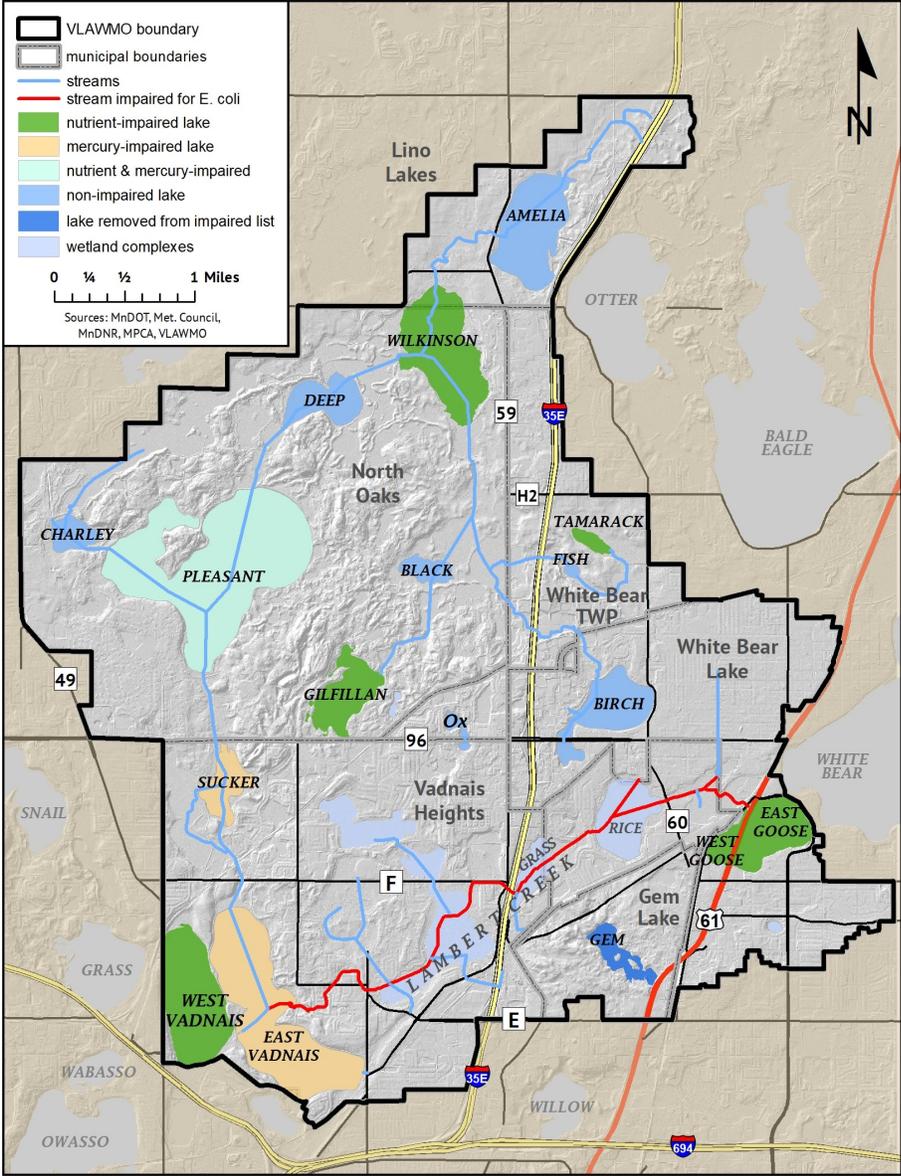
Figure 3: Monitoring Sites in VLAWMO



## Impaired Water Designations

The watershed has had several water bodies listed on the MPCA 303(d) list for Impaired Waters. The SPRWS Chain of Lakes (Pleasant, Sucker and Vadnais Lakes) have all been listed for nutrient pollution, specifically mercury. These lakes have been infested with zebra mussels, an aquatic invasive species, though this is not a condition of the Impaired Waters listing. This chain of lakes is fed by the Mississippi River through a pump in Fridley, MN. Lambert Creek has been added to the impaired list for bacteria, specifically fecal coliform or E. coli. Gilfillan Lake, Goose Lake and Wilkinson Lake, impaired for nutrients, have also been added. Pleasant Lake, Tamarack Lake and West Vadnais Lake were added to the impaired list for nutrients in 2018.

**Figure 4: Waterbodies listed on the MPCA 303(d) Impaired Waters List**



# INTRODUCTION

## Typical Measurements for Lakes and Streams

VLAWMO's watershed falls within the North Central Hardwood Forest (CHF) ecoregion. This ecoregion is an area of transition between the forested areas to the north and east and the agricultural areas to the south and west. The terrain varies from rolling hills to smaller plains. Non-urbanized upland areas are forested by hardwoods and conifers. Plains include livestock pastures, hay fields and row crops such as potatoes, beans, peas and corn.

The ecoregion contains many lakes, and water clarity and nutrient levels are moderate. Land surrounding many of these lakes has been developed for housing and recreation, and the densely populated metropolitan area dominates the eastern portion of this region. Water quality problems that face many of the water bodies in the area are associated with contaminated runoff from paved surfaces and lawns.

Below are typical measurements one might find for lakes and streams in the CHF ecoregion:

<b>Typical Lake Measurements in CHF Ecoregion</b>							
Field pH	TSS (mg/L)	NO <sub>x</sub> (µg/L)	TP (µg/L)	Turb (NTU)	SDT (m)	Chl-a (µg/L)	TKN (µg/L)
8.6 - 8.8	2 - 6	<100	23 - 50	1 - 2	1.5 - 3.2	5 - 22	600 - 1200
<b>Streams</b>							
Field pH	TSS (mg/L)	NO <sub>x</sub> (µg/L)	TP (µg/L)	Turb (NTU)	Fecal Coliform (cfu/100 ml)	Temp (°C)	BOD (in mg/L)
7.9 - 8.3	4.8 - 16	4 - 26	6 - 15	3 - 8.5	40 - 360	2 - 21	- 3.2

The MPCA has water quality standards based on a designated use for the water body. VLAWMO's water is classified as "2B". The SPRWS chain of lakes has a stricter designation of "2Bd" due to it being the drinking water source for St. Paul. The quality of Class 2B water must be suitable for aquatic recreation of all kinds as well as to support fish and aquatic plant life. In 2008, the MPCA approved new standards which will separate deep from shallow lakes. All of the lakes VLAWMO monitors are considered shallow and therefore those standards will apply. For those parameters which the MPCA does not have standards, the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has maximum contaminant level standards. VLAWMO's goal is to have its waterbodies within these standards.

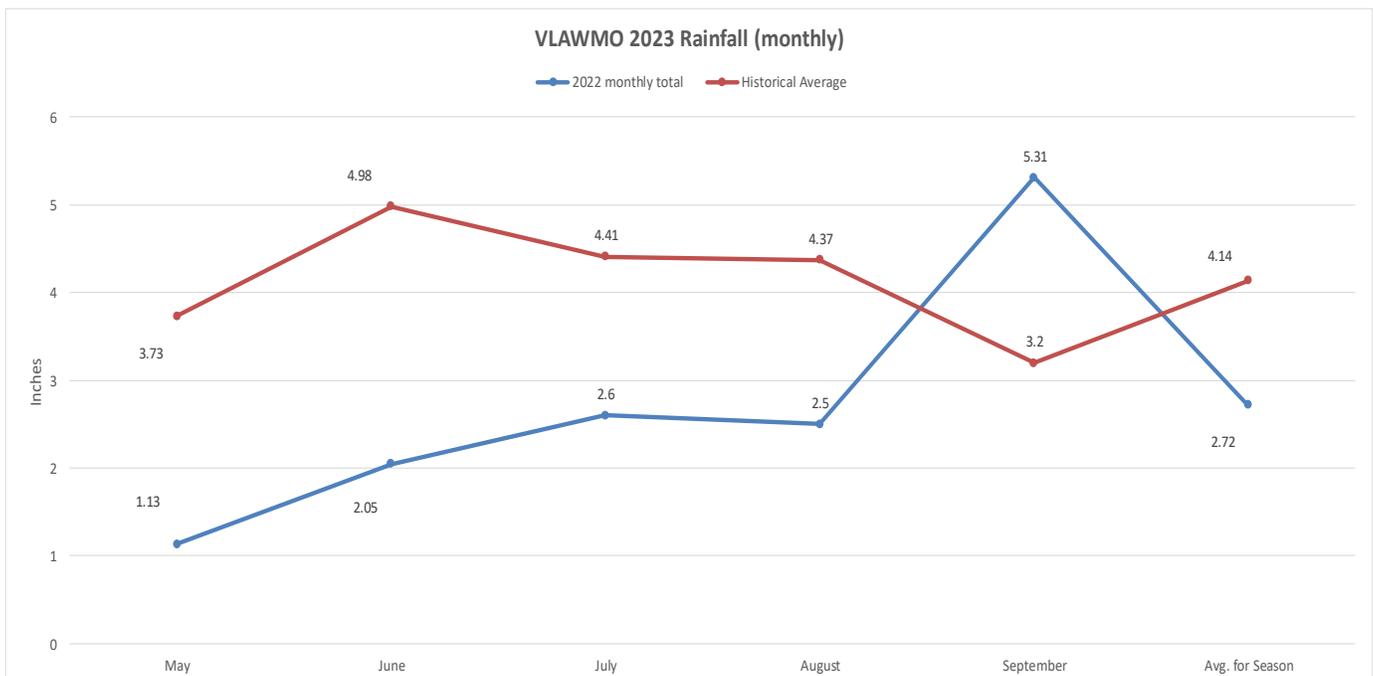
<b>MPCA Standards Lakes</b>					<b>EPA Standards</b>	
TP (µg/L)	Chl A (µg/L)	SDT (m)	Turb (NTU)	TSS (mg/L)	TKN (µg/L)	NO <sub>2</sub> (µg/L)
< 60 shallow <40 deep	< 20 shallow <14 deep	> 1 shallow >1.4 deep	< 25	< 100	< 1000	< 100
<b>MPCA Standards - Rivers and Streams</b>					<b>EPA Standards</b>	
Fecal Coliform daily maximum (cfu/100 ml)	Chloride (Cl) chronic (mg/L)	Turb (NTU)	TSS (mg/L)	Un-ionized Ammonia (µg/L)	TKN (µg/L)	NO <sub>2</sub> (µg/L)
< 1260	< 230	< 25	< 100	<40	< 1000	< 100

## Precipitation in 2022

Major factors influence water quality including the amount of precipitation, timing of precipitation events, and land use practices in the watershed. Long-term monitoring is necessary to characterize the impacts of various land use practices on surface water runoff within VLAWMO.

The 2023 monitoring season precipitation was below average by 1.42 inches per month and 0.03 inches above 2022 monitoring season precipitation. Precipitation moves contaminants resting on lawns, roofs, streets, and parking lots into nearby water bodies or into storm sewers that outlet into water bodies. Typically, the more precipitation that occurs, the more runoff there will be in the watershed. However, the timing and intensity of the precipitation, as well as soil types, land slopes, land uses, and other factors can influence the amount of runoff that reaches the water bodies. Lack of rain can also have an effect on the concentration of nutrients and chemicals in our water bodies. With a smaller volume of water in our water bodies, the more concentrated the nutrients and chemicals can become.

2023 Precipitation Data (in inches) Vadnais Heights City Hall Rain Gauge, Vadnais Heights, MN			
	2023 monthly total	Historical Average	Deviation
May	1.13	3.73	-2.6
June	2.05	4.98	-2.93
July	2.6	4.41	-1.81
August	2.5	4.37	-1.87
September	5.31	3.2	2.11
<b>Avg. for Season</b>	<b>2.76</b>	<b>4.14</b>	<b>-1.42</b>



## Preliminary Analysis of Lake Data

VLAWMO staff collects samples from the lakes and creek at two-week intervals from May through September. At the time of collection, staff measure water transparency with a Secchi disk (SDT), evaluate the physical and recreational conditions of the water, and if available, take a lake level reading. Samples are delivered to RMB Labs within 24 hours for chemical analysis. Parameters measured at the lab include Phosphorus (TP & SRP), Chlorophyll-a (Chl A), total Kjeldahl Nitrogen, nitrate, ammonia and Total Suspended Solids (TSS). The data from these tests aid in the determination of the state of the water quality in a particular lake or stream and allow for monitoring of the long term health of the water body. Standards for water quality are set by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and enforced through the MPCA.

A measure of the lake health and lake age is Carlson's Trophic State Index (TSI), which measures the productivity level of a lake or degree of eutrophication. As a lake ages, it becomes more eutrophic, however human impact speeds up the process. High TSI values can relate to poorer water quality, with the possibility of variations from lake to lake. To accommodate for these possible variations, the trophic state serves as an absolute scale that describes the biological condition of a water body. VLAWMO lake TSI ratings are listed on page 15 consistent with Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (MPCA) parameters, which range from hypereutrophic to oligotrophic. Additional TSI rating charts as well as factsheets specific to each lake are also available at [vlawmo.org/waterbodies](http://vlawmo.org/waterbodies).

Water quality, on the other hand, is a term used to describe the condition of a water body in relation to human needs or values. Analysis of these conditions continue from page 18 and onwards.

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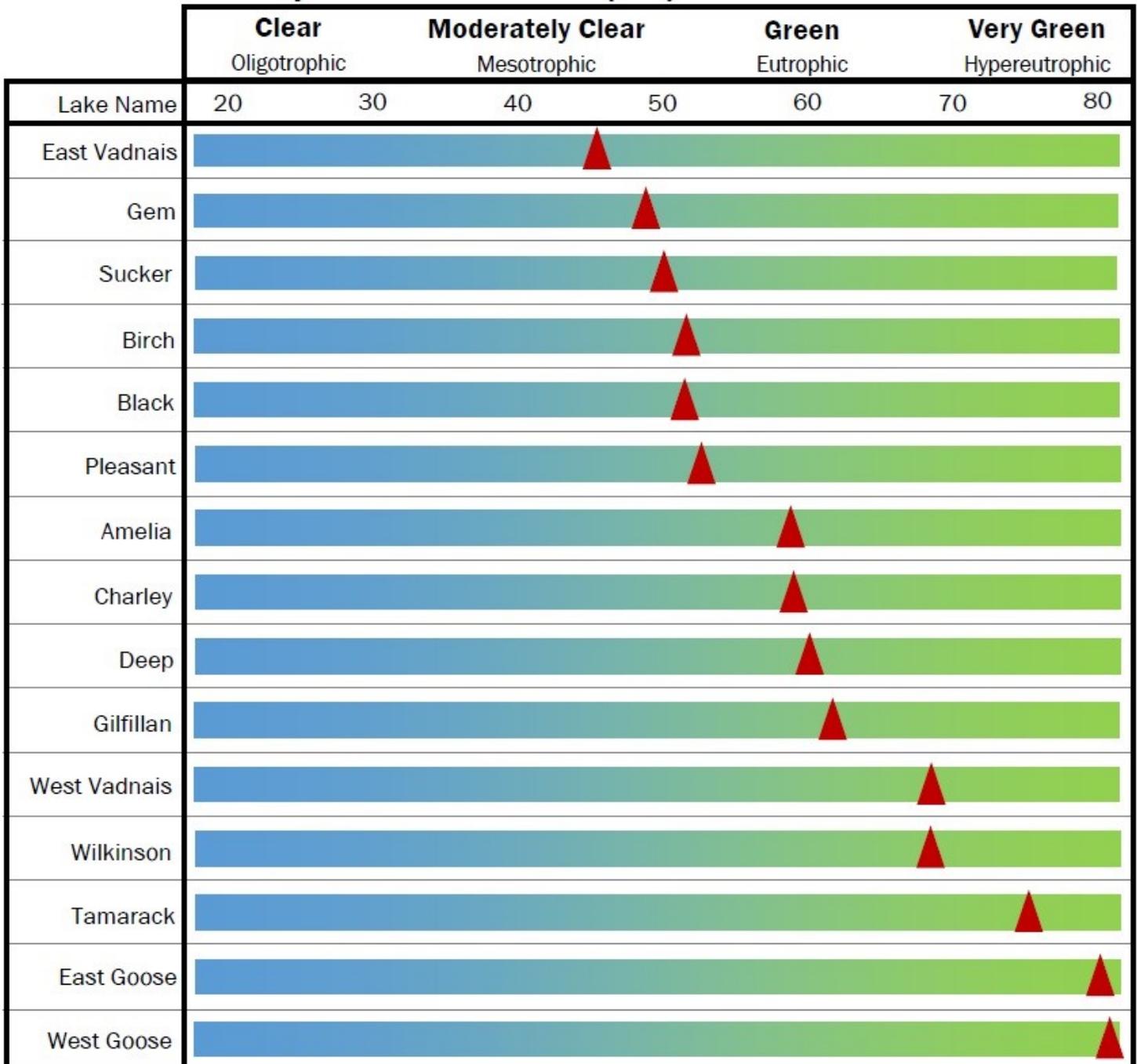
## Raw data and chart explaining the TSI Status of 2023 & 2022

<b>2023 TSI Lake Data</b>	Average Secchi Disk (m)	Secchi Disk TSI	Average Chlorophyll A ChlA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Chlorophyll A ChlA TSI	Average Total Phosphorus (TP) µg/L	Total Phosphorus (TP) TSI	Total TSI
Amelia	1	60	17	58	44	59	59
Birch	1.9	51	8	51	25	51	51
Black	1.8	52	5	46	32	54	51
Charley	0.8	63	11	54	48	60	59
Deep	0.9	62	12	55	60	63	60
Gem	2.6	46	6	48	31	54	49
Gilfillan	1	60	31	64	50	61	62
East Goose	0.2	83	205	83	126	74	80
West Goose	0.2	83	160	80	194	80	81
Pleasant	2.2	49	10	53	42	58	53
Sucker	2.1	49	7	50	27	52	50
Tamarack	0.7	65	196	82	168	78	75
East Vadnais	3	44	5	46	18	46	45
West Vadnais	0.7	65	61	71	78	67	68
Wilkinson	0.9	62	23	61	136	75	66

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Birch	1.8	52	5	46	20	47	48
Black	2	50	5	46	47	60	52
Charley	1	60	8	51	51	61	57
Deep	1.3	56	13	56	83	68	60
Gem	2.4	47	8	51	39	57	52
Gilfillan	1	60	35	65	55	62	62
East Goose	0.5	70	110	77	190	80	76
West Goose	0.6	67	229	84	268	85	79
Pleasant	2	50	6	48	49	60	53
Sucker	2.1	49	5	46	30	53	50
Tamarack	0.6	67	162	81	180	79	76
East Vadnais	3	44	6	48	24	50	47
West Vadnais	0.7	65	112	77	102	71	71
Wilkinson	1.1	59	22	61	126	74	64

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## Trophic State Indexes (TSI) of VLAWMO Lakes: 2023



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A list of possible changes that might be expected in a north temperate lake as the amount of algae changes along the trophic state gradient.

TSI	Chl (ug/L)	SD (m)	TP (ug/L)	Attributes	Water Supply	Fisheries & Recreation
<30	<0.95	>8	<6	<b>Oligotrophy:</b> Clear water, oxygen throughout the year in the hypolimnion	Water may be suitable for an unfiltered water supply.	Salmonid fisheries dominate
30-40	0.95-2.6	8>4	6<12	Hypolimnia of shallower lakes may become anoxic		Salmonid fisheries in deep lakes only
40-50	2.6-7.3	4>2	12<24	<b>Mesotrophy:</b> Water moderately clear; increasing probability of hypolimnetic anoxia during summer	Iron, manganese, taste, and odor problems worsen. Raw water turbidity requires filtration.	Hypolimnetic anoxia results in loss of salmonids. Walleye may predominate
50-60	7.3-20	2>1	24-48	<b>Eutrophy:</b> Anoxic hypolimnia, macrophyte problems possible		Warm-water fisheries only. Bass may dominate.
60-70	20-56	0.5-1	48-96	Blue-green algae dominate, algal scums and macrophyte problems	Episodes of severe taste and odor possible.	Nuisance macrophytes, algal scums, and low transparency may discourage swimming and boating.
70-80	56-155	0.25-0.5	96-192	<b>Hypereutrophy</b> : (light limited productivity). Dense algae and macrophytes		
>80	>155	<0.25	192-384	Algal scums, few macrophytes		Rough fish dominate; summer fish kills possible

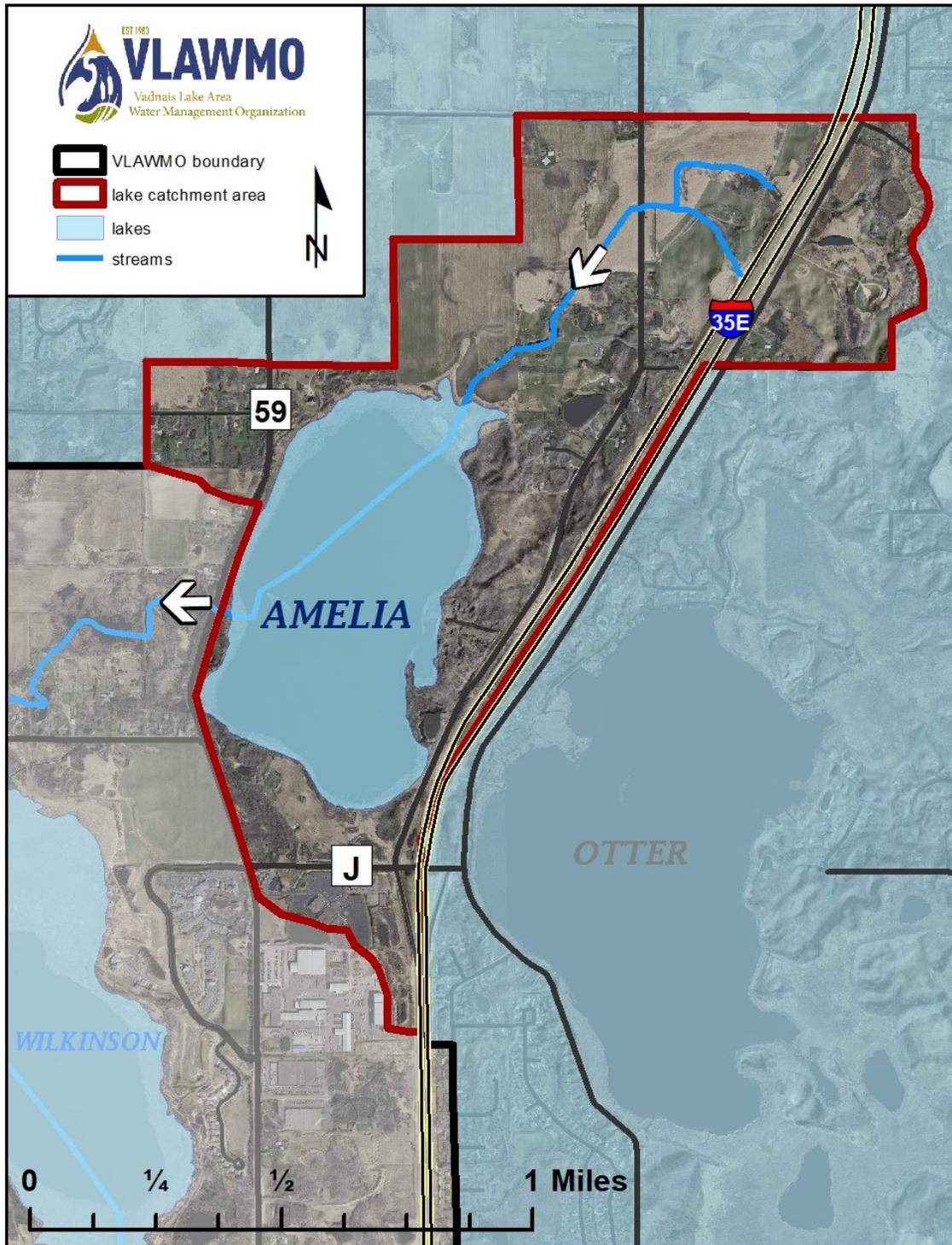
VLAWMO's water resource manager completes the required data entry each year into the MPCA EQUIS program which makes the determination of impairment and opens opportunities for grants to help remedy the impairments.

# 2023 MONITORING RESULTS



# AMELIA LAKE

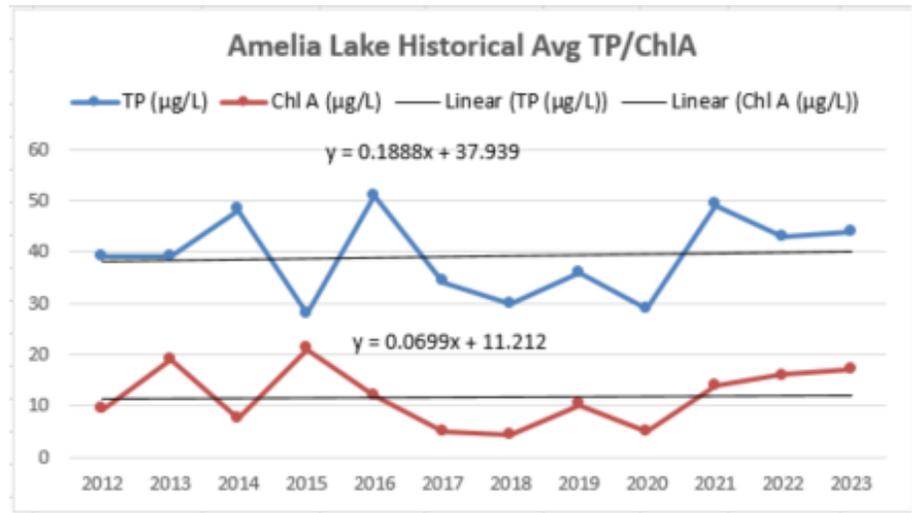
Amelia is located in Anoka County and is approximately 217 acres. Maximum depth for the lake is 5 feet. The majority of agricultural land left in the watershed is near Amelia Lake. VLAWMO staff also collected all DO and YSI parameter readings on Amelia. VLAWMO has been monitoring Amelia since 1997.



# AMELIA LAKE

Amelia Lake Historical Avg TP/Chl A/  
SDT

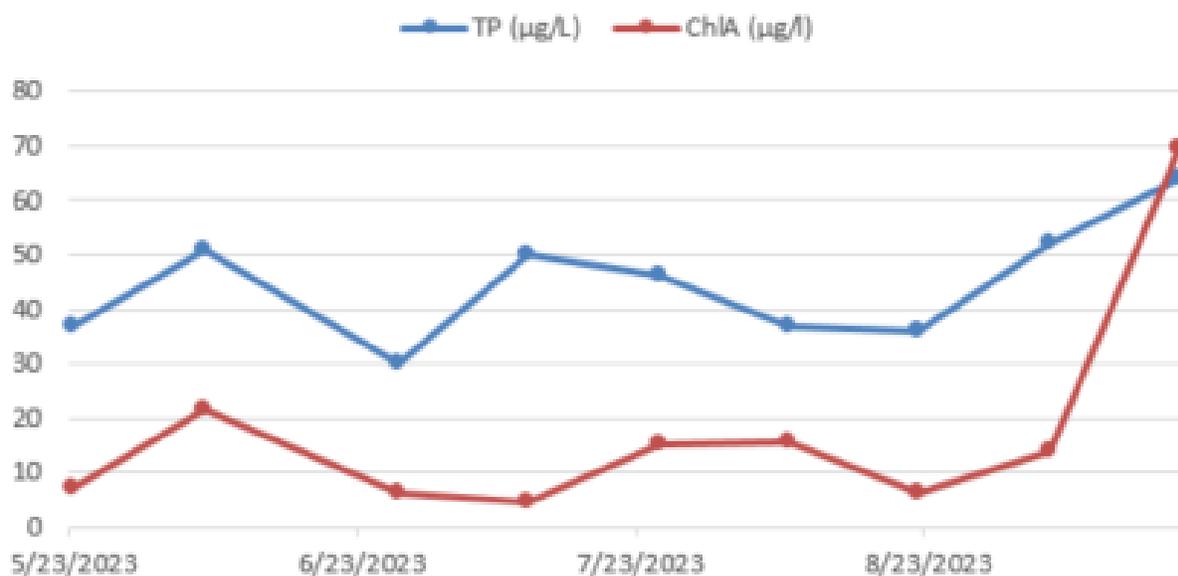
Year	TP (µg/L)	Chl A (µg/L)	Secchi
1997	28	0	1.5
1998	36	14	1.1
1999	38	9	1.2
2000	40	12	0.9
2001	33	8	1.1
2002	34	13	1.4
2003	29	7	1.5
2004	28	0	0
2005	24	7	0
2006	36	12	0
2007	82	32	0.4
2008	26	5	1.1
2009	55	24	0.9
2010	32	12	1.1
2011	38	8	1.1
2012	39	9	1.1
2013	39	19	1.1
2014	48	7.5	1.3
2015	28	21	1.1
2016	51	12	1.1
2017	34	5	1.3
2018	30	4.5	1.4
2019	36	10	1.3
2020	29	5	1.3
2021	49	14	1.3
2022	43	16	1
2023	44	17	1



# AMELIA LAKE

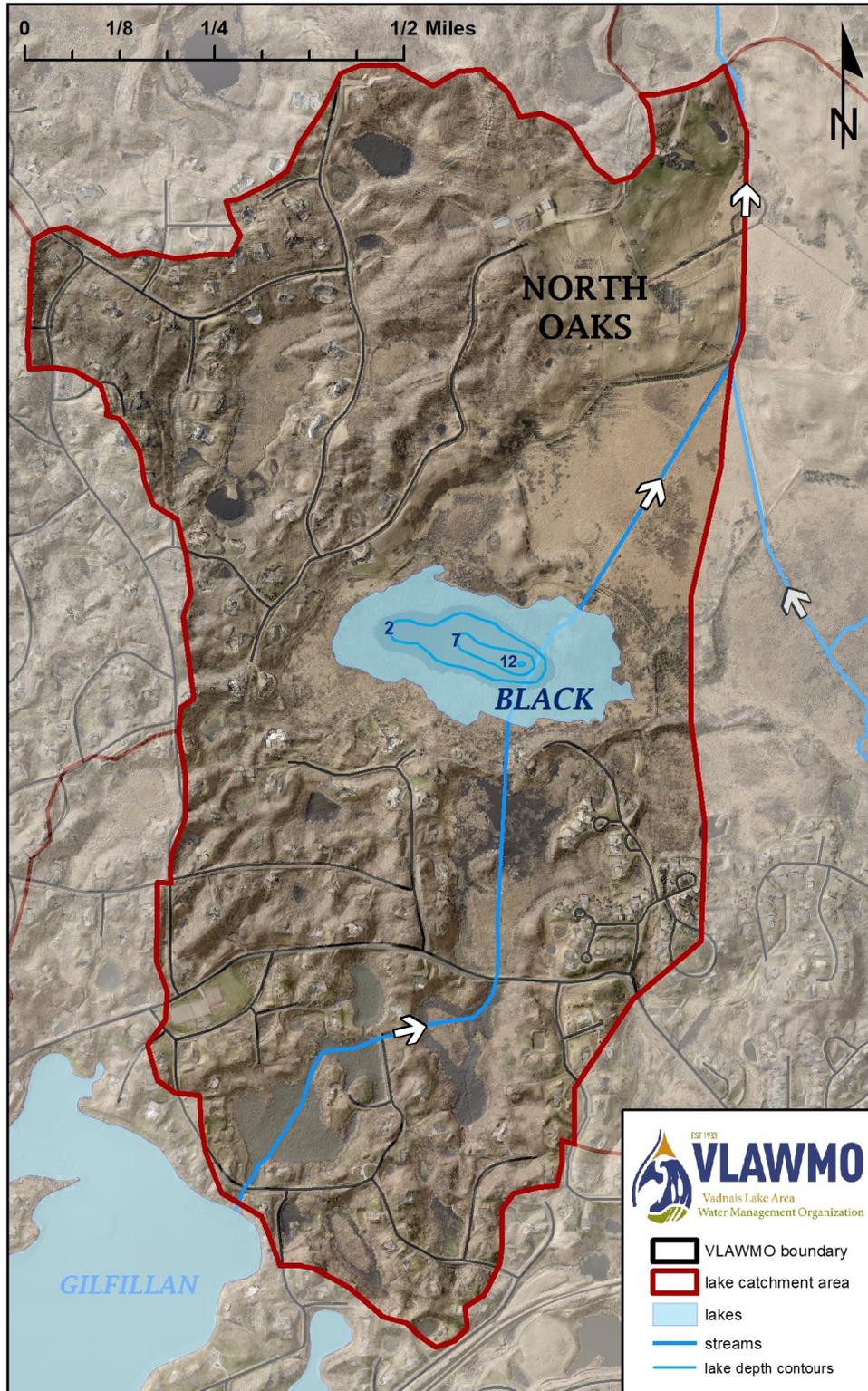
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amelia	5/2/2023	4.5	37	< 0.003	15				75.6
amelia	5/23/2023	4	37	0.005	7.12				
amelia	6/6/2023		51	0.003	21.4				
amelia	6/27/2023	4	30	< 0.003	6.01				
amelia	7/11/2023		50	0.007	4.67				
amelia	7/25/2023		46	< 0.003	15				
amelia	8/8/2023		37	< 0.003	15.5				
amelia	8/22/2023		36	0.009	6.01				
amelia	9/5/2023		52	< 0.003	13.9				
amelia	9/19/2023		64	0.014	69.4				

### Amelia 2023 TP & ChlA



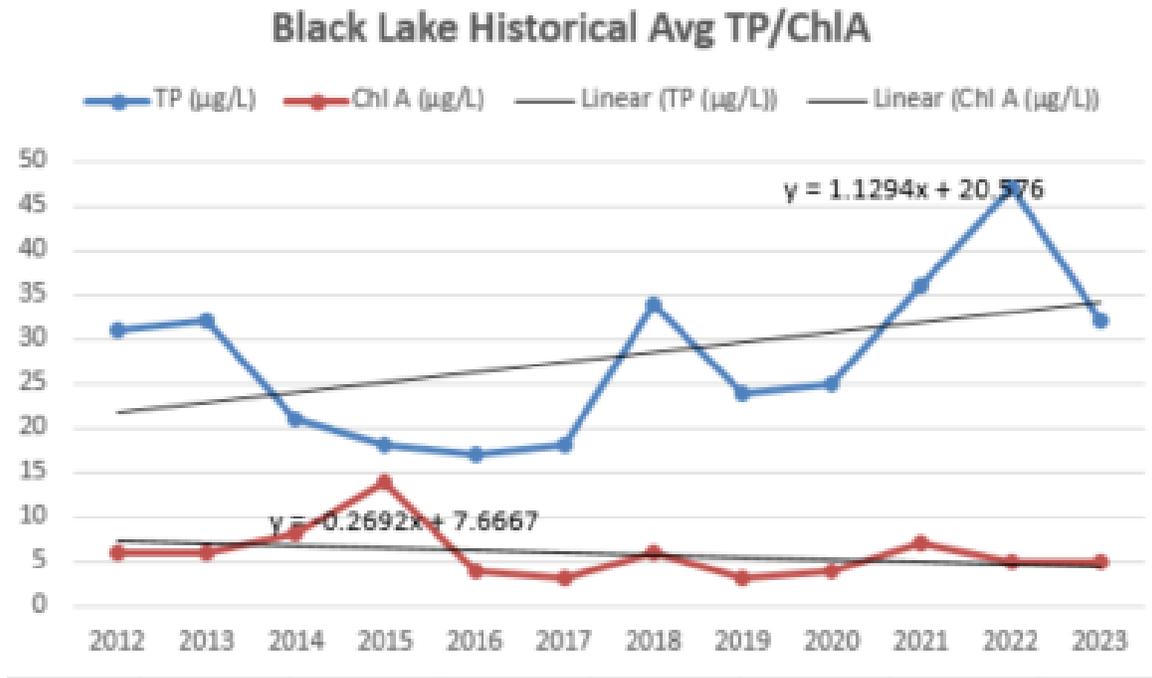
# BLACK LAKE

Black Lake is located in North Oaks. There is very little developed land or roads around the lake. The lake is about 10 acres and has a maximum depth of 12 feet. VLAWMO began to monitor Black Lake in 2009. Black Lake is also one of, if not the only lake left within VLAWMO that has a significant population of wild rice. Access to the lake is minimal and the lake is surrounded by private property, is very isolated and has a large wetland fringe. Black Lake is one of the healthiest lakes within VLAWMO.



# BLACK LAKE

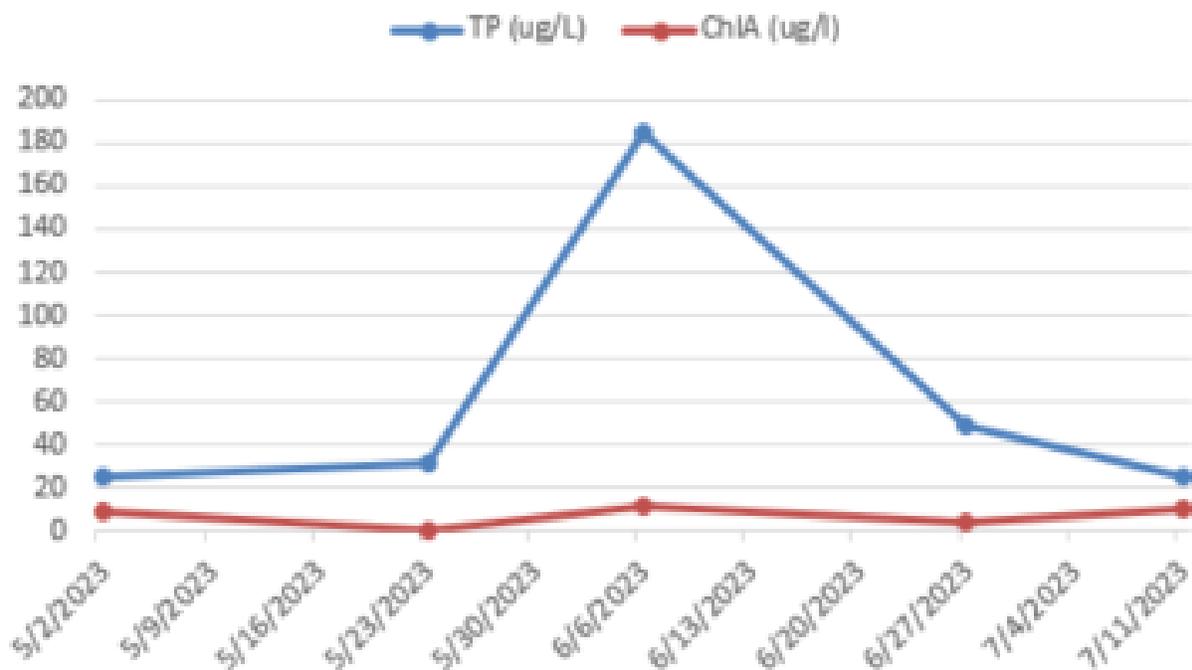
Black Lake Historical Avg TP/Chl A/SDT			
Year	TP (µg/L)	Chl A (µg/L)	Secchi (m)
2009	23	5.9	2
2010	34	6.6	2.1
2011	44	6.9	2.3
2012	31	6	2.4
2013	32	6	2
2014	21	8	2
2015	18	14	1.6
2016	17	4	2
2017	18	3	2.1
2018	34	6	2
2019	24	3	2.2
2020	25	4	2
2021	36	7	2.4
2022	47	5	2
2023	32	5	1.8



# BLACK LAKE

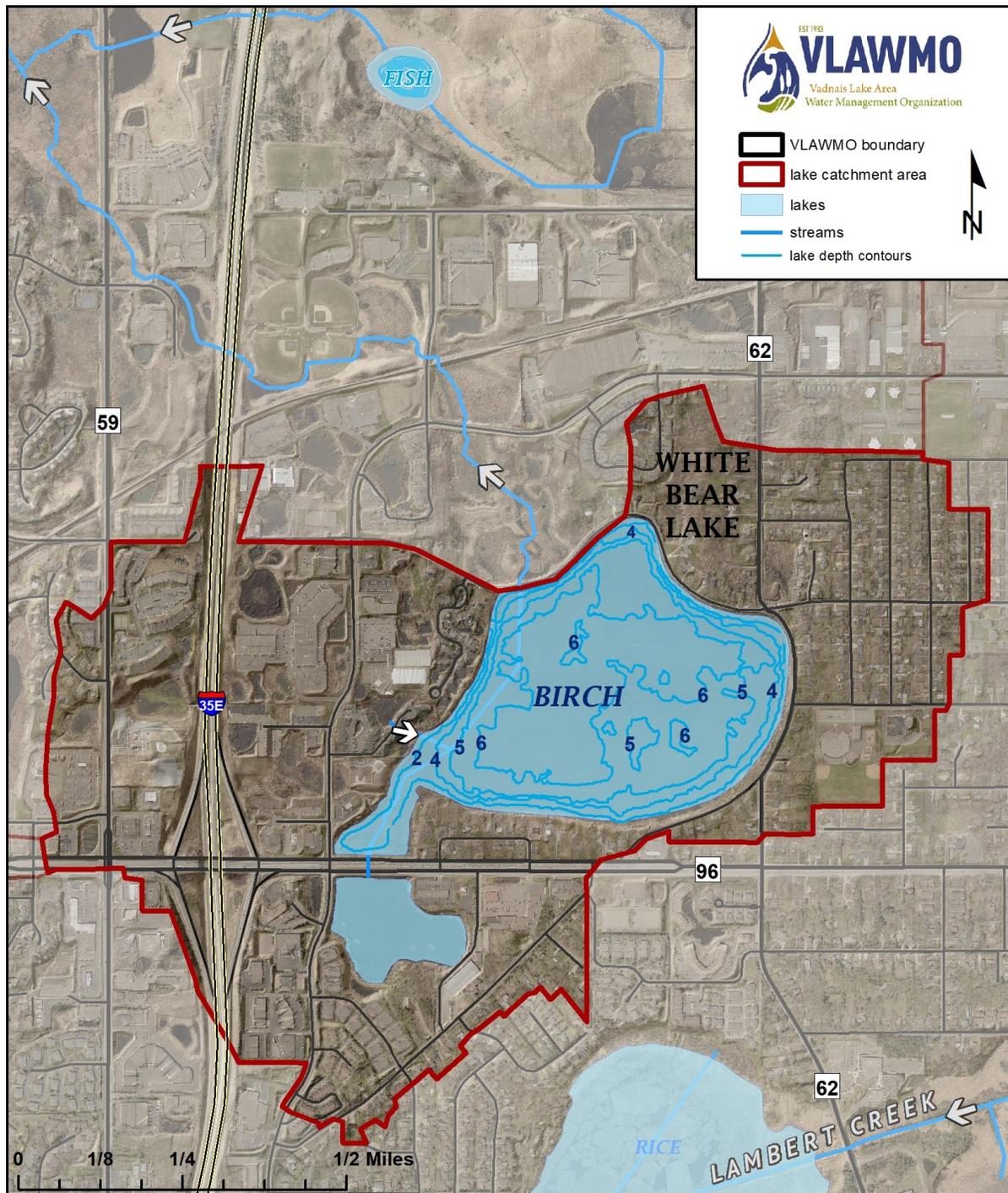
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black	5/2/2023	8	26	0.005	9.34				20.6
black	5/23/2023	7	31	0.008	1				
black	6/6/2023		185	0.014	12				
black	6/27/2023	7	49	0.008	4				
black	7/11/2023		25	0.006	11				

### Black 2023 TP & ChlA



# BIRCH LAKE

Birch Lake is located within the City of White Bear Lake and is 127 acres with a maximum depth of 6 feet. Land is completely developed around Birch Lake and there are 4 main storm sewer inlets around the lake as well as other storm inlets. Birch Lake is a rare find in the metropolitan area because of its clarity and water quality.

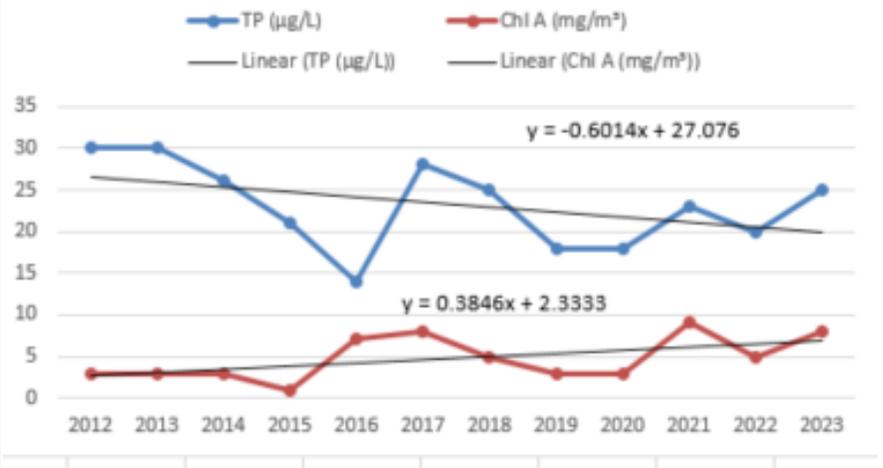


# BIRCH LAKE

Birch Lake Historical Avg TP/Chl A/SDT

Year	TP (µg/L)	Chl A (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Secchi (m)
1997	22	14	2.4
1998	41	4	2.4
1999	31	8	2.4
2000	27	14	2.4
2001	42	8	2.4
2002	31	10	2.4
2003	35	13	2.4
2004	31	0	2.4
2005	31	4	2.4
2006	32	3	2.4
2007	41	5	2.4
2008	34	5	1.2
2009	40	8	1.1
2010	31	5	1
2011	29	3	2
2012	30	3	2
2013	30	3	2
2014	26	3	1.7
2015	21	1	1.7
2016	14	7	1.8
2017	28	8	1.8
2018	25	5	1.8
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2020	18	3	2
2021	23	9	2
2022	20	5	1.8
2023	25	8	1.9

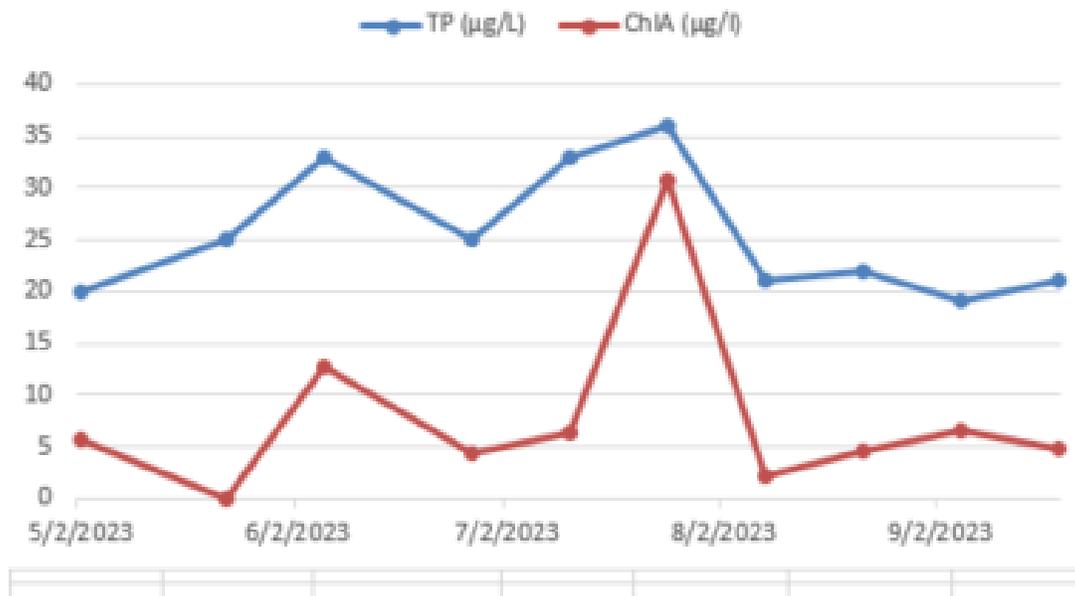
Birch Lake Historical Avg TP/ChlA



# BIRCH LAKE

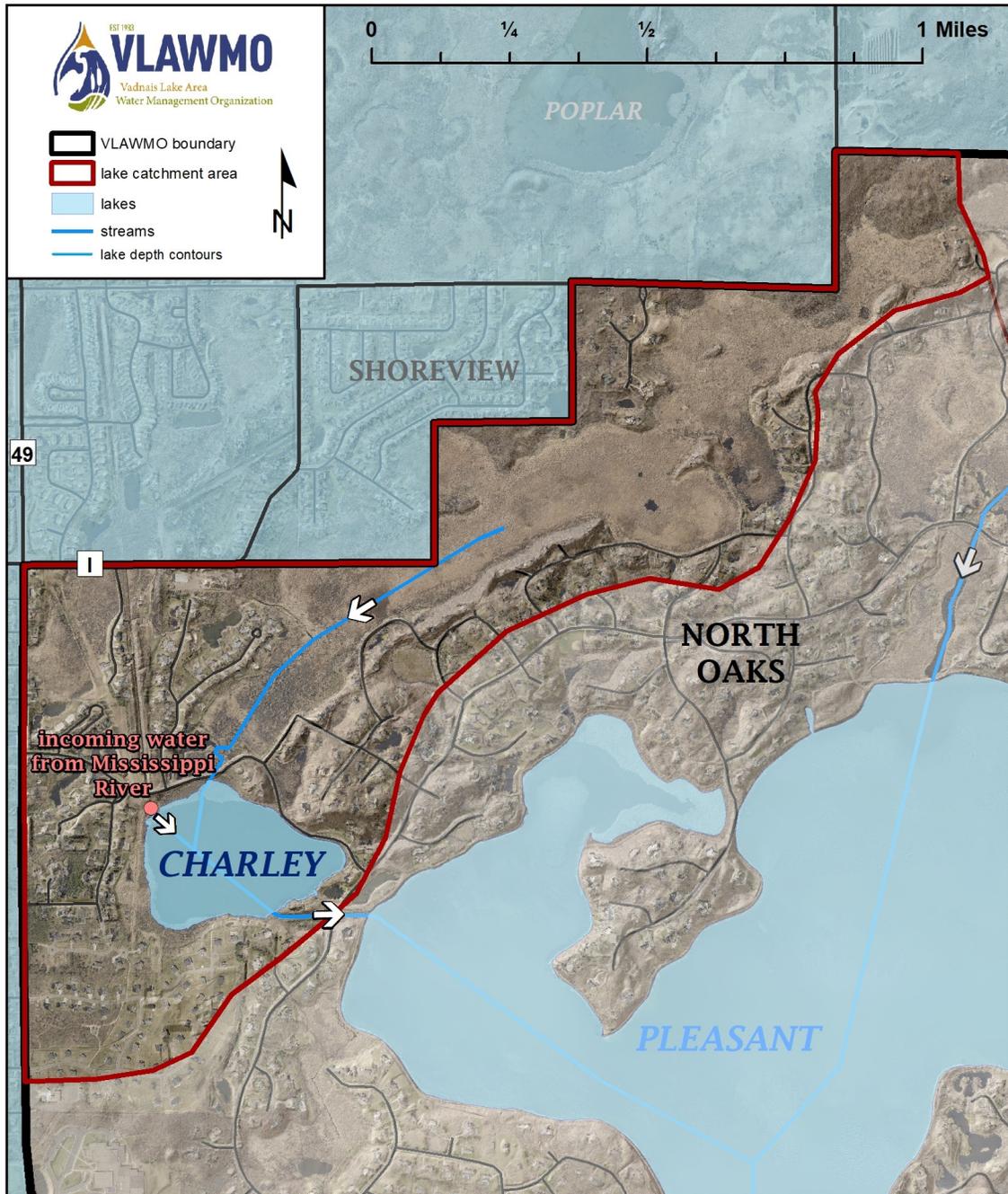
SITE	DATE	Secchi (ft)	TP ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )	SRP (mg/L)	ChlA ( $\mu\text{g/l}$ )	TKN (mg/L)	NH3 (mg/L)	NO2+NO3 mg/L	CL (mg/L)
birch	5/2/2023	6	20	< 0.003	5.7				146
birch	5/23/2023	6	25	< 0.003	< 1.00				
birch	6/6/2023		33	< 0.003	12.7				
birch	6/27/2023	5	25	< 0.003	4.34				
birch	7/11/2023		33	0.006	6.34				
birch	7/25/2023		36	< 0.003	30.7				
birch	8/8/2023		21	< 0.003	2.08				
birch	8/22/2023		22	0.006	4.67				
birch	9/5/2023		19	< 0.003	6.48				
birch	9/19/2023		21	0.013	4.81				

Birch 2023 TP & ChlA



# CHARLEY LAKE

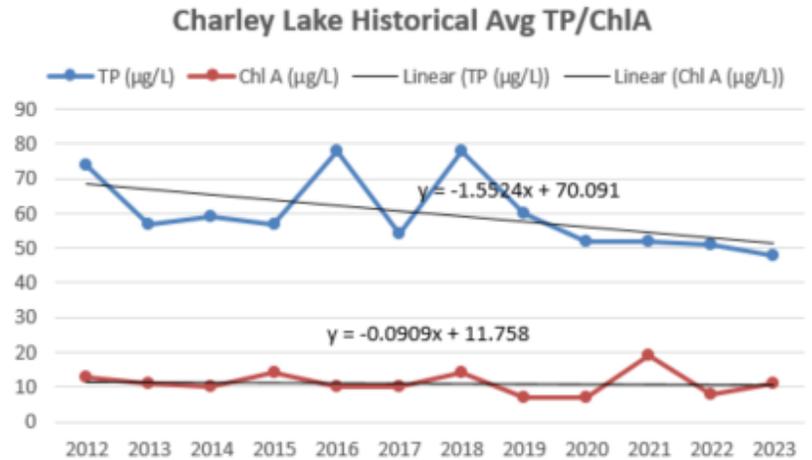
Water is pumped from the Mississippi River to Charley Lake via a 60 inch 8 mile long pipe from a pumping station in Fridley. An average of 32 million gallons of water is pumped into Charley Lake each day. Charley Lake is the start of the chain of lakes controlled by the St. Paul Water Utility. This chain of lakes supplies drinking water for more than 400,000 customers. Most of the drinking water is coming from the Mississippi River, while some comes from wells to help cool the water and reduce treatment costs. VLAWMO began sampling Charley in 2009.



# CHARLEY LAKE

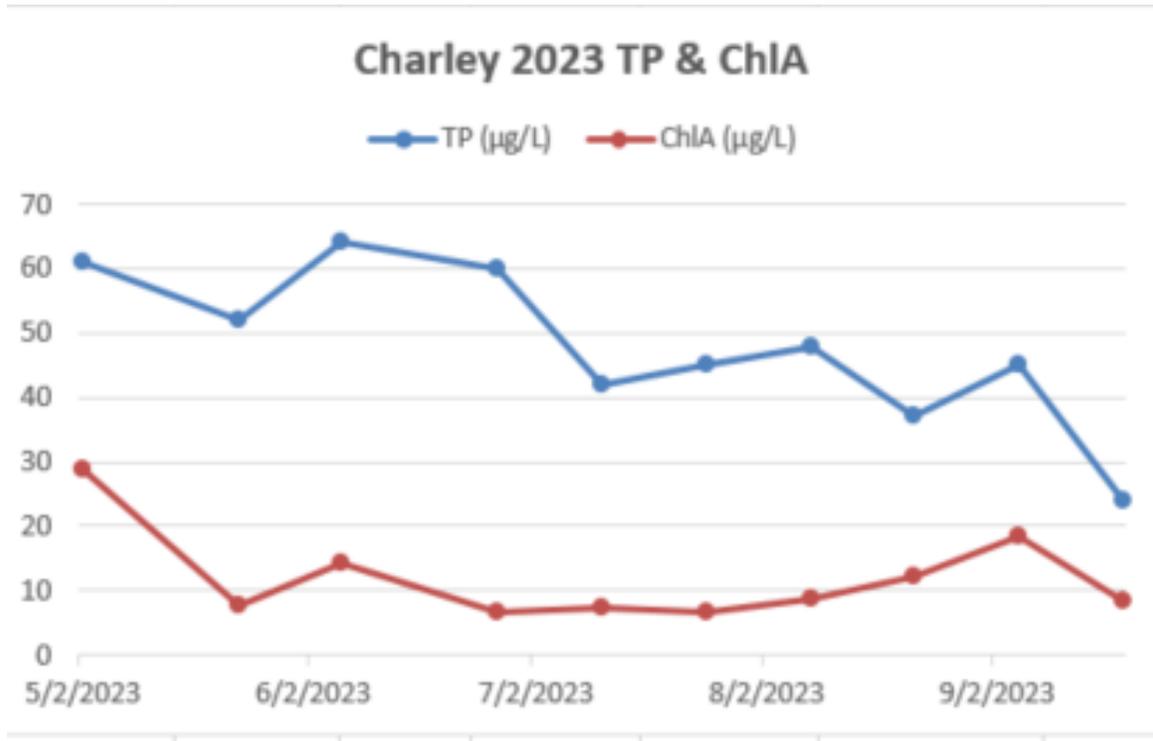


Charley Lake Historical Avg TP/Chl A/SDT			
Year	TP (µg/L)	Chl A (µg/L)	Secchi
2009	39	18	1
2010	90	18.9	1
2011	87	9.3	1.1
2012	74	13	1
2013	57	11	1
2014	59	10	1.1
2015	57	14	1.1
2016	78	10	1.2
2017	54	10	1.2
2018	78	14	1.5
2019	60	7	1.6
2020	52	7	1.3
2021	52	19	1.4
2022	51	8	1
2023	48	11	0.8



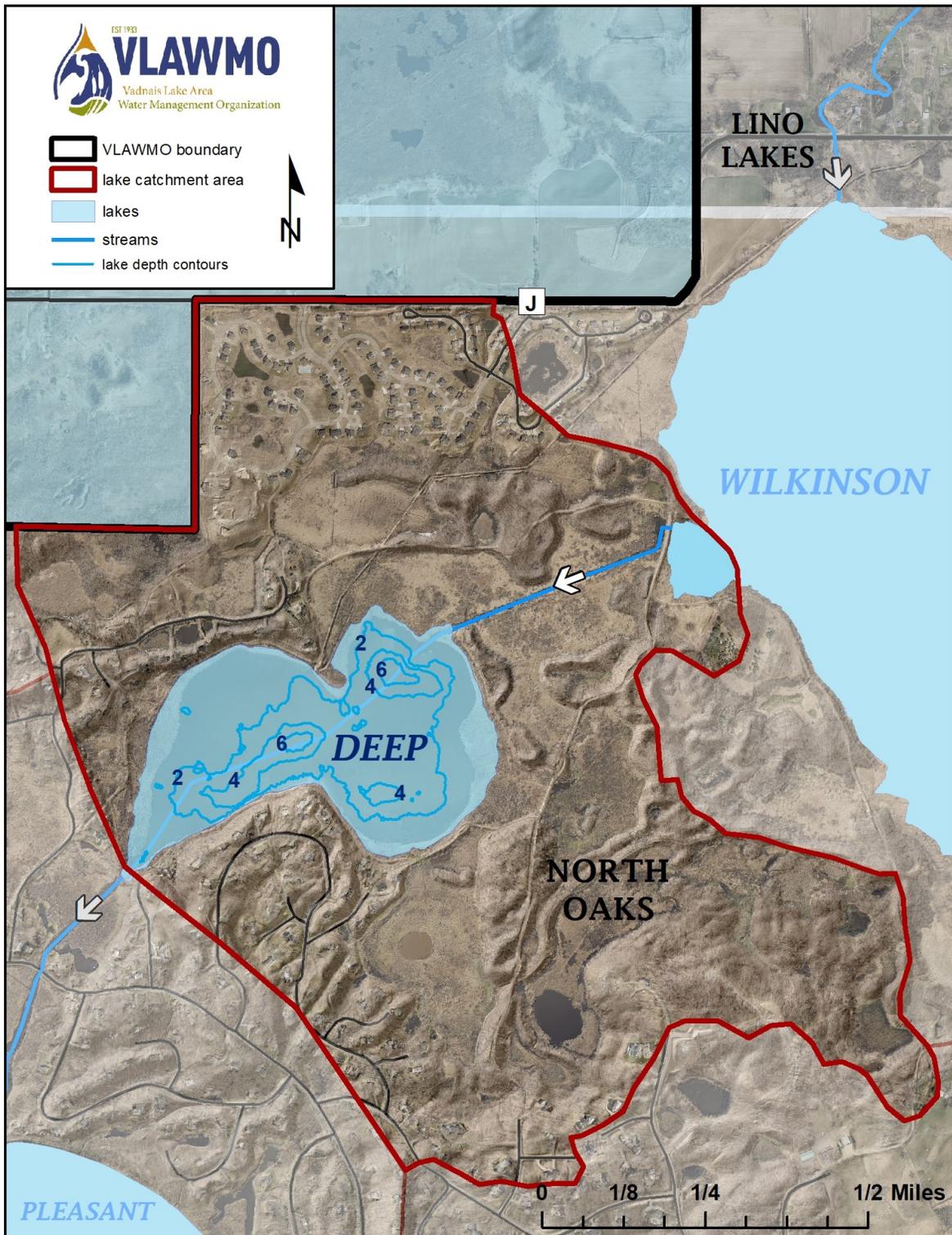
# CHARLEY LAKE

SITE	DATE	Secchi (ft)	TP ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )	SRP (mg/L)	ChlA ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )	TKN (mg/L)	NH3 (mg/L)	NO2+NO3 (mg/L)	CL (mg/L)
charley	5/2/2023	6	61	0.006	28.8				37.9
charley	5/23/2023	4	52	0.012	7.71				
charley	6/6/2023		64	0.021	14.2				
charley	6/27/2023	5	60	0.028	6.53				
charley	7/11/2023		42	0.021	7.42				
charley	7/25/2023		45	0.015	6.53				
charley	8/8/2023		48	0.02	8.6				
charley	8/22/2023		37	0.022	12.2				
charley	9/5/2023		45	0.012	18.4				
charley	9/19/2023		24	0.014	8.34				



# DEEP LAKE

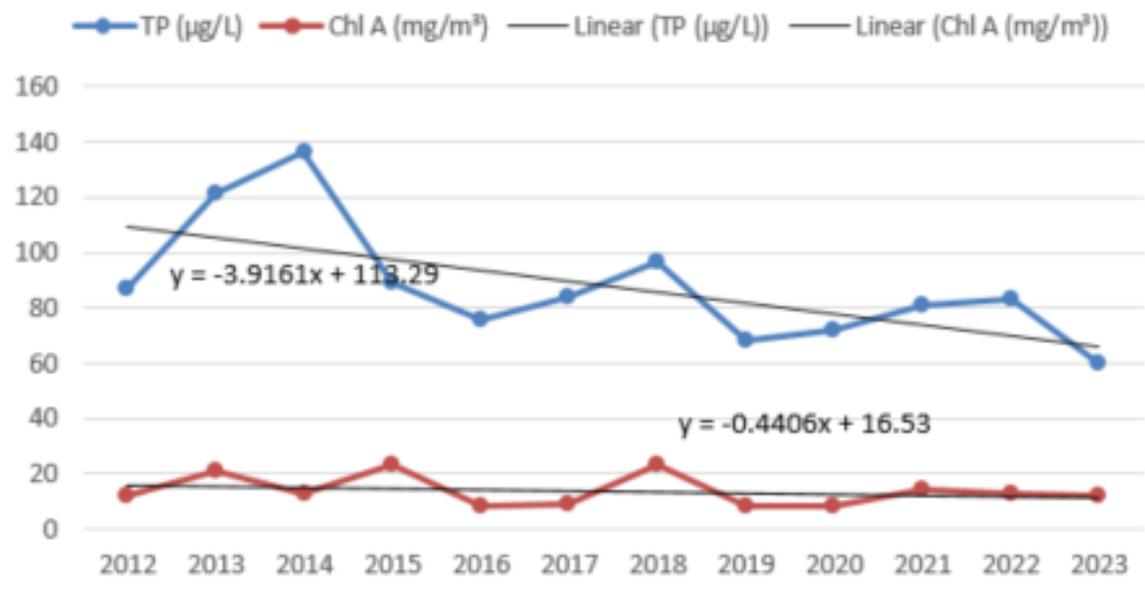
Deep lake is a little over 80 acres and sits between and is hydrologically connected to Wilkinson Lake to the north and Pleasant Lake to the south. A channel connects the three lakes.



# DEEP LAKE

Deep Lake Historical Avg TP/Chl A/SDT			
Year	TP (µg/L)	Chl A (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Secchi (m)
2009	112	21	1
2010	55	15	0.9
2011	95	12	1.2
2012	87	12	1
2013	121	21	1
2014	136	13	1.1
2015	89	23	1
2016	76	8	1.1
2017	84	9	1.1
2018	97	23	1.3
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2021	81	14	1.2
2022	83	13	1.3
2023	60	12	0.9

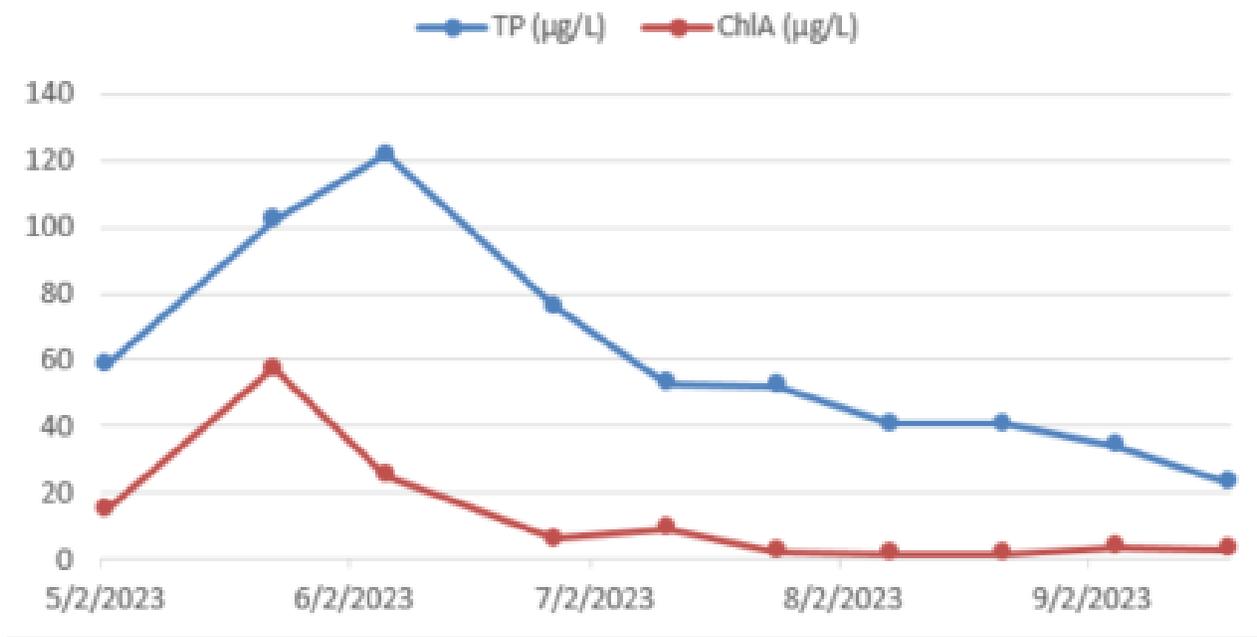
Deep Lake Historical Avg TP/ChlA



# DEEP LAKE

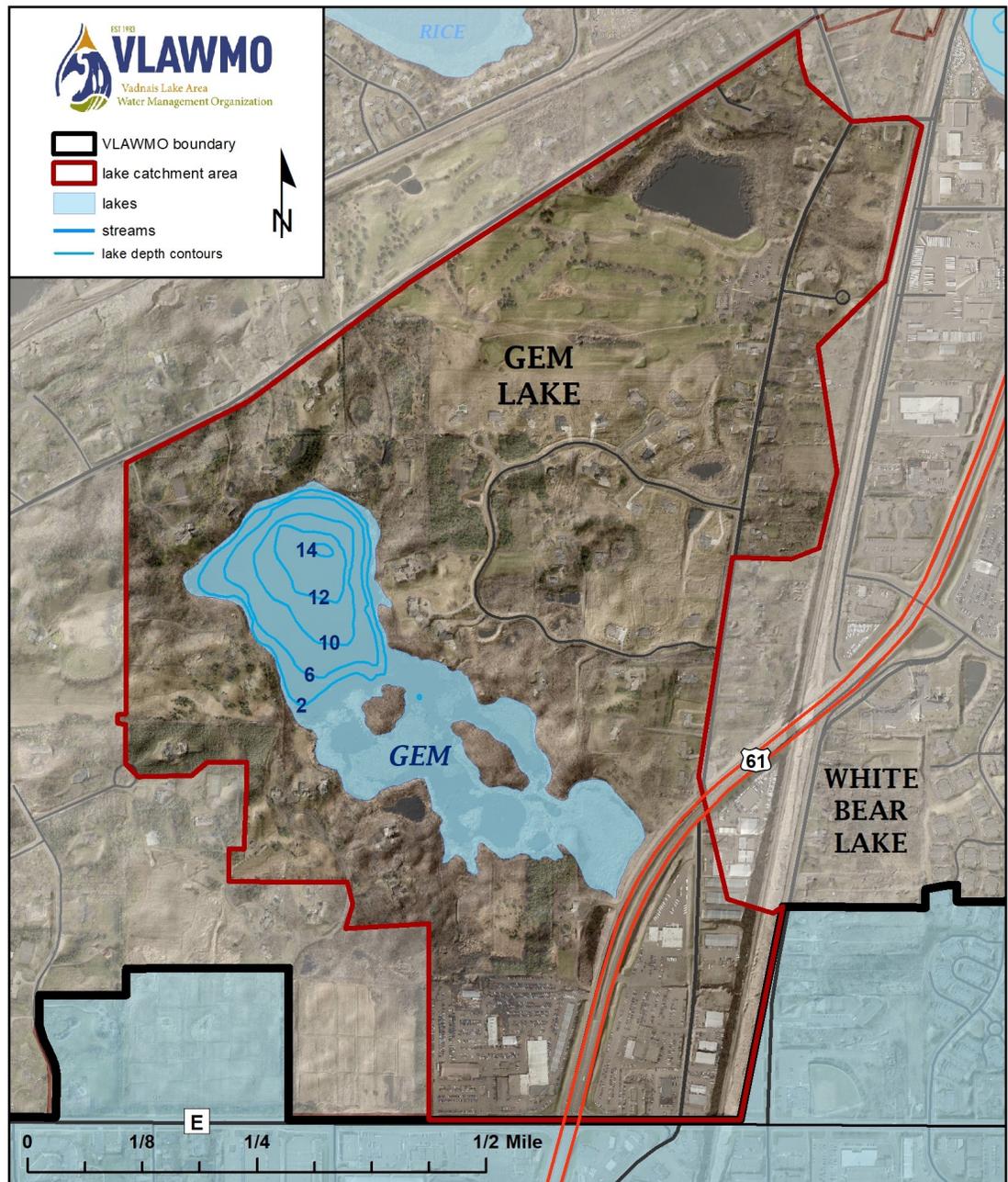
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deep	5/2/2023	6	58	< 0.003	14.4				53.7
deep	5/23/2023	4	102	0.013	57.4				
deep	6/6/2023		122	0.008	25.3				
deep	6/27/2023	5	76	0.029	6.01				
deep	7/11/2023		53	0.015	9.01				
deep	7/25/2023		52	0.013	2.34				
deep	8/8/2023		41	0.018	1.34				
deep	8/22/2023		41	0.025	1.48				
deep	9/5/2023		34	0.009	3.34				
deep	9/19/2023		23	0.016	3.05				

### Deep 2023 TP & ChlA



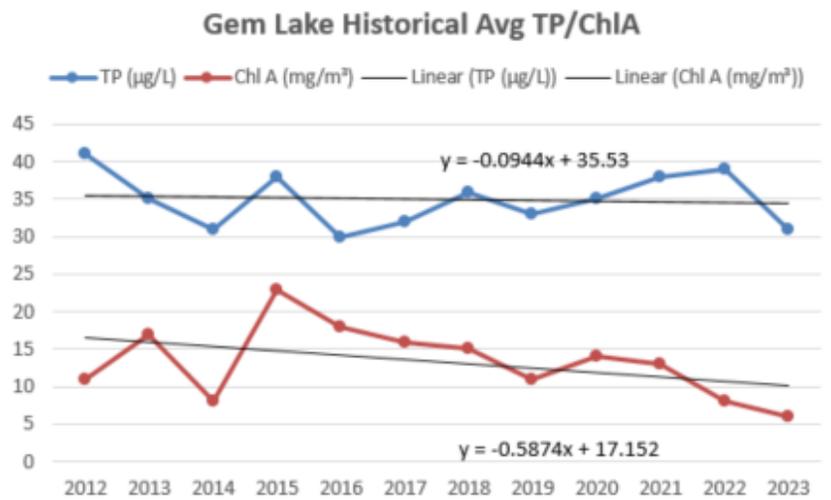
# GEM LAKE

Gem Lake is within the City of Gem Lake and has no public access. It is 48 acres in size and is 17 feet deep. There has been development along portions of the lake in recent years. In 2000, volunteers noticed a distinct algae bloom and noted that water clarity was getting poorer. Gem Lake has also been included on the Lambert Creek TMDL study for nutrient impairment. Recent years of monitoring data have shown a reduction in nutrient levels to below state standards. MNDOT's Hwy 61 ditch work in 2011 improved the water quality going into Gem Lake. In 2018 Gem Lake was delisted from the MN PCA's impaired waters list.



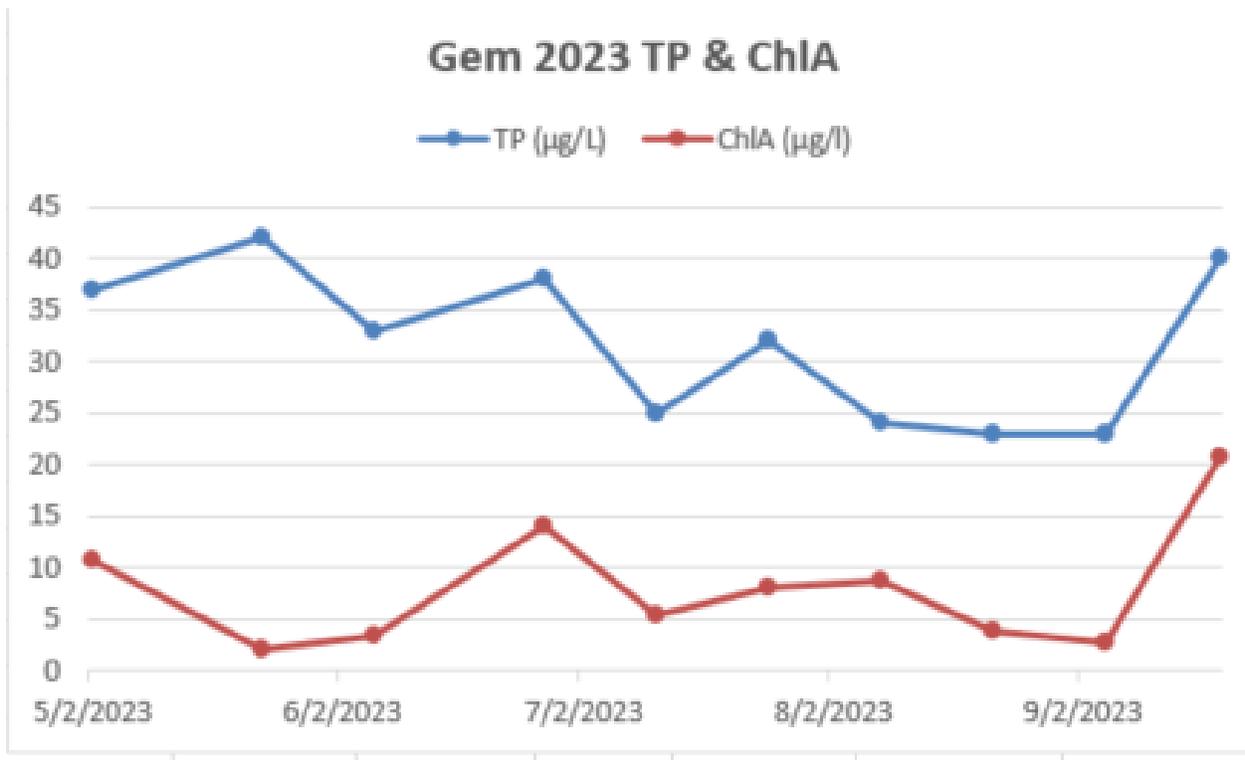
# GEM LAKE

Gem Lake Historical Avg TP/Chl A/SDT			
Year	TP (µg/L)	Chl A (mg/	Secchi
1997	54	23	1.2
1998	33	24	
1999	26	16	1.2
2000	36	17	1.1
2001	56	12	1.8
2002	39	25	1.3
2003	52	20	1.4
2004	49	0	1.5
2005	43	26	0
2006	63	25	0
2007	48	33	1.1
2008	64	17	1.5
2009	89	28	1.3
2010	53	24	1.4
2011	32	6.4	2.1
2012	41	11	2
2013	35	17	2
2014	31	8	2.9
2015	38	23	2.2
2016	30	18	1.6
2017	32	16	1.5
2018	36	15	1.8
2019	33	11	1.8
2020	35	14	2.4
2021	38	13	2.4
2022	39	8	2.4
2023	31	6	2.6



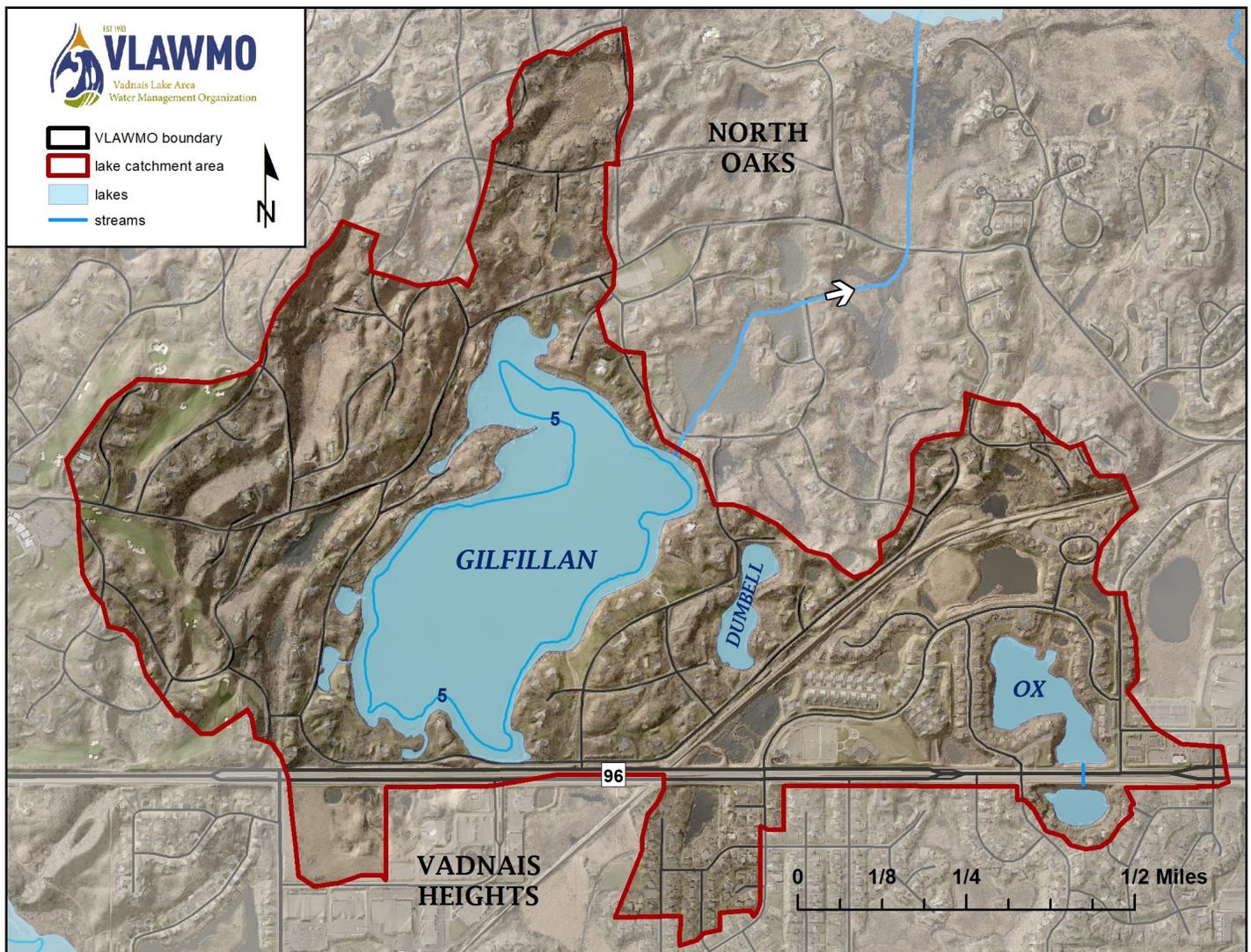
# GEM LAKE

SITE	DATE	Secchi (ft)	TP (µg/L)	SRP (mg/L)	ChlA (µg/l)	TKN (mg/L)	NH3 (mg/L)	NO2+NO3 mg/L	CL (mg/L)
gem	5/2/2023	10	37	< 0.003	10.7				55.5
gem	5/23/2023	9	42	0.003	2				
gem	6/6/2023		33	0.003	3.34				
gem	6/27/2023	8.5	38	0.004	14				
gem	7/11/2023		25	0.004	5.34				
gem	7/25/2023		32	< 0.003	8.01				
gem	8/8/2023		24	< 0.003	8.68				
gem	8/22/2023		23	0.007	3.86				
gem	9/5/2023		23	< 0.003	2.67				
gem	9/19/2023		40	0.01	20.7				



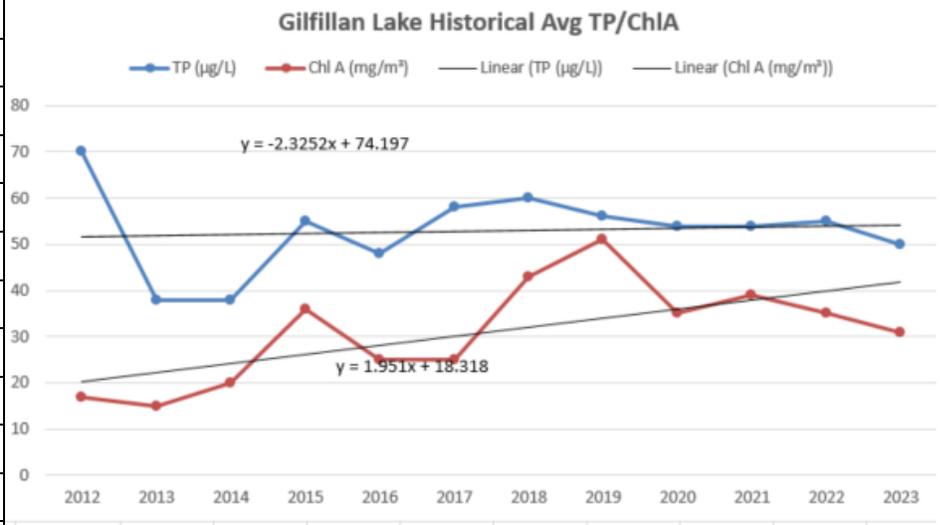
# Gilfillan Lake

Gilfillan Lake is located within the City of North Oaks and is surrounded by homes. It is 110 acres with a maximum depth of 6 feet. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has used the lake for walleye stocking nursery in the past. According to available information, there has not been any fish stocking activity for a few years other than homeowners socking minnows. Gilfillan is one of four VLAWMO lakes that are part of the TMDL study due to nutrient impairment. The City of North Oaks and the SPRWS have been pumping water from Pleasant Lake to Gilfillan Lake to increase water levels. The pump, filter and piping were installed fall of 2011, pumping began spring of 2012. The increased water level (about 4.5ft) has significantly reduced nutrient levels in the lake, although they are still above state standards. .



# Gilfillan Lake

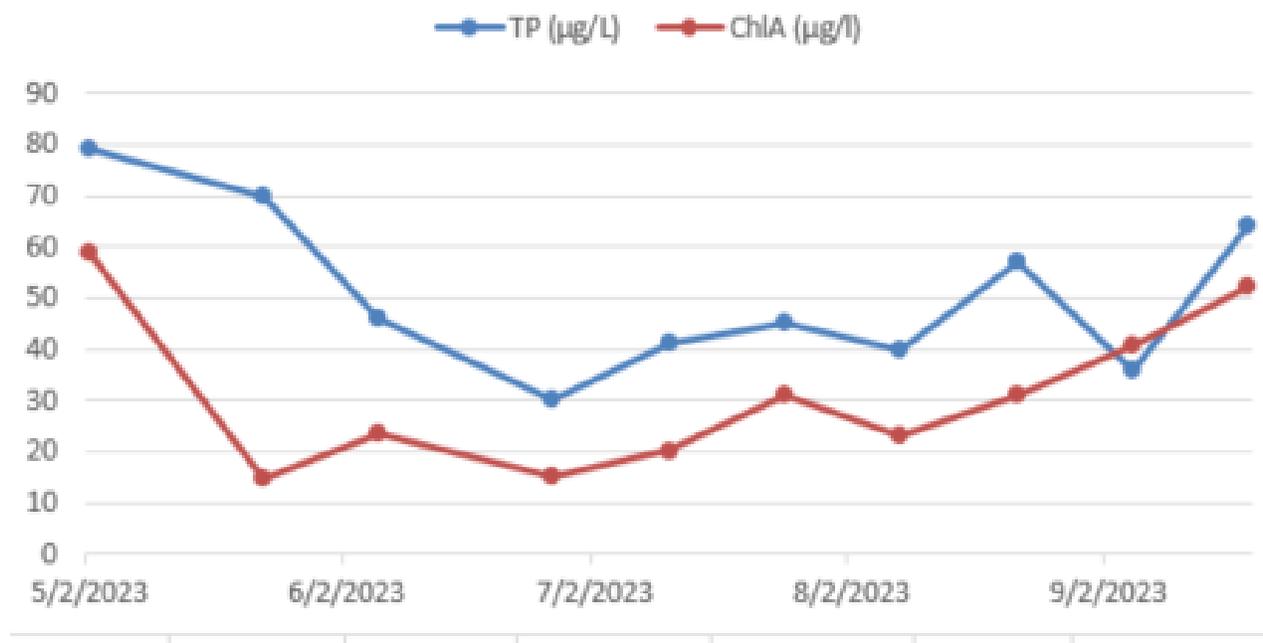
Gilfillan Lake Historical Avg TP/Chl A/			
Year	TP (µg/L)	Chl A (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Secchi (m)
1997	96	32	0.5
1998	47	44	0.5
1999	72	23	0
2000	35	47	0
2001	84	20	0
2002	81	43	0.4
2003	44	25	1.4
2004	58	0	0
2005	52	8	0
2006	91	19	0
2007	100	33	0.7
2008	96	31	0.5
2009	152	44	0.4
2010	192	44	0.4
2011	123	25	0.4
2012	70	17	0.8
2013	38	15	1
2014	38	20	0.8
2015	55	36	0.6
2016	48	25	0.7
2017	58	25	0.7
2018	60	43	0.7
2019	56	51	0.6
2020	54	35	0.8
2021	54	39	0.9
2022	55	35	1
2023	50	31	1



# Gilfillan Lake

SITE	DATE	Secchi (ft)	TP ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )	SRP (mg/L)	ChlA ( $\mu\text{g/l}$ )	TKN (mg/L)	NH3 (mg/L)	NO2+NO3 mg/L	CL (mg/L)
gilfillan	5/2/2023	4	79	0.004	58.7				37.2
gilfillan	5/23/2023	3	70	< 0.003	14.7				
gilfillan	6/6/2023		46	0.003	23.7				
gilfillan	6/27/2023	3.5	30	< 0.003	15				
gilfillan	7/11/2023		41	0.009	20.2				
gilfillan	7/25/2023		45	0.003	31.2				
gilfillan	8/8/2023		40	0.003	22.9				
gilfillan	8/22/2023		57	0.01	31				
gilfillan	9/5/2023		36	< 0.003	40.9				
gilfillan	9/19/2023		64	0.014	52.1				

Gilfillan 2023 TP & ChlA



# Goose Lake

Goose Lake is located in White Bear Lake and is 145 acres with a maximum depth of 6-8 feet. The land use is largely residential and industrial around the lake and Highway 61 cuts through the lake. The old White Bear Lake sewage treatment plant discharged to Goose Lake for almost 50 years. A sediment study conducted in 1989 found that there was PCB contamination as well as high levels of cadmium, lead, and zinc.

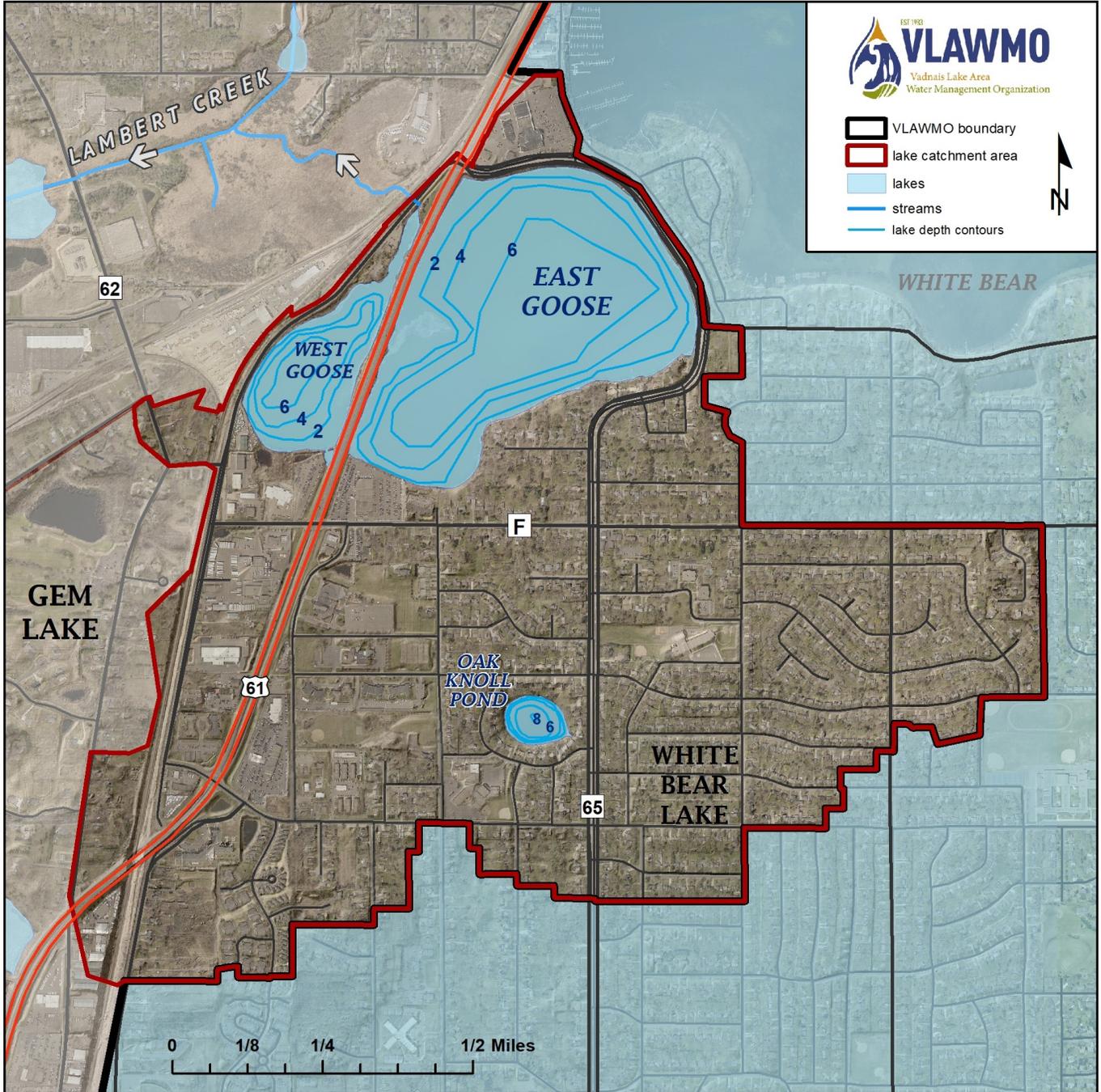
Though the lake is connected via culverts under the highway, VLAWMO began to assess the lake on each side of the highway to track any differences between the two water bodies. In years past, only the east side of the lake was monitored. In 2006, VLAWMO began to collect samples from the west side. Both East and West Goose Lake are included in the Lambert Creek TMDL for nutrient impairment.

Groundwater used to cool equipment at the Kohler Mix Company is continuously discharging into the south end of West Goose Lake year round at a rate of 500 gallons/minute. This seems to be “flushing” the west side of the lake and could be a major reason the west side of the lake has consistently had better water quality compared to the east side over the years. The north end of West Goose discharges through a weir into Lambert Creek which flows into East Vadnais Lake, the drinking water reservoir for the SPRWS. Ground water pumping seems to have slowed from the Kohler Mix company and nutrient levels in West Goose are now similar to those in East Goose.

Approximately 16,000lbs of bullhead were removed out of both basins in 2013. The main source of nutrient issues in Goose Lake is from internal loading. Rough fish (bullhead, carp, sucker) suspend nutrients in the water column while foraging for food. We hope to see a decrease in nutrient levels over the next few years due to the rough fish removal. Spring of 2015 nets were placed in the lake again to make sure the fish harvest was successful. BioBase surveys were done on both basins in 2014 to monitor the aquatic vegetation.

The 2017 fish survey showed the rough fish removal worked and bullhead numbers are still low and seem to be in check. A 2019 fish survey showed the rough fish population has increased and removal is warranted. Plans are moving forward for a number of projects in and around the Goose Lake subwatershed in the next few years to address water quality.

# Goose Lake



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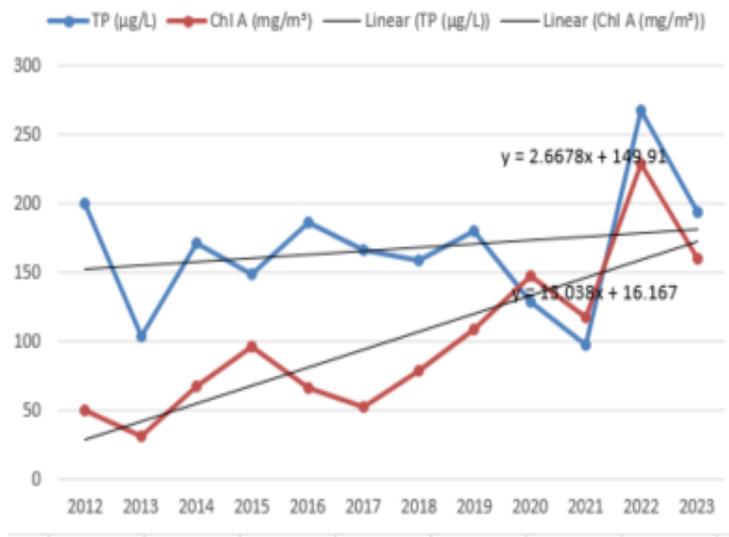
East Goose Lake Historical Avg TP/Chl A/SDT

Year	TP (µg/L)	Chl A (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Secchi (m)
1997	21	134	0.4
1998	17	93	0.2
1999	475	56	0.3
2000	49	154	0.3
2001	603	28	0.3
2002	613	170	0.2
2003	342	66	0.3
2004	526	0	0
2005	407	38	0
2006	392	81	0
2007	260	97	0
2008	218	86	0.3
2009	237	121	0.3
2010	207	67	0.3
2011	164	48	0.3
2012	277	96	0.2
2013	265	112	0.5
2014	207	67	0.4
2015	231	115	0.6
2016	291	84	0.5
2017	228	60	0.7
2018	172	79	0.4
2019	155	84	0.4
2020	187	167	0.3
2021	191	125	0.3
2022	190	110	0.5
2023	126	205	0.2

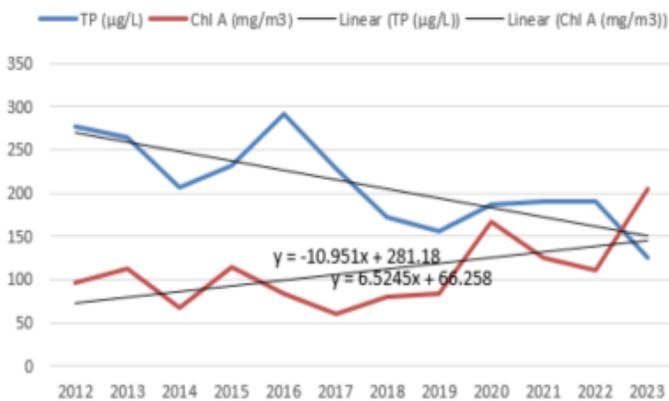
West Goose Lake Historical Avg TP/Chl A/SDT

Year	TP (µg/L)	Chl A (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Secchi (m)
2006	213	58	
2007	159	66	
2008	168	55	0.3
2009	134	40	0.5
2010	129	39	0.5
2011	126	27	0.8
2012	200	51	0.7
2013	104	32	1
2014	172	68	0.5
2015	149	97	0.5
2016	187	67	0.4
2017	167	53	0.4
2018	159	79	0.4
2019	180	109	0.3
2020	129	148	0.3
2021	98	118	0.3
2022	268	229	0.6
2023	194	160	0.2

West Goose Lake Historical Avg TP/ChlA



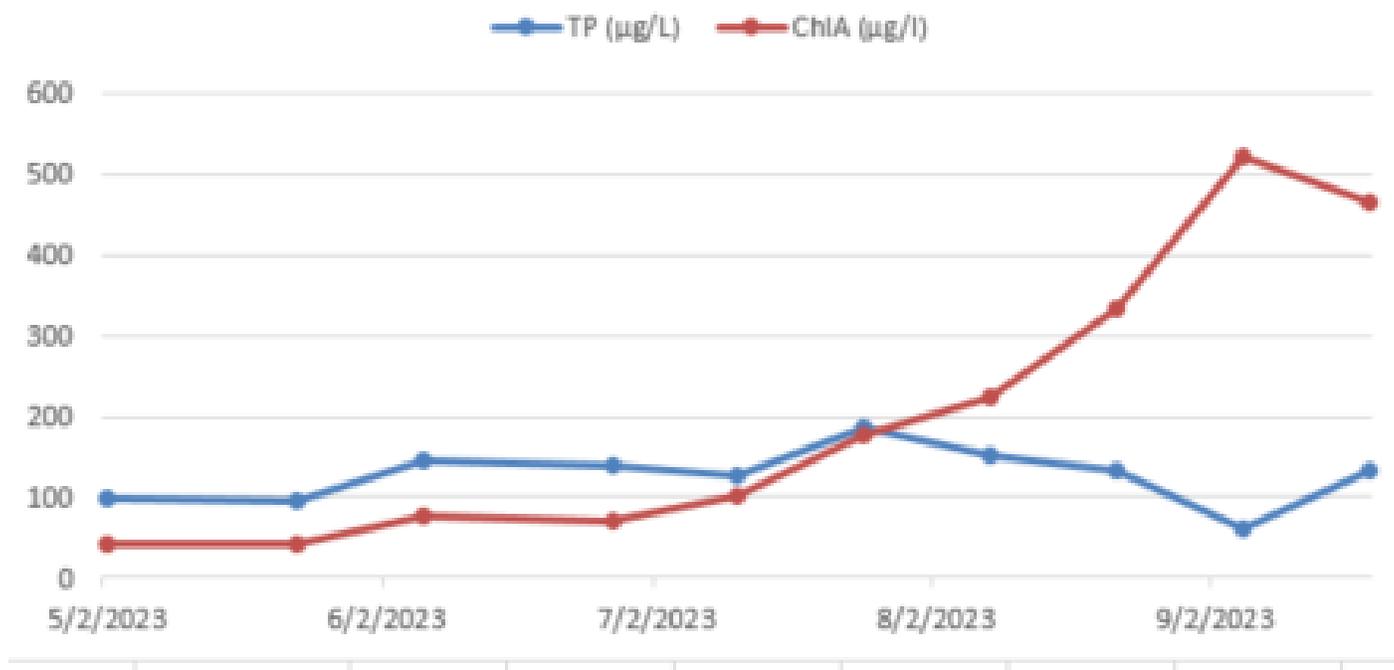
East Goose Lake Historical Avg TP/ChlA



# Goose Lake

SITE	DATE	Secchi (ft)	TP ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )	SRP (mg/L)	ChlA ( $\mu\text{g/l}$ )	TKN (mg/L)	NH3 (mg/L)	NO2+NO3 mg/L	CL (mg/L)
east goose	5/2/2023	3	97	0.003	41.8				135
east goose	5/23/2023	2	96	< 0.003	42.7				
east goose	6/6/2023		145	< 0.003	77.4				
east goose	6/27/2023	1	138	< 0.003	71.2				
east goose	7/11/2023		127	0.004	101				
east goose	7/25/2023		185	< 0.003	177				
east goose	8/8/2023		152	0.006	224				
east goose	8/22/2023		134	0.019	334				
east goose	9/5/2023		60	< 0.003	523				
east goose	9/19/2023		132	0.019	465				

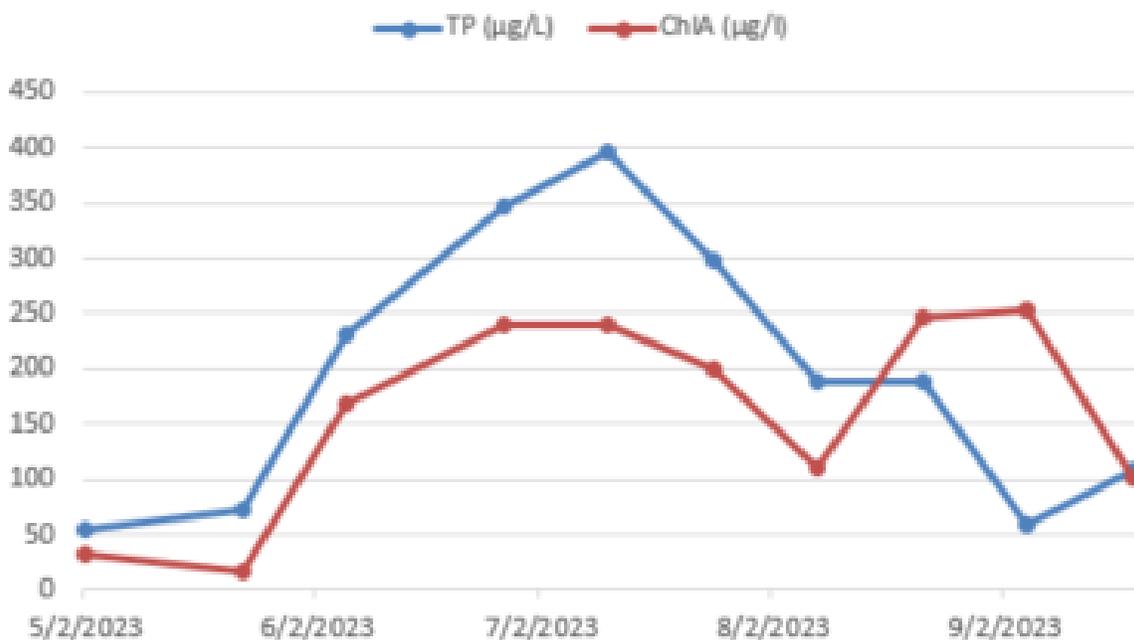
## East Goose 2023 TP & ChlA



# Goose Lake

SITE	DATE	Secchi (ft)	TP ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )	SRP (mg/L)	ChlA ( $\mu\text{g/l}$ )	TKN (mg/L)	NH3 (mg/L)	NO2+NO3 mg/L	CL (mg/L)
west goose	5/2/2023	3	54	< 0.003	31.2				78.9
west goose	5/23/2023	2	73	< 0.003	17.4				
west goose	6/6/2023		232	< 0.003	168				
west goose	6/27/2023	0.5	347	< 0.003	240				
west goose	7/11/2023		397	0.01	240				
west goose	7/25/2023		299	< 0.003	200				
west goose	8/8/2023		188	< 0.003	110				
west goose	8/22/2023		188	0.014	246				
west goose	9/5/2023		58	< 0.003	254				
west goose	9/19/2023		109	0.012	101				

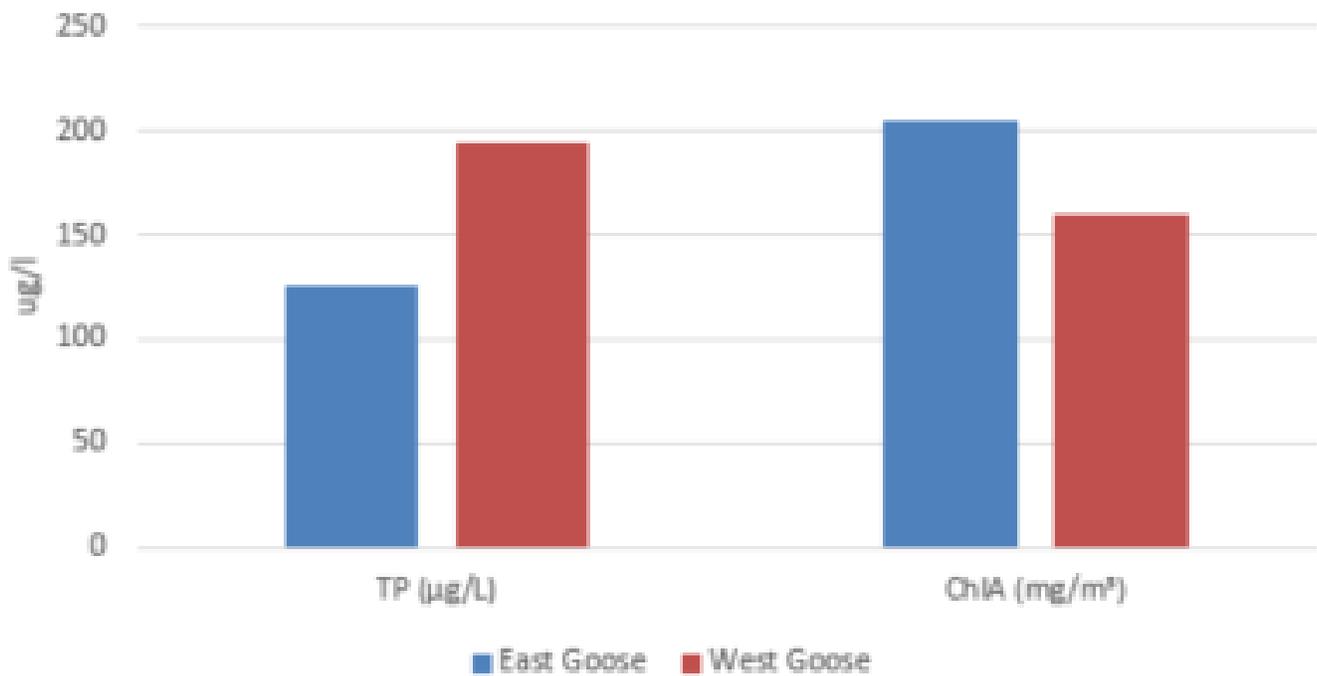
West Goose 2023 TP & ChlA



# Goose Lake

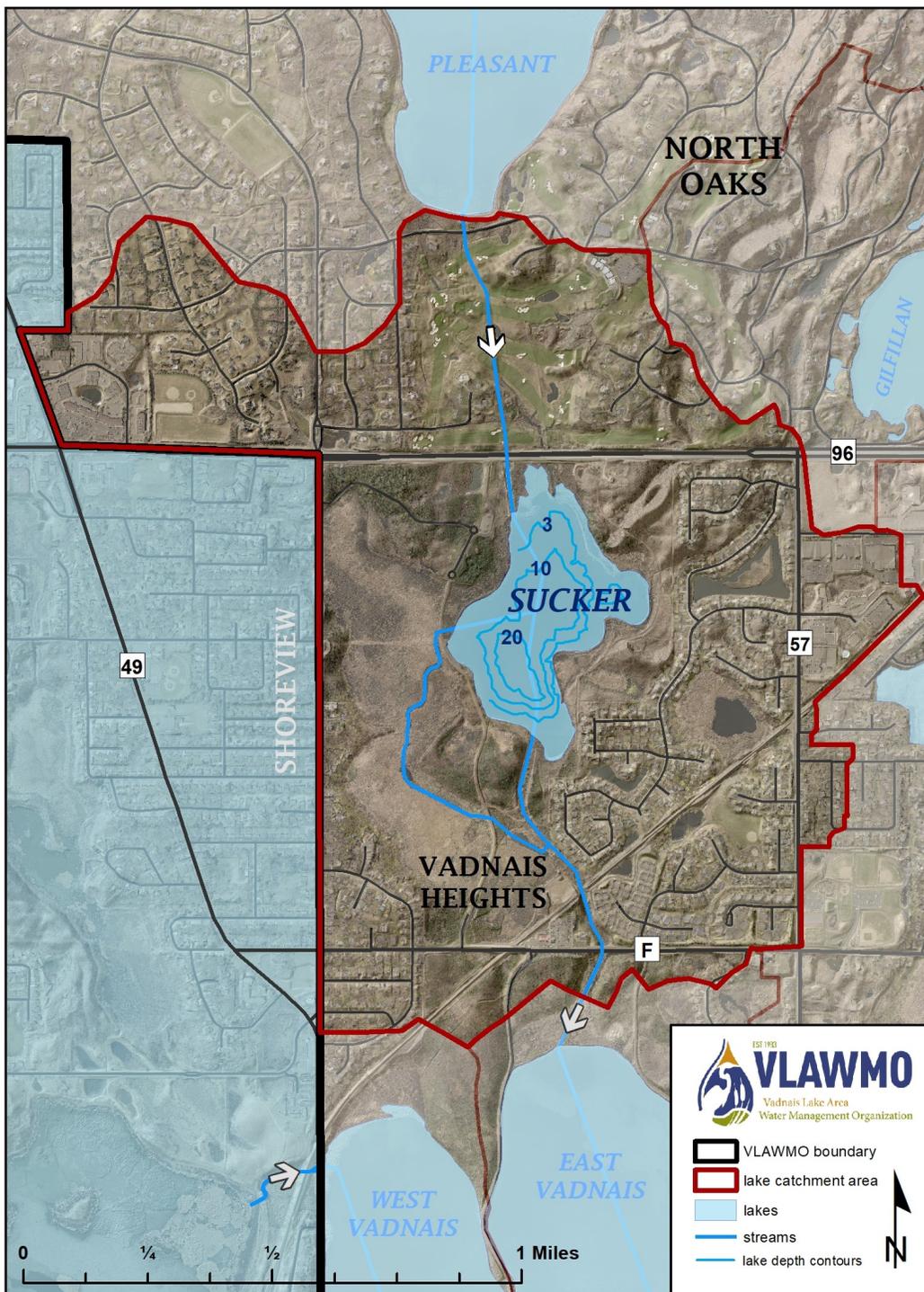
	TP ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )	ChlA ( $\text{mg/m}^3$ )
East Goose	126	205
West Goose	194	160

**Average Nutrient Levels Between East Goose Lake & West Goose Lake in 2023**



# Sucker Lake

Sucker Lake is located within the City of Vadnais Heights and is surrounded by Ramsey County park land. It is 63 acres with a maximum depth of 26 feet. According to available information, there is a diverse fish population ranging from pan fish to walleye as well as white bass that were stocked in 2010 & 2011. Sucker Lake is part of the SPRWS chain of lakes and sits between Pleasant Lake to the north and East Vadnais Lake to the south. VLAWMO began sampling the lake in 2019 for water quality.

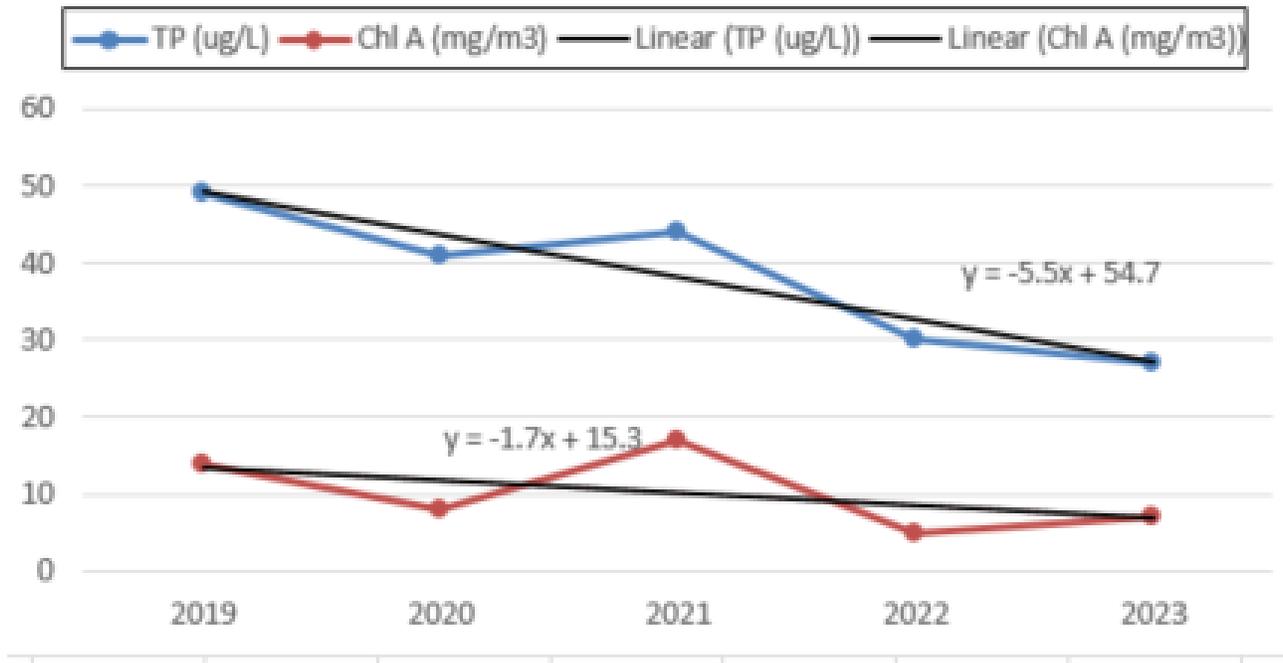


# Sucker Lake

Sucker Lake Historical Avg TP/Chl A/SDT

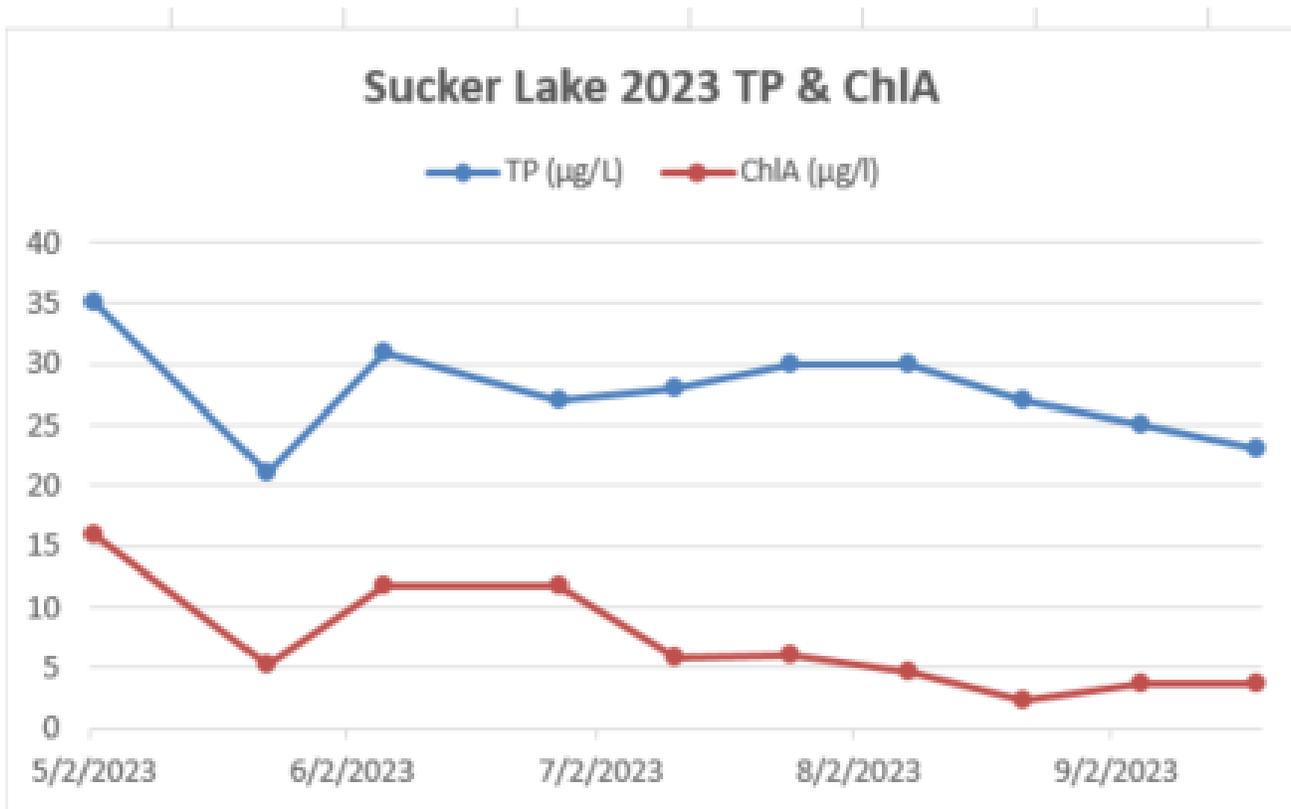
	TP (ug/L)	Chl A (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Secchi (m)
2019	49	14	1.3
2020	41	8	2
2021	44	17	2.2
2022	30	5	2.1
2023	27	7	2.1

Sucker Lake Historical Avg TP & ChlA



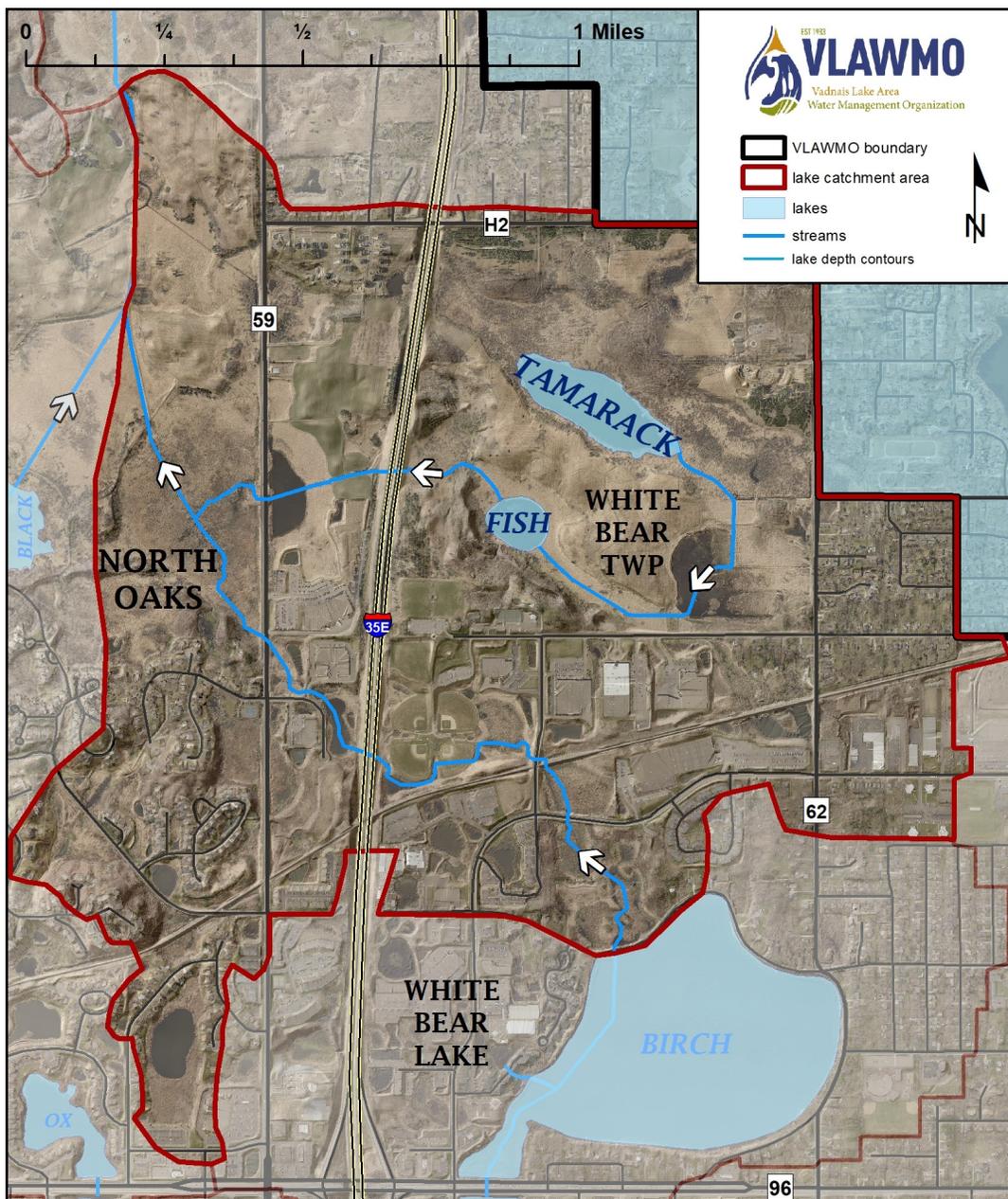
# Sucker Lake

SITE	DATE	Secchi (ft)	TP ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )	SRP (mg/L)	ChlA ( $\mu\text{g/l}$ )	TKN (mg/L)	NH3 (mg/L)	NO2+NO3 mg/L	CL (mg/L)
sucker	5/2/2023	7	35	0.006	16				31.8
sucker	5/23/2023	7	21	< 0.003	5.34				
sucker	6/6/2023		31	0.003	11.7				
sucker	6/27/2023	7	27	0.005	11.7				
sucker	7/11/2023		28	0.008	5.93				
sucker	7/25/2023		30	0.01	6.1				
sucker	8/8/2023		30	0.011	4.75				
sucker	8/22/2023		27	0.026	2.37				
sucker	9/5/2023		25	0.013	3.67				
sucker	9/19/2023		23	0.024	3.67				



# Tamarack Lake

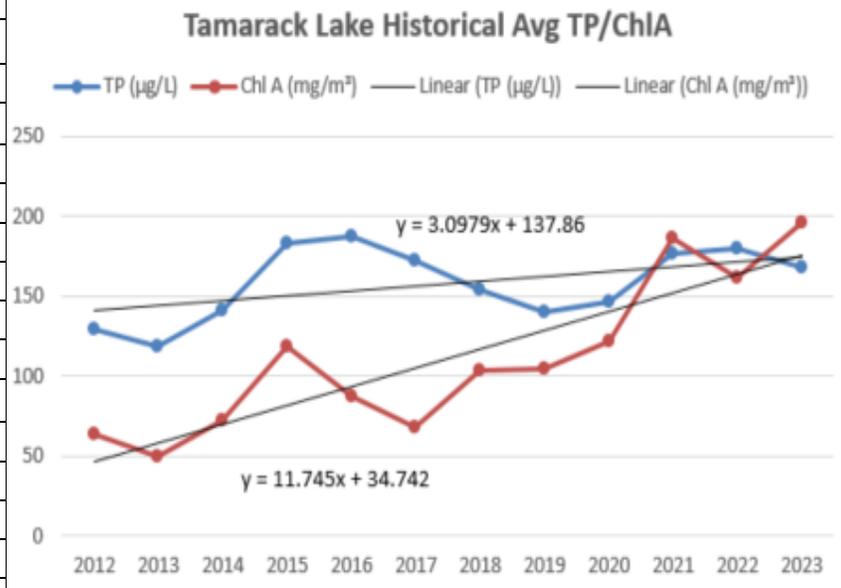
Tamarack Lake is part of the Tamarack Nature Center. It is 86 acres with a maximum depth of 10 feet. As there is no boat access, samples are taken from the observation dock on the southeast side of the lake. Ramsey County restored a large ditched wetland downstream of Tamarack and upstream of Fish Lake, as part of a wetland-banking project in 1997. Tamarack Lake is one of 4 lakes listed as impaired for nutrients on the 2010 Lambert Creek TMDL study. Internal loading is the major reason for the impairment. This is a very isolated lake with a large natural buffer, runoff from Hwy 35E will make its way to Tamarack on the west side after going through a large wetland. Historically Tamarack was surrounded by farmland.



# Tamarack Lake

Tamarack Lake Historical Avg TP/ChlA/SDT

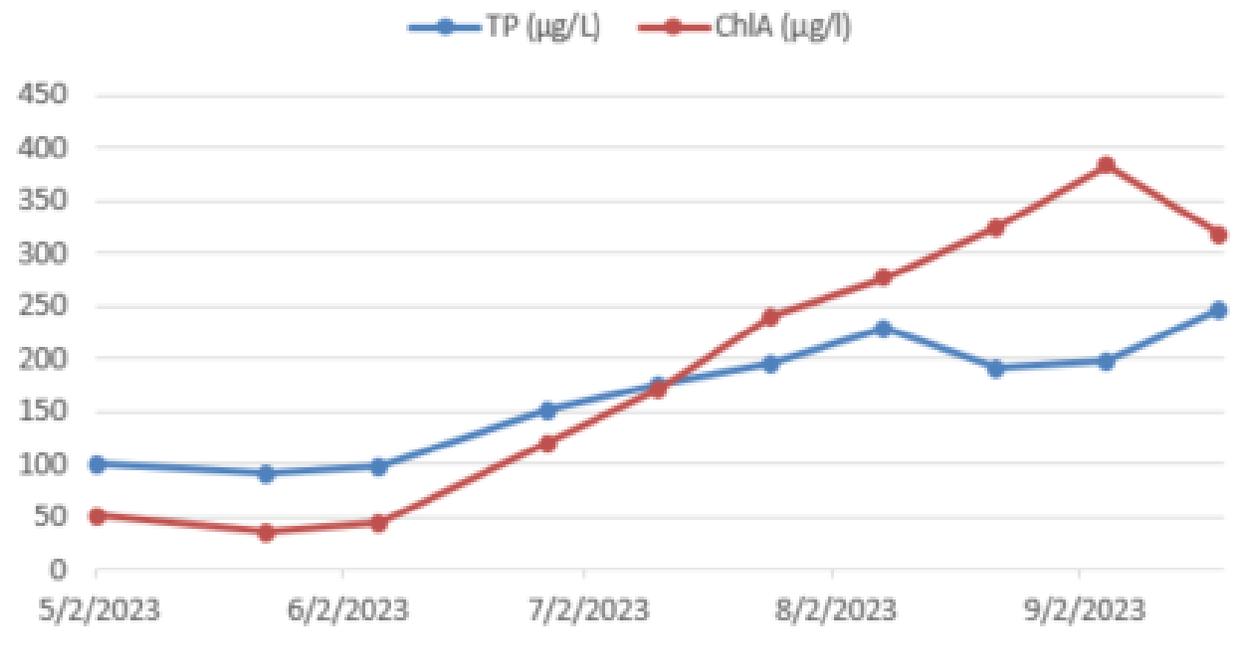
Year	TP (µg/L)	Chl A (mg/m³)	Secchi (m)
1997	17	180	0.2
1998	54	32	0.5
1999	90	26	0.4
2000	60	27	0.4
2001	132	37	0.4
2002	164	120	0.4
2003	168	95	0.3
2004	96	0	0.8
2005	143	65	0
2006	136	38	0
2007	148	109	0.5
2008	115	99	0.3
2009	161	161	0.2
2010	157	96	0.2
2011	120	28	0.6
2012	129	64	0.4
2013	119	50	0.5
2014	141	72	0.5
2015	183	119	0.4
2016	187	87	0.4
2017	172	68	0.4
2018	154	103	0.4
2019	140	104	0.4
2020	146	122	0.3
2021	177	186	0.3
2022	180	162	0.6
2023	168	196	0.7



# Tamarack Lake

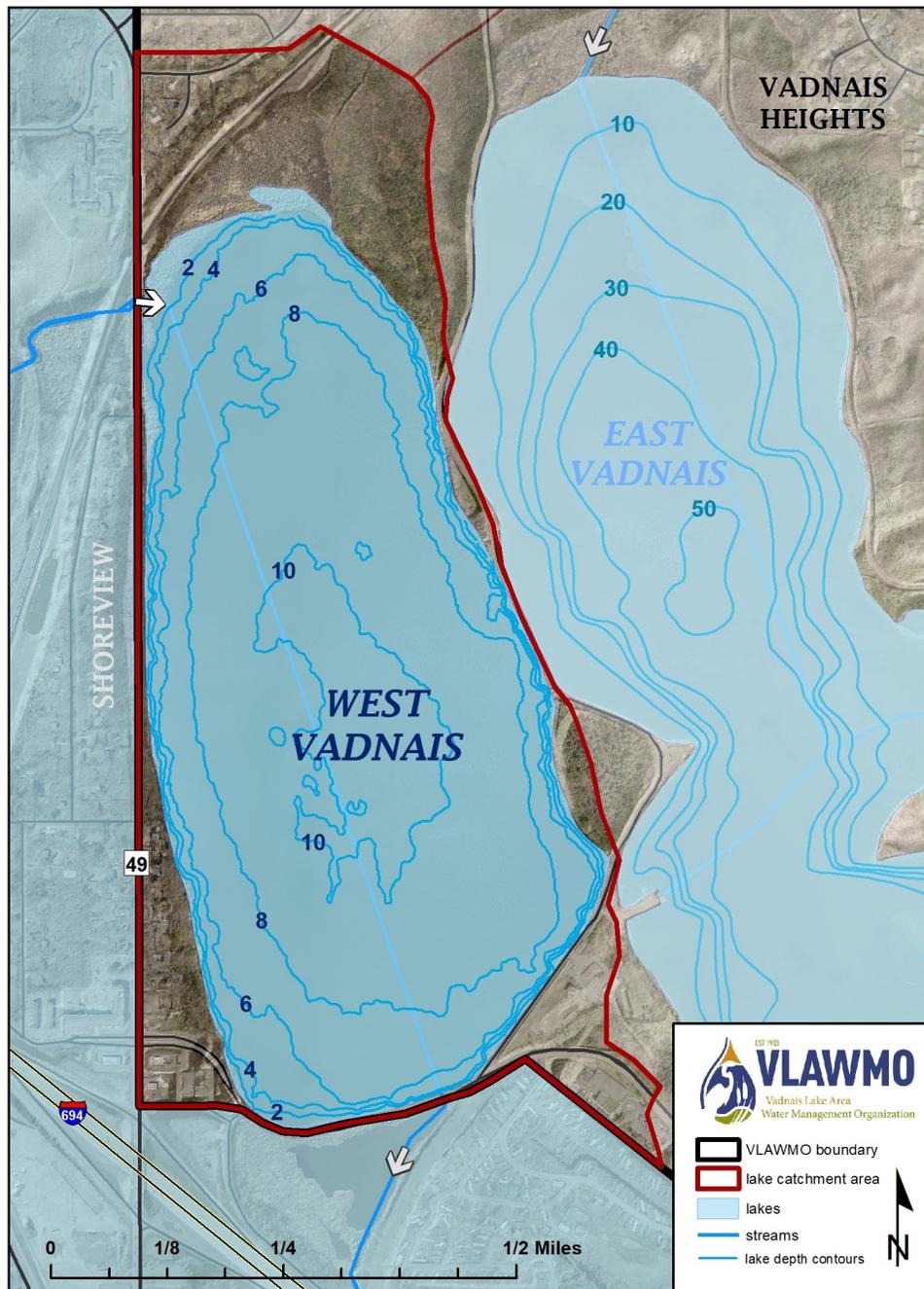
SITE	DATE	Secchi (ft)	TP ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )	SRP (mg/L)	ChlA ( $\mu\text{g/l}$ )	TKN (mg/L)	NH3 (mg/L)	NO2+NO3 mg/L	CL (mg/L)
tamarack	5/2/2023	2.5	101	0.008	50.7				51.8
tamarack	5/23/2023	2	92	0.004	35.6				
tamarack	6/6/2023		98	0.005	44.3				
tamarack	6/27/2023	2	152	0.009	121				
tamarack	7/11/2023		176	0.018	171				
tamarack	7/25/2023		195	0.01	240				
tamarack	8/8/2023		229	0.008	277				
tamarack	8/22/2023		192	0.022	326				
tamarack	9/5/2023		199	0.008	382				
tamarack	9/19/2023		247	0.025	318				

## Tamarack 2023 TP & ChlA



# West Vadnais

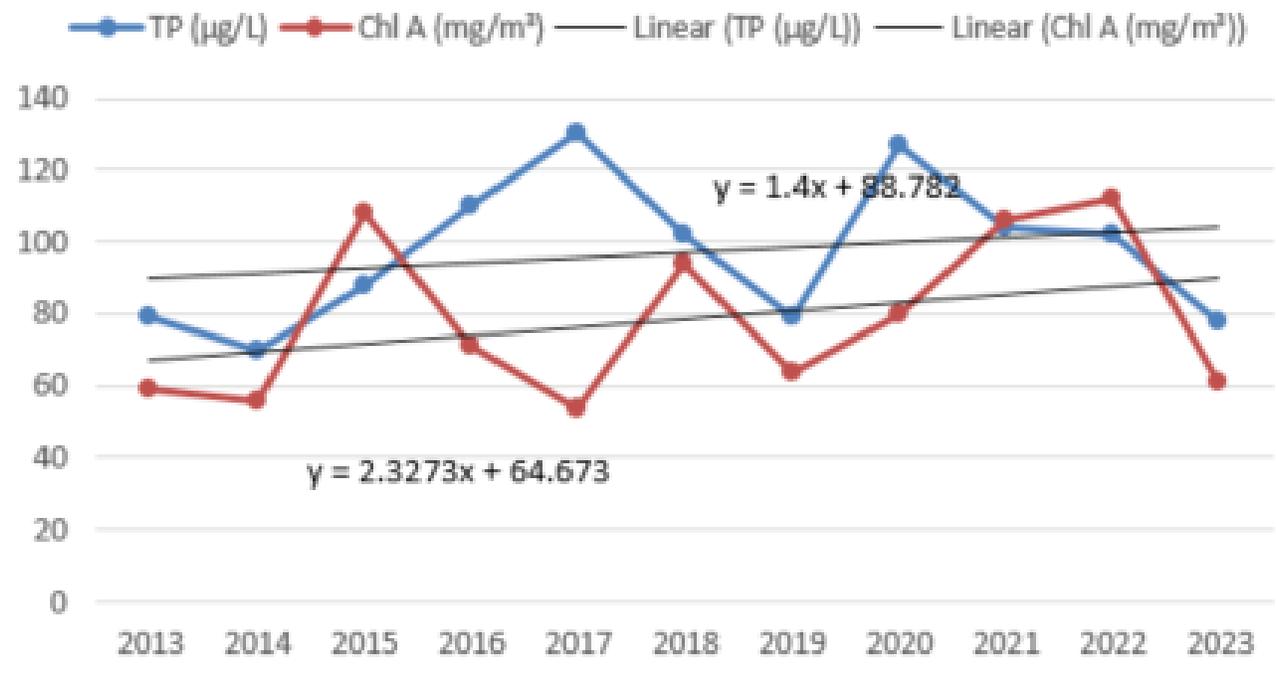
West Vadnais Lake is located in the southwest corner of the watershed. Its neighbor, East Vadnais Lake, receives in lake treatment by the Saint Paul Water Authority (SPRWS) as a measure to protect the drinking water supply. Even though these lakes are right next to each other they are not connected and have drastically different water quality. The SPRWS monitors East Vadnais Lake. VLAWMO monitored West Vadnais for part of 2009 and began full monitoring in 2013. West Vadnais is on the 2014 impaired waters list for nutrients.



# West Vadnais

West Vadnais Historical Avg TP/Chl A/SDT			
Year	TP (µg/L)	Chl A (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Secchi (m)
2009	185	103	0.4
2013	79	59	0.4
2014	70	56	0.5
2015	88	108	0.3
2016	110	71	0.3
2017	130	54	0.4
2018	102	94	0.4
2019	79	64	0.5
2020	127	80	0.5
2021	104	106	0.5
2022	102	112	0.7
2023	78	61	0.7

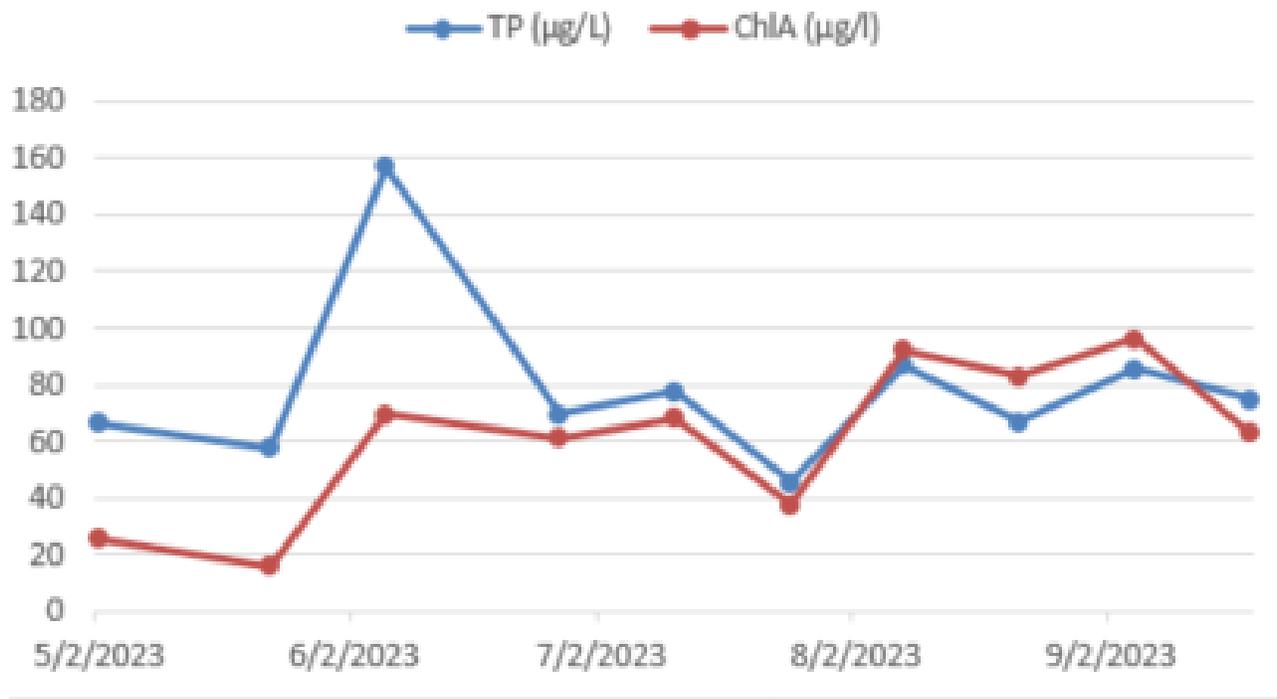
West Vadnais Historical Avg TP/Chl A



# West Vadnais

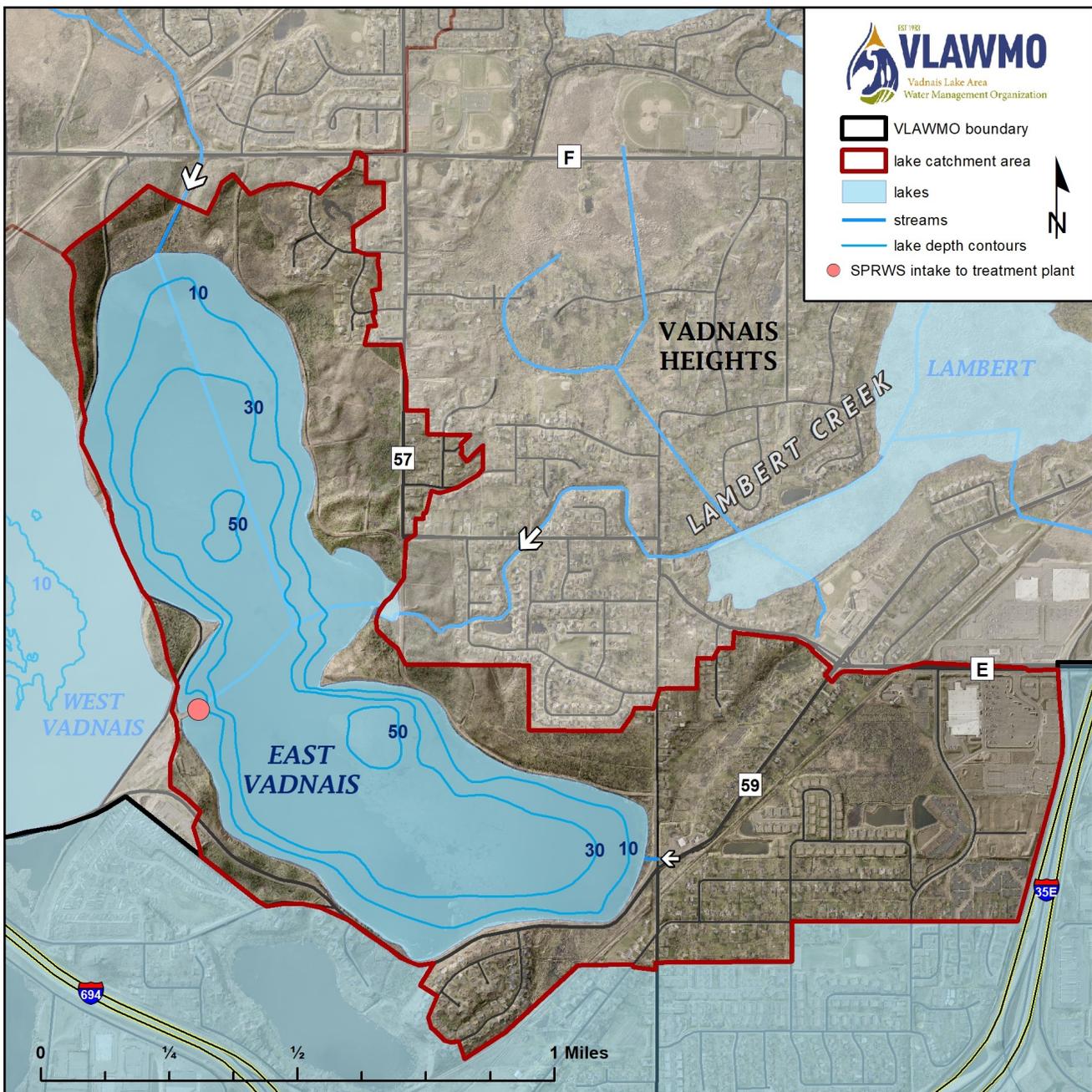
SITE	DATE	Secchi (ft)	TP ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )	SRP (mg/L)	ChlA ( $\mu\text{g/l}$ )	TKN (mg/L)	NH3 (mg/L)	NO2+NO3 mg/L	CL (mg/L)
west vadnais	5/2/2023	4.5	66	0.005	25.2				89.1
west vadnais	5/23/2023	2.5	57	< 0.003	15.5				
west vadnais	6/6/2023		157	0.003	69.4				
west vadnais	6/27/2023	1	70	< 0.003	60.5				
west vadnais	7/11/2023		78	0.015	68.4				
west vadnais	7/25/2023		46	< 0.003	37.4				
west vadnais	8/8/2023		87	0.004	92.1				
west vadnais	8/22/2023		67	0.013	82.8				
west vadnais	9/5/2023		86	< 0.003	96.1				
west vadnais	9/19/2023		75	0.016	62.7				

## West Vadnais 2023 TP & ChlA



# East Vadnais Lake

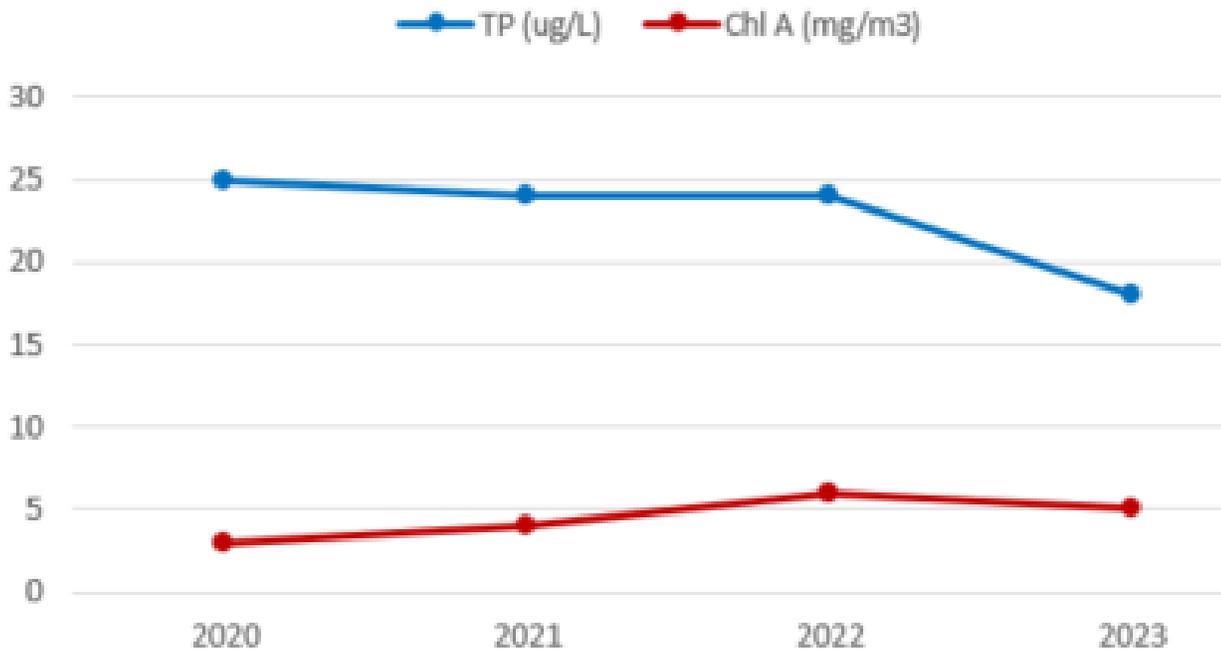
East Vadnais Lake is the drinking water reservoir for the City of Saint Paul and several surrounding suburbs. It receives water from the Mississippi River via a chain of lakes (Charley, Pleasant, Sucker, Vadnais). It is managed and monitored by the Saint Paul Regional Water Services (SPRWS). Water exits the lake through an underground pipe to the water treatment plant in Roseville. From the treatment plant, water is distributed to over 446,000 residents and businesses. No recreational use is allowed on the lake except for shoreline fishing. An oxygenation/aeration system is used in the lake to help reduce TP levels. VLAWMO began sampling in 2020.



# East Vadnais Lake

East Vadnais Lake Historical Avg TP/Chl A/SDT			
Year	TP (ug/L)	Chl A (mg/m3)	Secchi (m)
2020	25	3	
2021	24	4	2.7
2022	24	6	3
2023	18	5	3

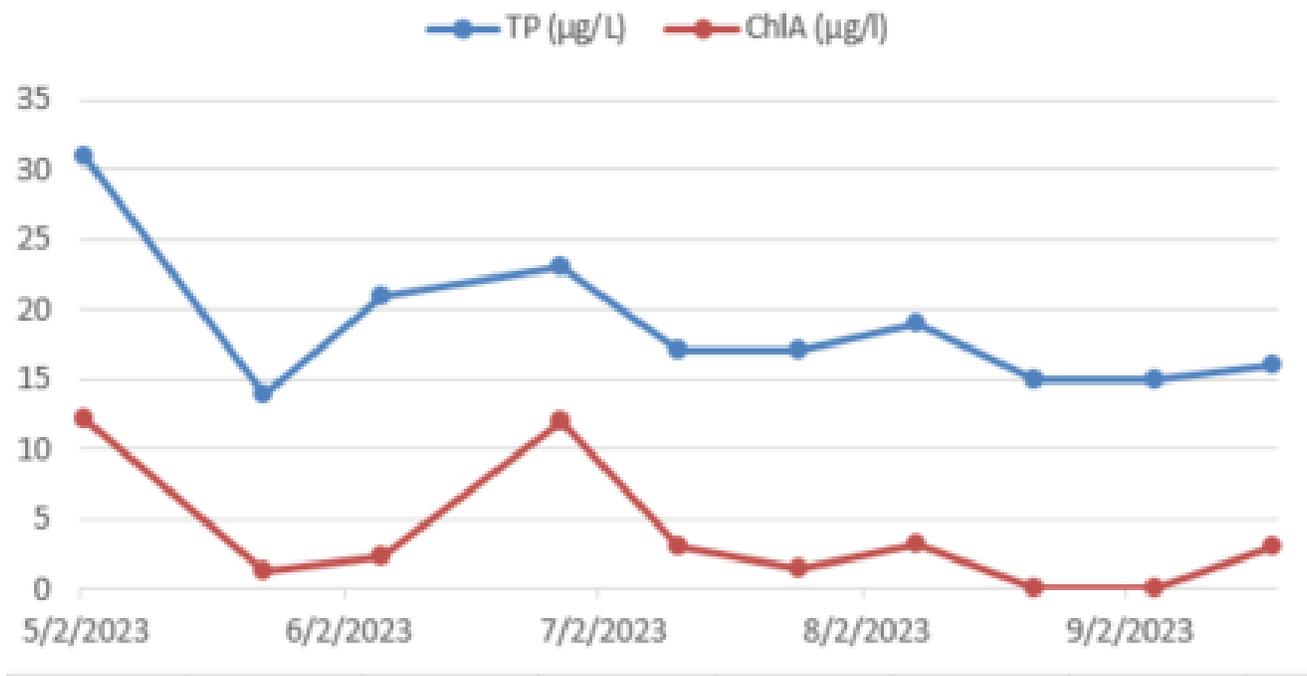
### East Vadnais Lake Historical TP/ChlA



# East Vadnais Lake

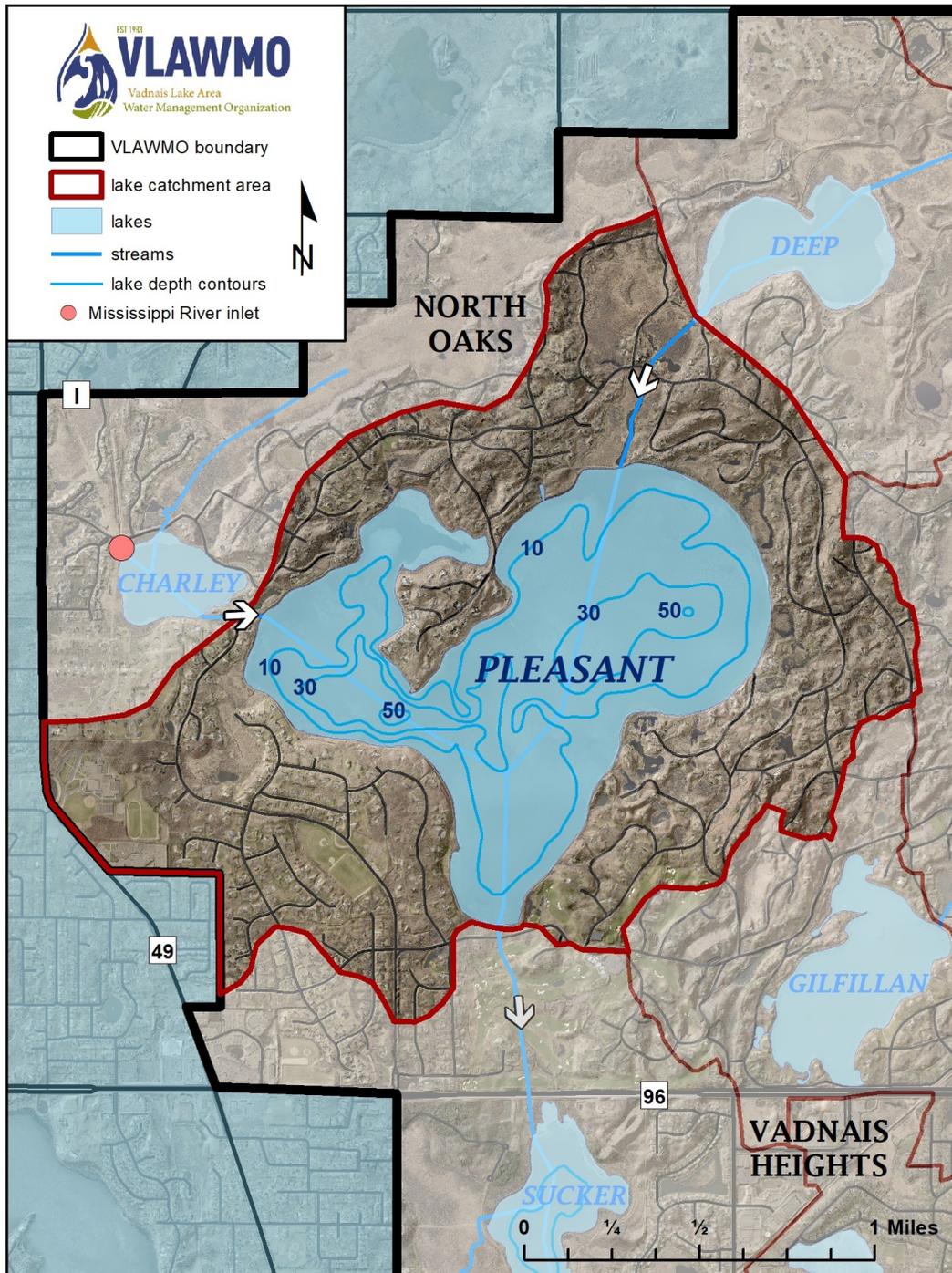
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East Vadnais	5/2/2023		31	0.005	12.2				33.2
East Vadnais	5/23/2023		14	< 0.003	1.34				
East Vadnais	6/6/2023		21	0.004	2.29				
East Vadnais	6/27/2023	9	23	< 0.003	11.9				
East Vadnais	7/11/2023		17	0.013	2.97				
East Vadnais	7/25/2023		17	0.004	1.48				
East Vadnais	8/8/2023		19	0.004	3.26				
East Vadnais	8/22/2023		15	0.009	< 1.00				
East Vadnais	9/5/2023		15	0.003	< 1.00				
East Vadnais	9/19/2023		16	0.004	3				

## East Vadnais 2023 TP & ChlA



# Pleasant Lake

Pleasant Lake is managed by the Saint Paul Regional Water Services (SPRWS) in partnership with VLAWMO and the North Oaks Home Owners' Association (NOHOA). It is part of the chain of lakes that moves water from the Mississippi (Fridley) to East Vadnais Lake. It is impaired for mercury in fish tissue. SPRWS collects water quality information for Pleasant Lake. No motorized recreational use is allowed on the lake. An oxygenation system was installed in 2013 to address high Phosphorus levels. VLAWMO began sampling in 2020.

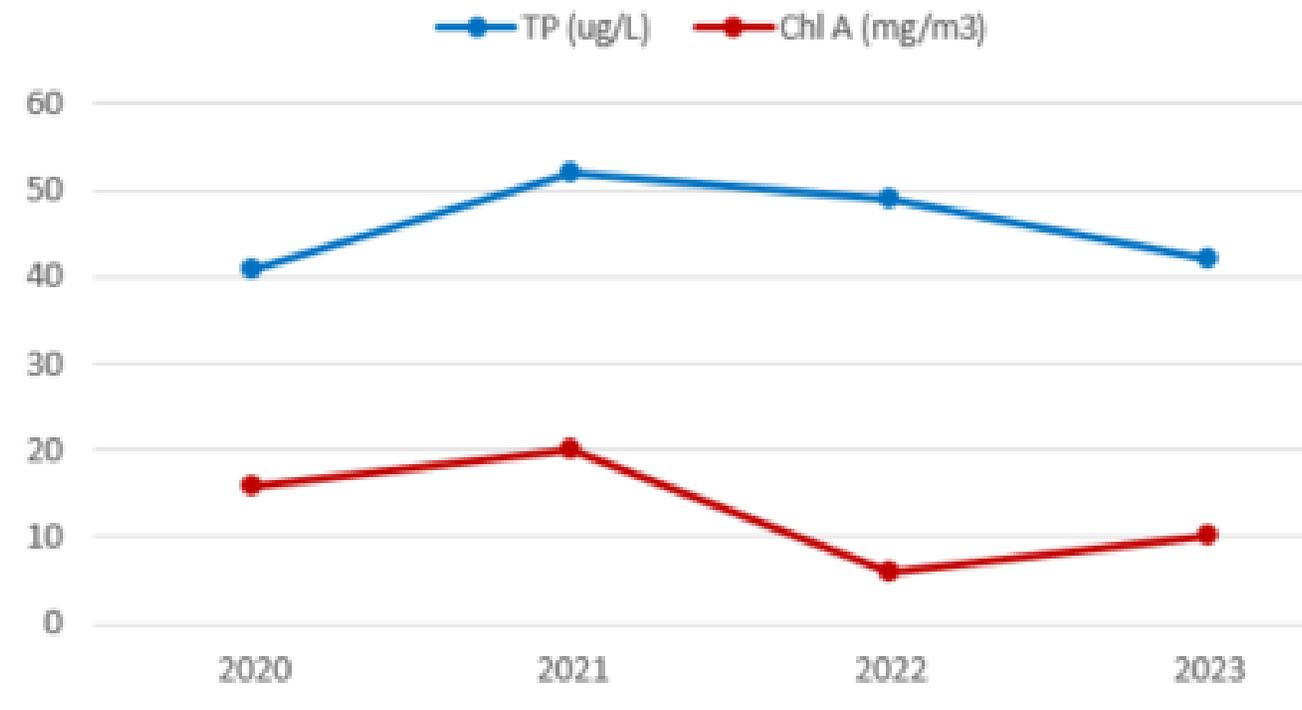


# Pleasant Lake

Pleasant Lake Historical Avg TP/Chl A/  
SDT

Year	TP (ug/L)	Chl A (mg/m3)	Secchi (m)
2020	41	16	1.7
2021	52	20	1.5
2022	49	6	2
2023	42	10	2.2

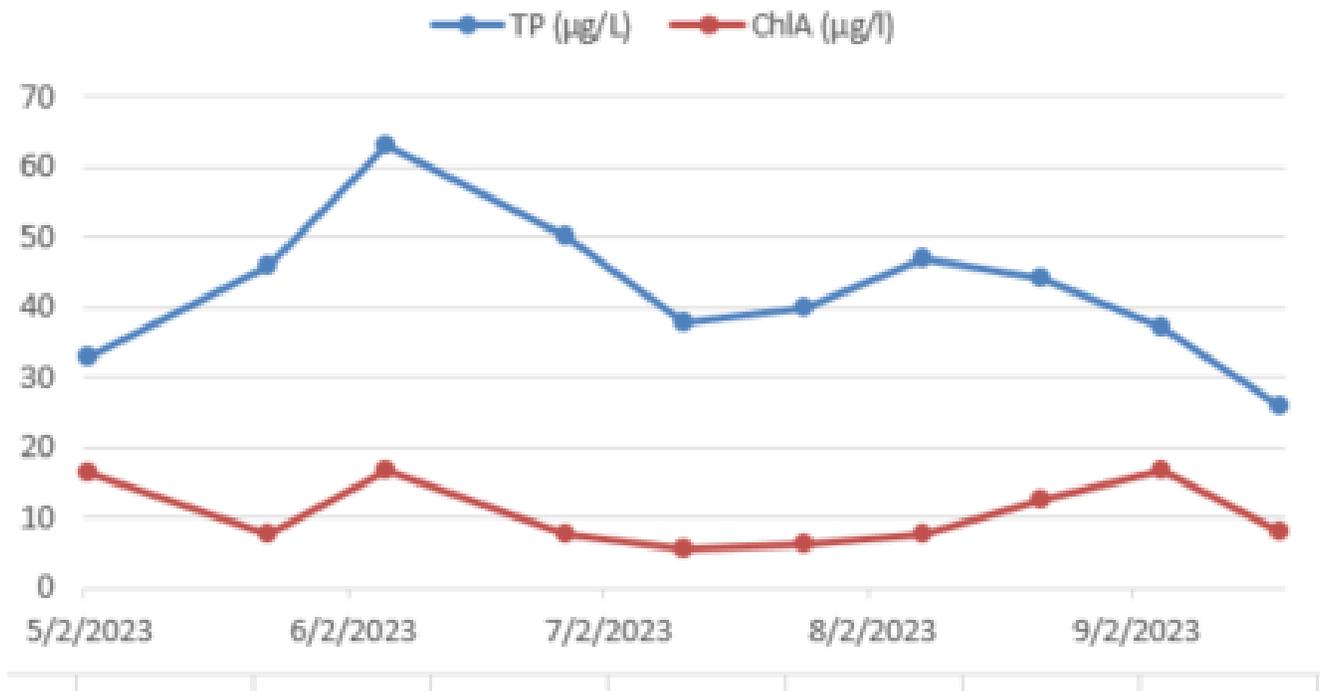
## Pleasant Lake Historical Avg TP/ChlA



# Pleasant Lake

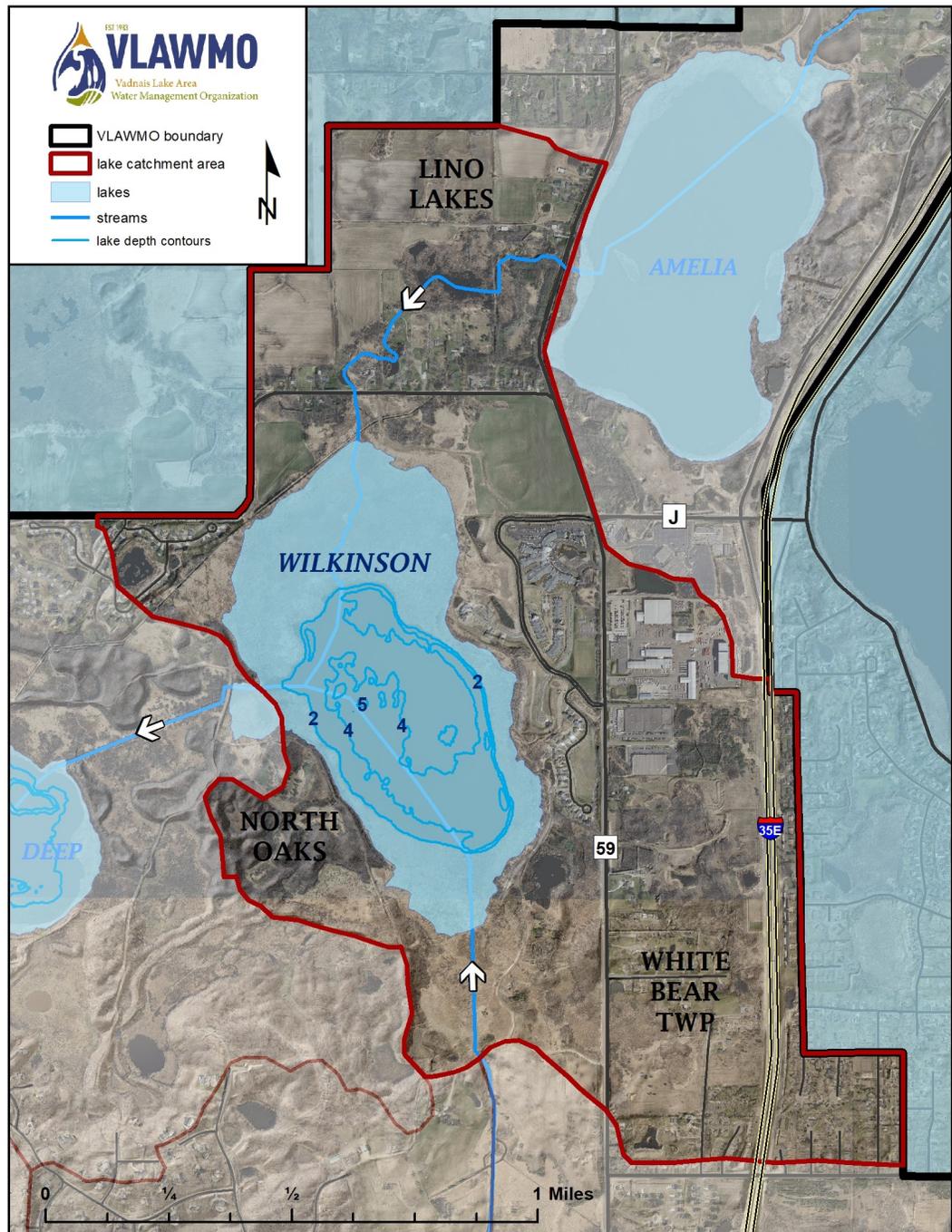
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Pleasant	5/2/2023	8	33	0.013	16.5				31.9
Pleasant	5/23/2023	8	46	0.008	7.71				
Pleasant	6/6/2023		63	0.014	16.6				
Pleasant	6/27/2023	7	50	0.023	7.71				
Pleasant	7/11/2023		38	0.018	5.64				
Pleasant	7/25/2023		40	0.016	6.23				
Pleasant	8/8/2023	8	47	0.023	7.71				
Pleasant	8/22/2023	7.5	44	0.023	12.5				
Pleasant	9/5/2023	7	37	0.014	16.7				
Pleasant	9/19/2023	8.5	26	0.014	8.01				

## Pleasant Lake 2023 TP & ChlA



# Wilkinson Lake

Wilkinson Lake was part of the James J. Hill experimental farm and is now part of the Minnesota Land Trust, which preserves the land in a natural condition. The City of North Oaks required 150-foot buffer between the lake edge and any structures. The property on the northwest side of the lake is currently being developed. The North Oaks Company has spent considerable time and effort over the years to restore the lake including the installation of a fish barrier to attempt to keep the rough fish from destroying the natural vegetation and waterfowl habitat and to improve water quality. The lake has also had two drawdowns to kill the carp. Wilkinson is the fourth lake within VLAWMO to be on the 2010 impaired waters list for nutrients and is part of the ongoing Lambert Creek TMDL study. Farmland runoff and internal loading seem to be the main factors to the poor water quality.

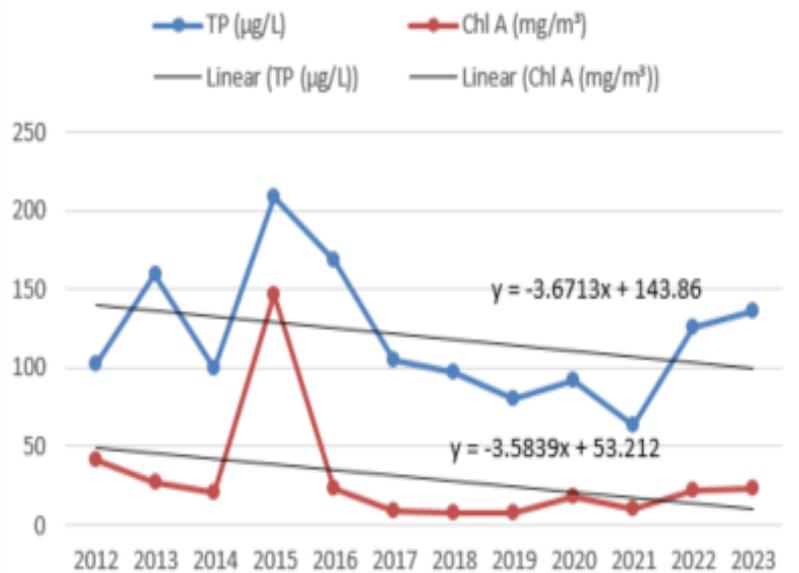


# Wilkinson Lake

Wilkinson Lake Historical Avg TP/Chl A/SDT

Year	TP (µg/L)	Chl A (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Secchi (m)
1998	48	26	1.1
1999	62	8	0
2000	38	34	0
2001	299	99	0.2
2002	107	40	0
2003	130	18	0
2004	72	0	0
2005	183	52	0
2006	96	10	0
2007	104	18	0.9
2008	64	8	0.3
2009	125	17	1
2010	140	31	0.8
2011	80	14	1
2012	103	42	0.9
2013	159	27	0.9
2014	100	21	0.9
2015	209	147	0.5
2016	169	24	1.1
2017	105	9	1.2
2018	97	8	1.2
2019	81	8	1.1
2020	92	18	1.1
2021	63	10	1.1
2022	126	22	1.1
2023	136	23	0.9

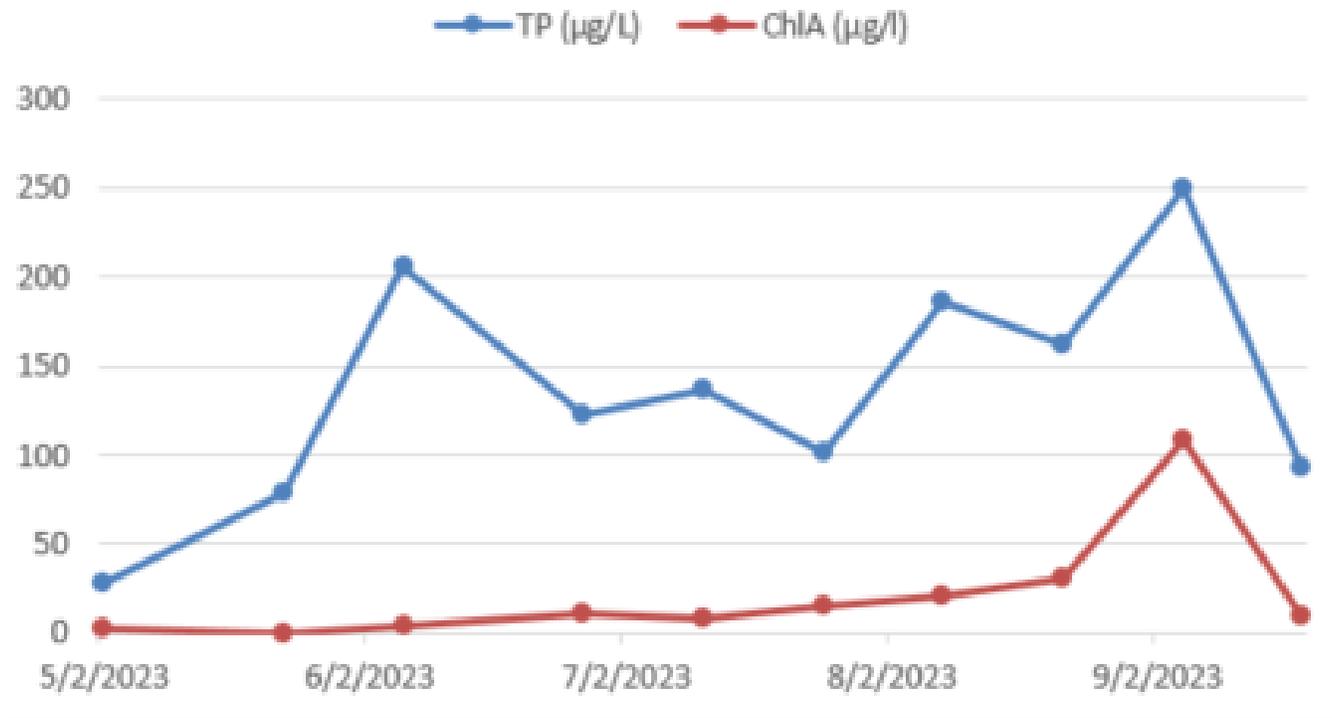
Wilkinson Lake Historical Avg TP/ChlA



# Wilkinson Lake

SITE	DATE	Secchi (ft)	TP ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )	SRP (mg/L)	ChlA ( $\mu\text{g/l}$ )	TKN (mg/L)	NH3 (mg/L)	NO2+NO3 mg/L	CL (mg/L)
wilkinson	5/2/2023	4.5	28	0.006	3				72.1
wilkinson	5/23/2023	5	79	0.024	< 1.00				
wilkinson	6/6/2023		206	0.035	4				
wilkinson	6/27/2023	2.5	122	0.048	11				
wilkinson	7/11/2023		136	0.032	7.63				
wilkinson	7/25/2023		101	0.018	15.3				
wilkinson	8/8/2023		186	0.007	20.3				
wilkinson	8/22/2023		162	0.01	31				
wilkinson	9/5/2023		249	0.023	109				
wilkinson	9/19/2023		93	0.016	9.34				

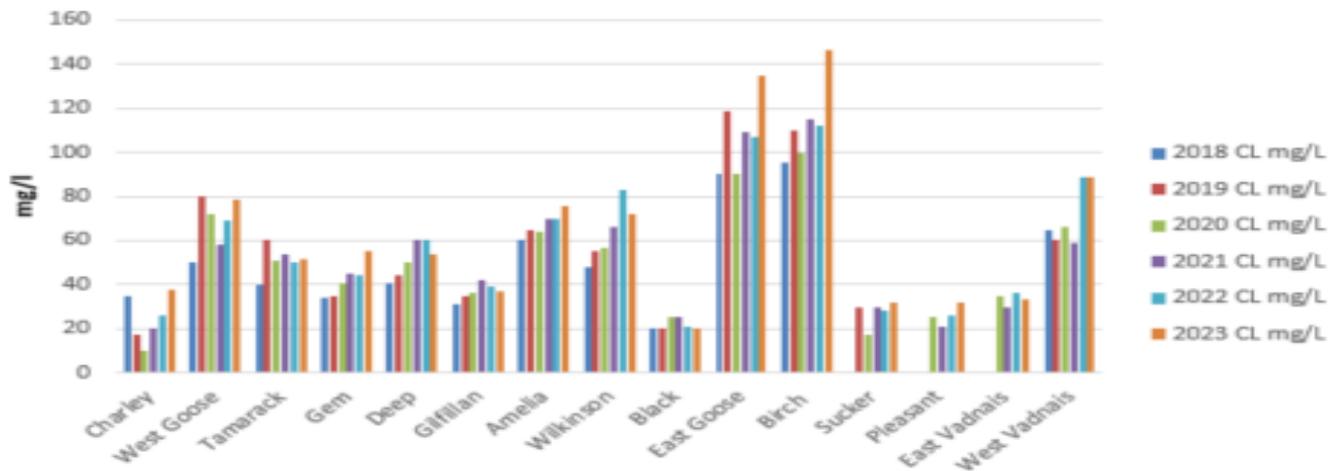
## Wilkinson 2023 TP & ChlA



# Lake Comparison Chloride

	2018 CL mg/L	2019 CL mg/L	2020 CL mg/L	2021 CL mg/L	2022 CL mg/L	2023 CL mg/L	Average
Charley	35	17	10	20	26	37.9	22
West Goose	50	80	72	58	69	78.9	49
Tamarack	40	60	51	54	50	51.8	41
Gem	34	35	41	45	44	55.5	41
Deep	41	44	50	60	60	53.7	46
Gilfillan	31	35	36	42	39	37.2	34
Amelia	60	65	64	70	70	75.6	66
Wilkinson	48	55	57	66	83	72.1	60
Black	20	20	25	25	21	20.6	15
East Goose	90	119	90	109	107	135	91
Birch	95	110	100	115	112	146	99
Sucker		30	17	30	28	31.8	27
Pleasant			25	21	26	31.9	26
East Vadnais			35	30	36	33.2	34
West Vadnais	65	60	66	59	89	89.1	76

VLAWMO Lakes Chloride 2018 - 2023



- Chloride Standards**

Chronic Exposure Standard—4 day average > 230 mg/l

Acute Exposure Standard—1 hour > 860 mg/l

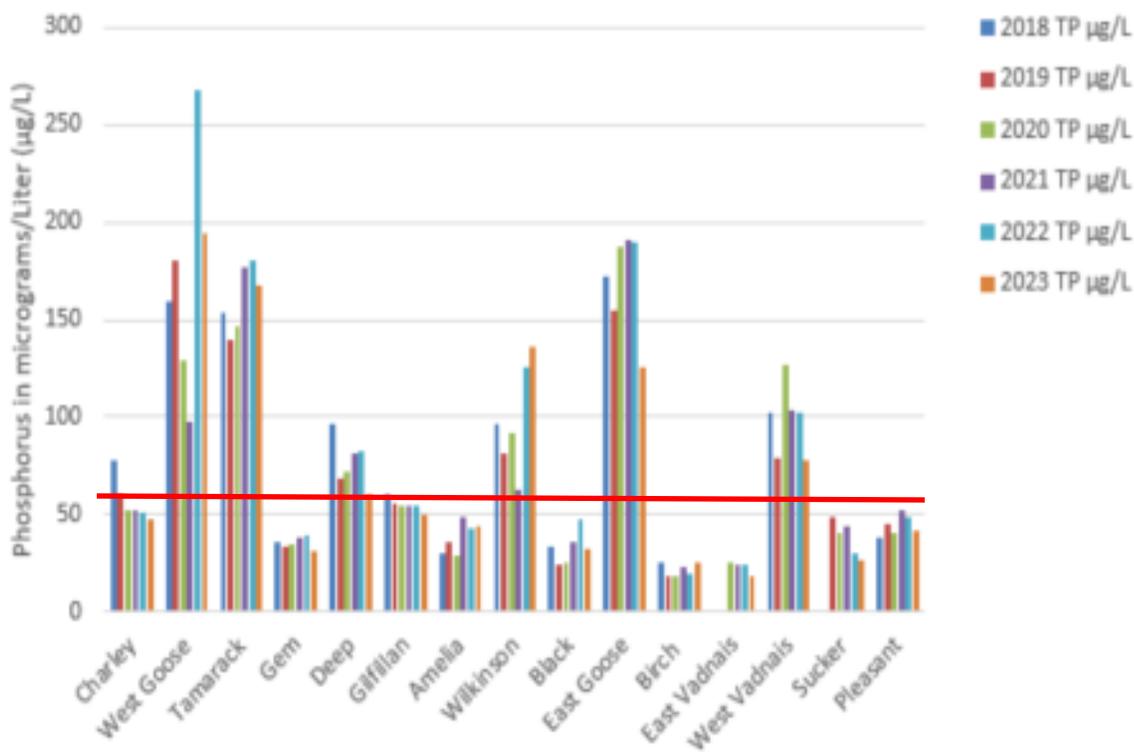
Impairment Threshold—Two or more exceedances in a three year period having at least five data points

- VLAWMO staff takes Lake Chloride readings in the spring right after ice-off. The samples are taken from the middle of the lake. 2019 was the tenth year of VLAWMO’s chloride program. The lakes with the highest chloride levels are typically the lakes that receive the most street/storm water runoff. Most of our cities have gone to an all salt mix for winter ice control and future monitoring will be interesting to see how that will affect the chloride levels in VLAWMO lakes.

# Lake Comparison Total Phosphorus (TP)

Lake	2018 TP µg/L	2019 TP µg/L	2020 TP µg/L	2021 TP µg/L	2022 TP µg/L	2023 TP µg/L	average
Charley	78	60	52	52	51	48	64
West Goose	159	180	129	98	268	194	156
Tamarack	154	140	146	177	180	168	155
Gem	36	33	35	38	39	31	36
Deep	97	68	72	81	83	60	86
Gilfillan	60	56	54	54	55	50	68
Amelia	30	36	29	49	43	44	39
Wilkinson	97	81	92	63	126	136	119
Black	34	24	25	36	47	32	30
East Goose	172	155	187	191	190	126	207
Birch	25	18	18	23	20	25	24
East Vadnais			25	24	24	18	23
West Vadnais	102	79	127	104	102	78	97
Sucker		49	41	44	30	27	38
Pleasant	38	45	41	52	49	42	43

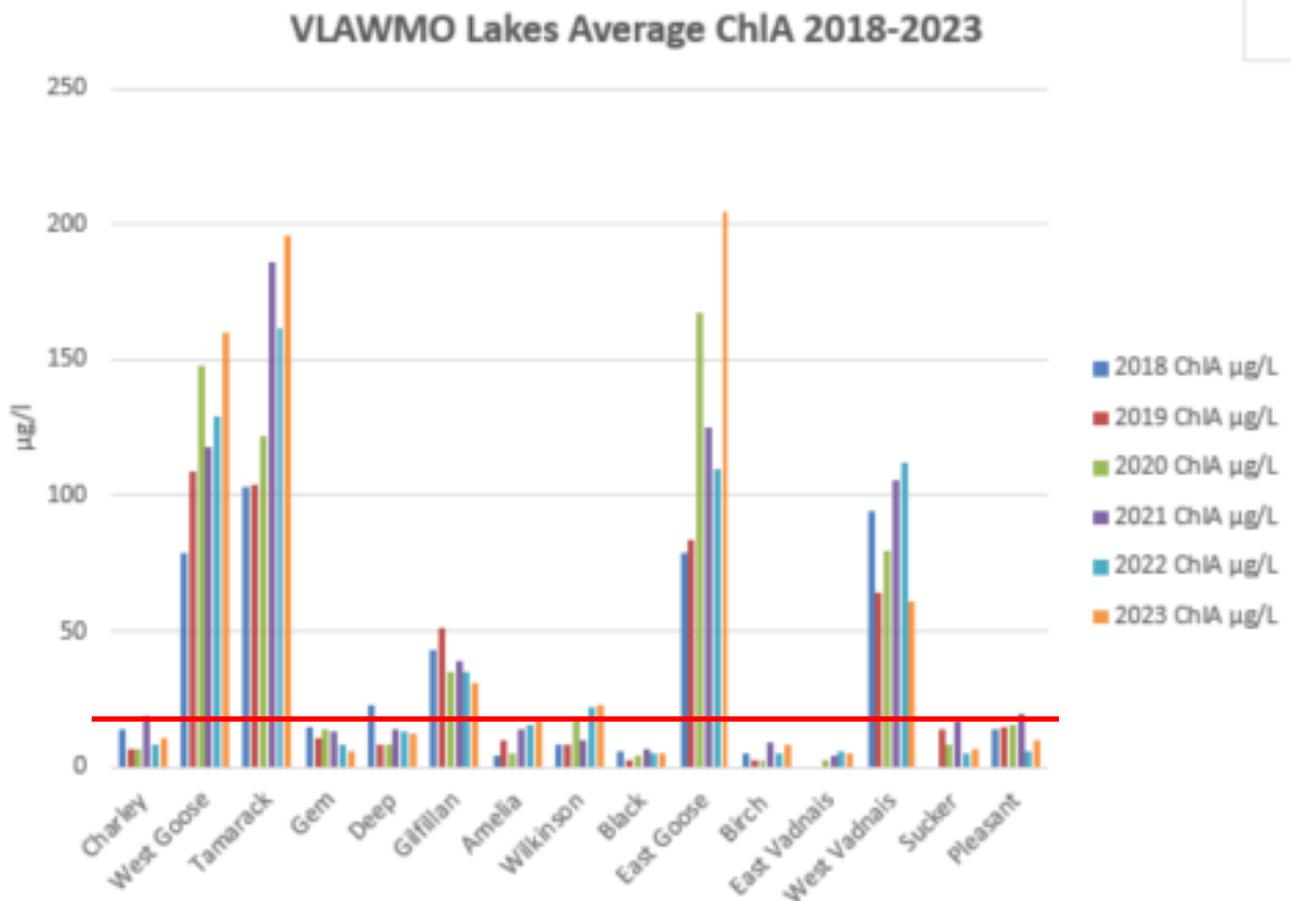
Annual Average Total Phosphorus (TP) of VLAWMO Lakes:  
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The red line marks the State Standard; when a water body becomes impaired.

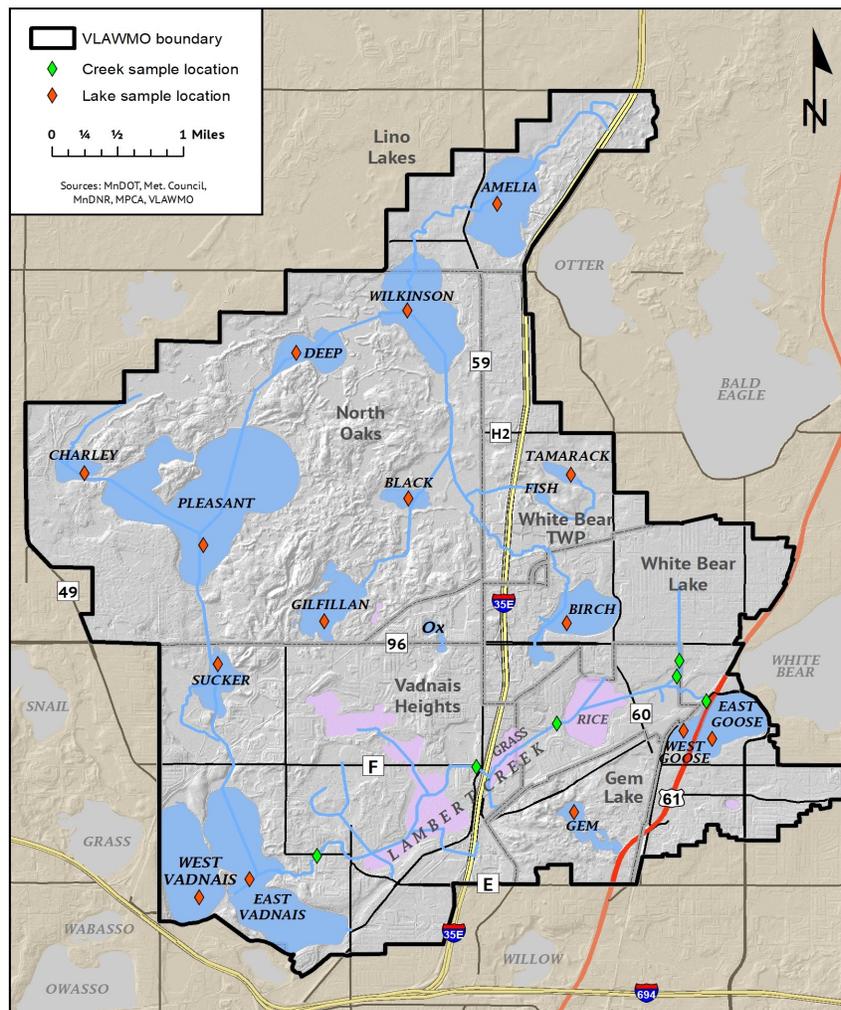
# Lake Comparison ChIA

	2018 ChIA µg/ L	2019 ChIA µg/ L	2020 ChIA µg/ L	2021 ChIA µg/ L	2022 ChIA µg/ L	2023 ChIA µg/ L	average
Charley	14	7	7	19	8	11	12
West Goose	79	109	148	118	129	160	84
Tamarack	103	104	122	186	162	196	104
Gem	15	11	14	13	8	6	14
Deep	23	8	8	14	13	12	14
Gilfillan	43	51	35	39	35	31	32
Amelia	4.5	10	5	14	16	17	11
Wilkinson	8	8	18	10	22	23	29
Black	6	3	4	7	5	5	6
East Goose	79	84	167	125	110	205	101
Birch	5	3	3	9	5	8	5
East Vadnais			3	4	6	5	5
West Vadnais	94	64	80	106	112	61	79
Sucker		14	8	17	5	7	10
Pleasant	14	15	16	20	6	10	14



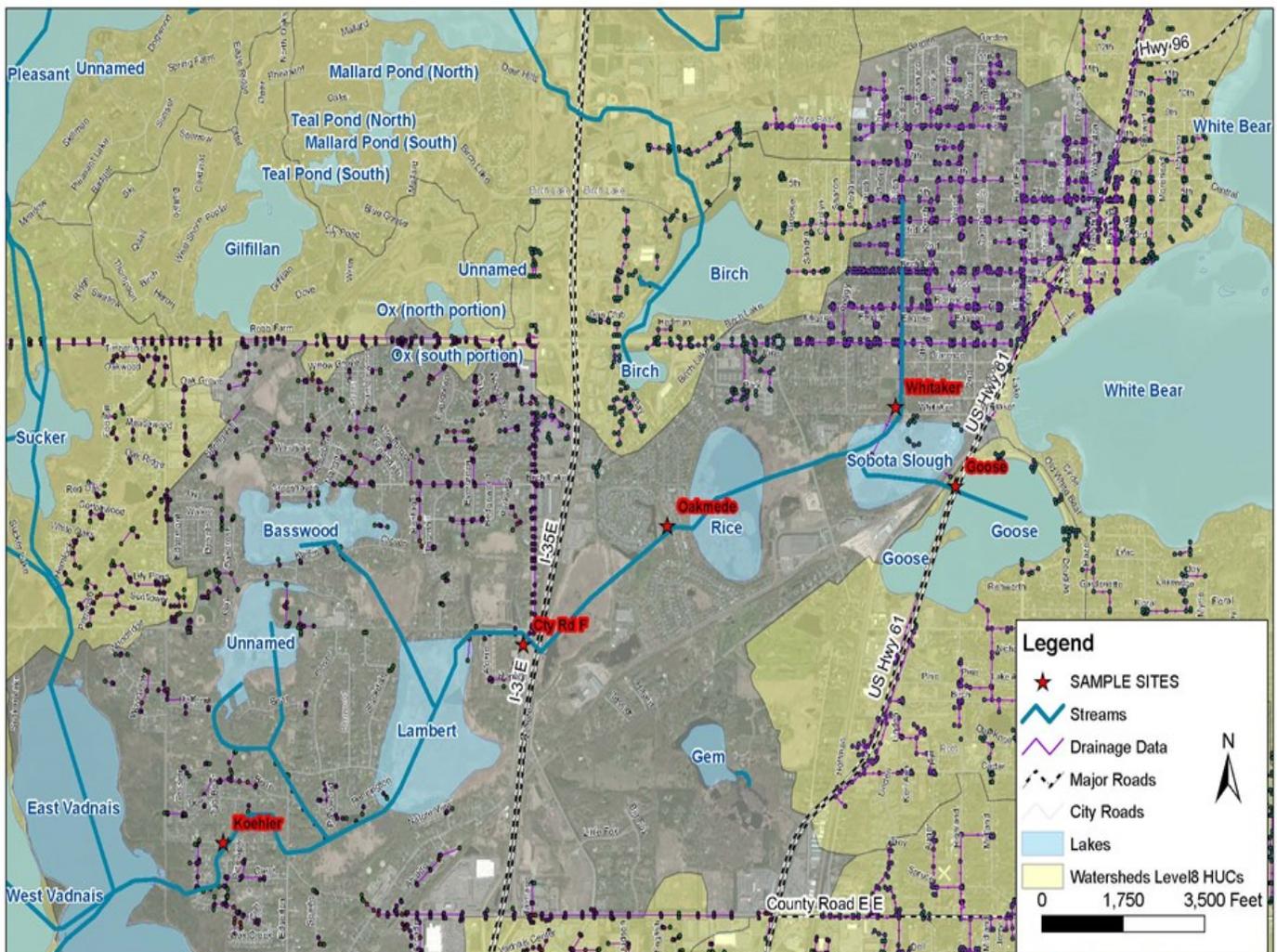
# Lake Levels

Lake Elevations 2023					
NAVD88	Gilfillan	Birch	Gem	Goose	Wilkinson
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lake level start	911.00	919.73		924.65	895.28
0.00 out	909.50	918.73		923.65	893.48
5/5/2023	911	919.73		924.65	895.34
5/23/2023	910.9	919.68		924.55	895.18
6/6/2023	910.70	919.44		924.33	895.09
6/27/2023	910.63	919.21		924.34	894.93
7/11/2023	910.40	918.93		924.13	894.77
7/25/2023	910.40	918.94		924.26	894.70
8/8/2023	910.40	918.79		924.23	894.58
8/22/2023	910.40	918.83		924.33	894.53
9/5/2023	910.35	918.53		924.20	894.38
9/19/2023	910.40	918.33		924.19	894.27
11/2/2023	910.82	919.34		924.75	
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# Lambert Creek

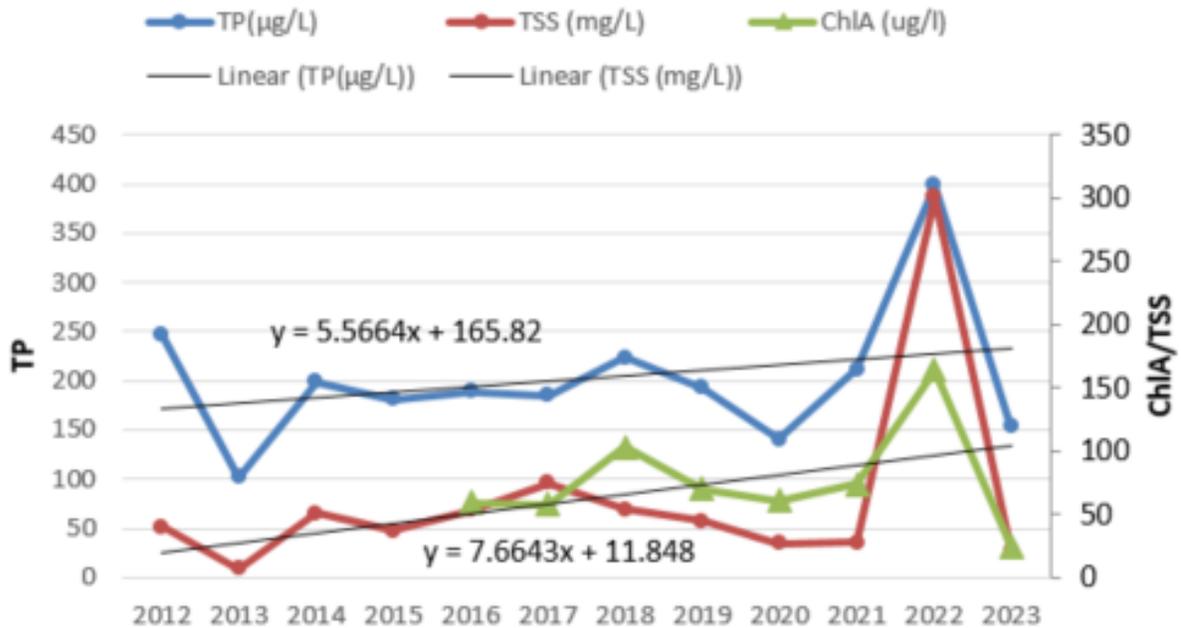
Samples are collected by VLAWMO staff at six sites along Lambert Creek on a bi-weekly basis May through September. The six sites noted in charts and graphs are: Goose Lake, WBL storm sewer, Whitaker Pond, Oakmede, County Rd F, and Kohler Rd. The samples are analyzed by RMB Environmental for TP, ChIA, SRP, TKN, NH3, NO3, TSS. VLAWMO volunteers collect pH, conductivity, DO and temperature readings at all locations except the WBL storm sewer. Creek flow is also collected at the flumes along with automated flow meters at 4 locations. This information will help with the TMDL process and allows us to set baselines to compare with future monitoring data.



# Lambert Creek—Goose

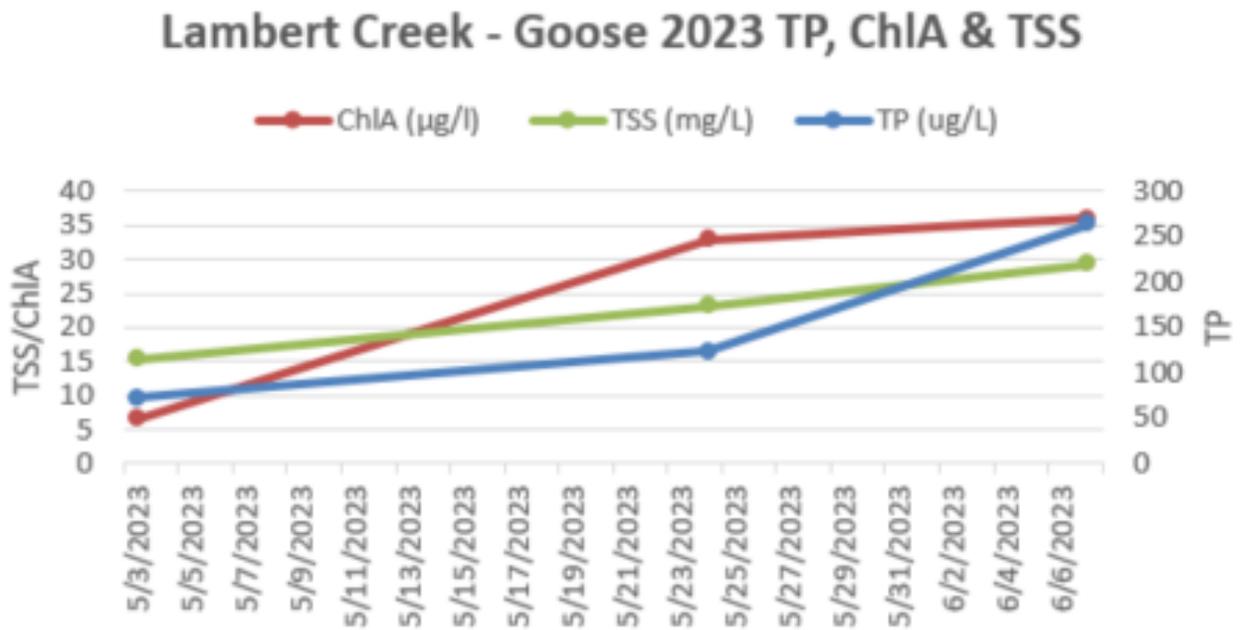
Lambert Creek-Goose				Date	Temp °C	Conductivity (mS/cm)	DO (mg/L)	pH
Year	TP(µg/L)	TSS (mg/L)	ChIA (ug/l)	5/16/2023	22.3	0.761	7.51	8.47
2009	230	22		5/31/2023	30.9	0.759	3.11	7.75
2010	130	16		6/5/2023	25.2	0.765	1.09	7.45
2011	138	12		6/21/2023	*DRY	.	.	.
2012	246	40		7/10/2023	*DRY	.	.	.
2013	102	7		7/27/2023	*DRY	.	.	.
2014	199	51		8/15/2023	*too shal-	.	.	.
2015	181	37		8/28/2023	*too shal-	.	.	.
2016	189	53	59	9/7/2023	*DRY	.	.	.
2017	185	75	58					
2018	224	54	103					
2019	193	45	70					
2020	141	27	61					
2021	212	28	74					
2022	399	301	164					
2023	153	22	25					

Lambert Creek-Goose Historical TP, ChIA & TSS



# Lambert Creek—Goose

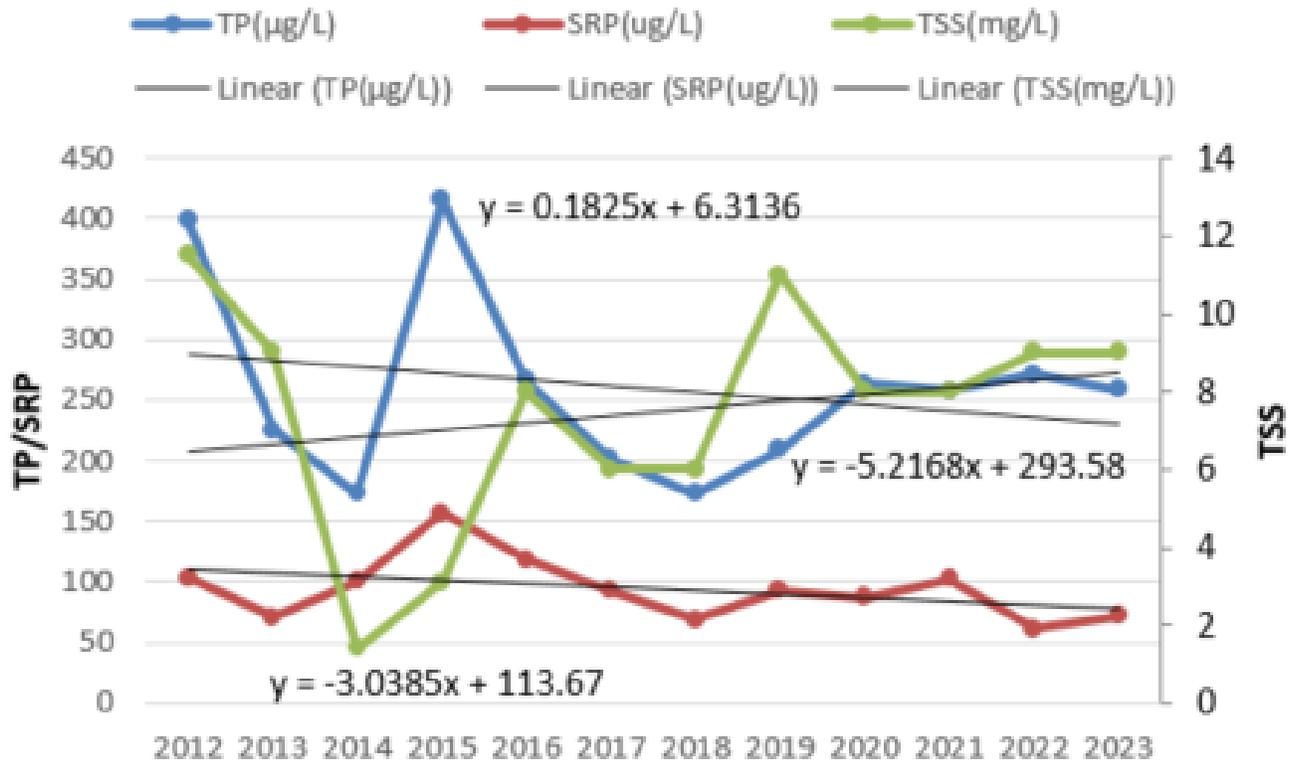
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lc-goose	5/3/2023	72	6.53	15.3				73.9
lc-goose	5/24/2023	124	32.9	23.2				
lc-goose	6/7/2023	264	36	29.3				



# Lambert Creek—Whitaker

Whitaker					Date	Temp °C	Conductivity (mS/cm)	DO (mg/L)	pH
Year	TP(µg/L)	SRP(ug/L)	TSS(mg/L)	ChIA (ug/l)	5/16/2023	17.9	0.761	11.60	7.87
2009	240		11		5/31/2023	23.3	0.759	5.58	7.59
2010	229	91	19.7		6/5/2023	23.7	0.765	0.83	7.43
2011	157	45	12.7		6/21/2023	20.1	0.758	6.50	7.69
2012	398	103	11.5		7/10/2023	23.3	0.755	1.22	7.54
2013	226	71	9		7/27/2023	25.0	0.759	0.62	7.18
2014	173	100	1.4		8/15/2023	22.00	0.763	1.95	7.59
2015	416	157	3.1		8/28/2023	24.30	0.761	0.96	7.31
2016	267	119	8	8	9/7/2023	*too shal-	.	.	.
2017	202	93	6	3					
2018	173	69	6	21					
2019	209	93	11	35					
2020	264	87	8	62					
2021	258	102	8	18					
2022	271	61	9	67					
2023	259	72	9	27					

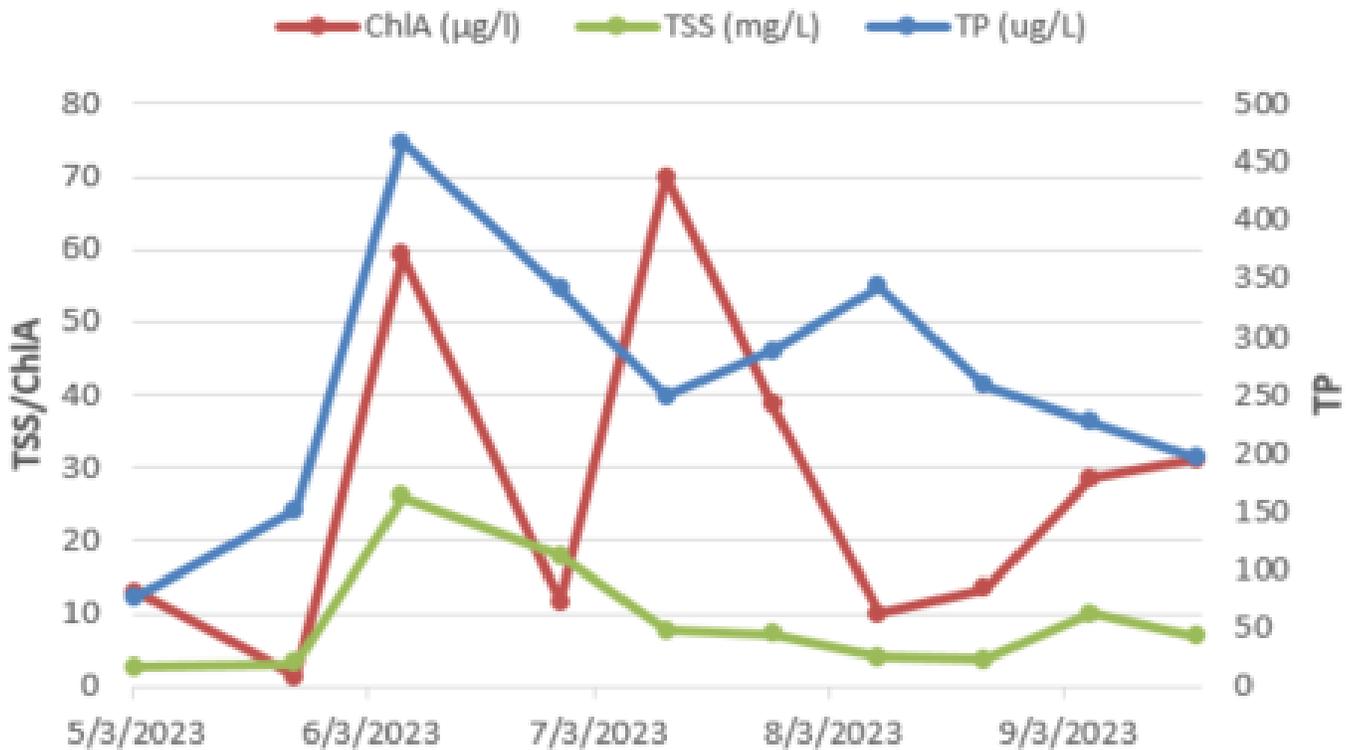
## Whitaker Historical TP, SRP, & TSS



# Lambert Creek—Whitaker

SITE	DATE	TP (ug/L)	ChlA (ug/l)	TSS (mg/L)	SRP (ug/L)	TKN (mg/L)	NH3 (mg/L)	NO2+N O3 mg/L	Cl (mg/L)
whitaker	5/3/2023	77	13	2.7	29				132
whitaker	5/24/2023	151	1.34	3.2	43				
whitaker	6/7/2023	466	59.2	26	128				
whitaker	6/28/2023	341	11.7	18	108				
whitaker	7/12/2023	249	70	7.6	42				
whitaker	7/26/2023	288	38.6	7.1	71				
whitaker	8/9/2023	343	10	4	111				
whitaker	8/23/2023	258	13.4	3.7	89				
whitaker	9/6/2023	227	28.5	10	43				
whitaker	9/20/2023	196	31.2	6.8	62				

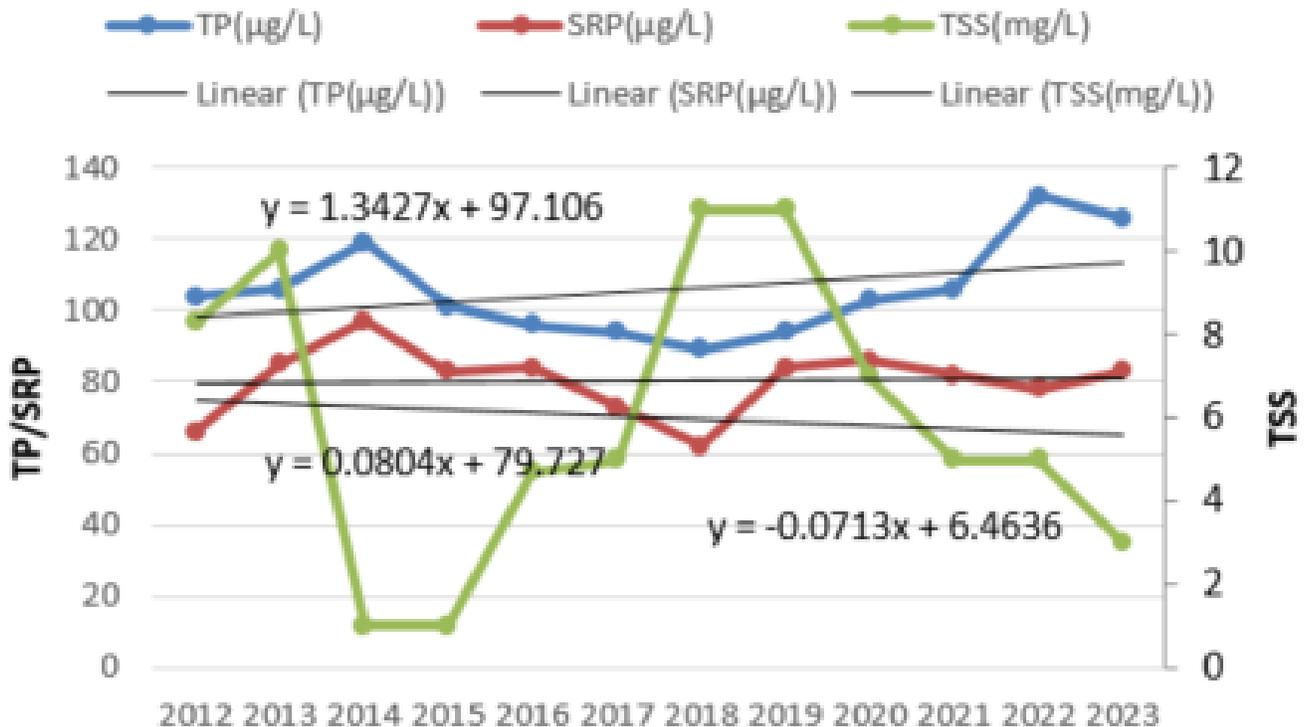
## Lambert Creek - Whitaker 2023 TP, ChlA & TSS



# Lambert Creek—WBLSS

White Bear Lake Storm Sewer					Date	Temp °C	Conductivity (mS/cm)	DO (mg/L)	pH
Year	TP(µg/L)	SRP(µg/L)	TSS(mg/L)	ChIA (ug/l)	5/5/2022	8.4	0.761	9.11	8.04
2009	110		5.9		5/16/2022	10.6	0.762	10.32	7.87
2010	180	76	15.8		6/2/2022	12.0	0.758	8.32	7.80
2011	181	93	7.3		6/13/2022	12.0	0.757	5.75	7.63
2012	104	66	8.3		7/1/2022	15.7	0.757	6.54	7.77
2013	106	85	10		7/14/2022	16.3	0.764	3.40	7.51
2014	119	97	1		8/1/2022	13.80	0.757	4.97	7.66
2015	101	83	1		8/22/2022	16.30	0.764	7.49	7.76
2016	96	84	4.7	5	9/8/2022	16.50	0.757	8.13	8.01
2017	94	73	5	1	9/22/2022	14.90	0.770	4.98	7.57
2018	89	62	11	4	10/6/2022	15.90	0.769	7.46	7.90
2019	94	84	11	2	10/19/2022	9.20	0.762	5.15	7.75
2020	103	86	7	2					
2021	106	82	5	4					
2022	132	78	5	2					
2023	126	83	3	3					

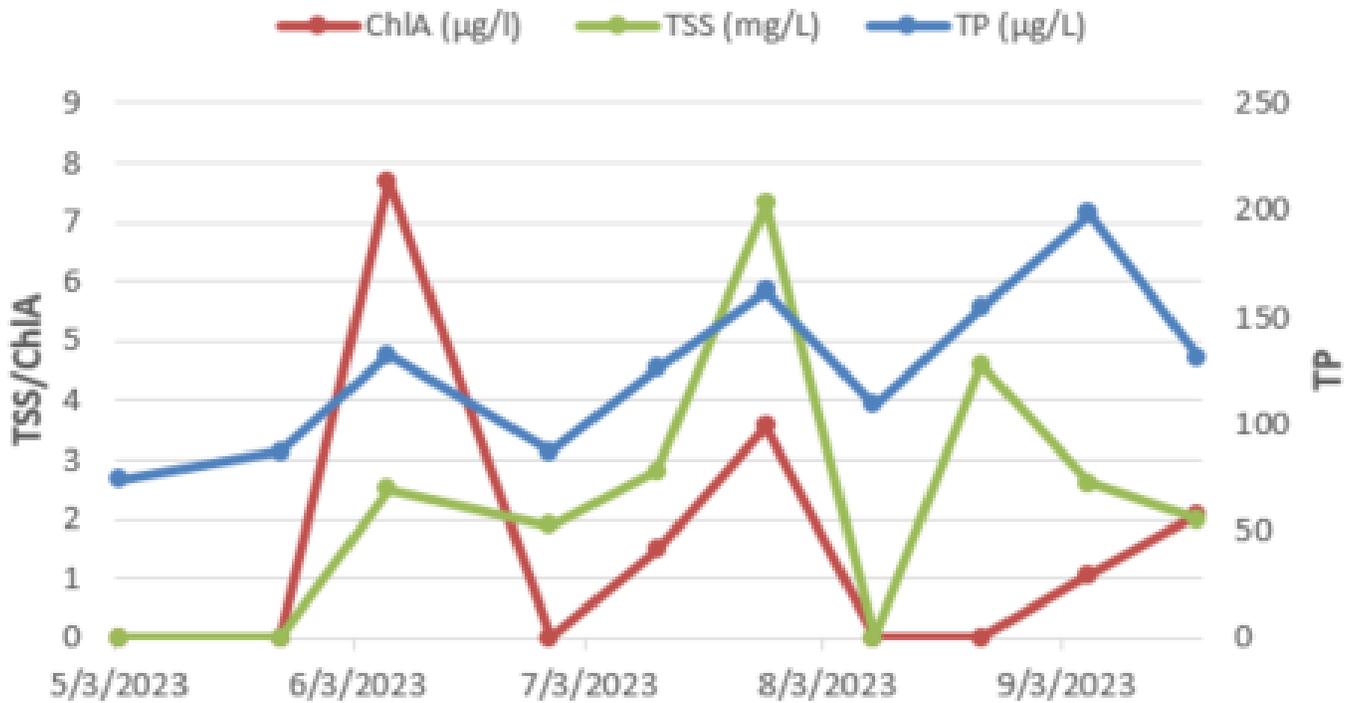
## WBLSS Historical TP, SRP & TSS



# Lambert Creek—WBLSS

SITE	DATE	TP (µg/L)	ChlA (µg/l)	TSS (mg/L)	SRP (µg/L)	TKN (mg/L)	NH3 (mg/L)	NO2+NO3 mg/L	CL (mg/L)
WBLSS	5/3/2023	74	< 1.00	< 1.0	75				160
WBLSS	5/24/2023	87	< 1.00	< 1.0	80				
WBLSS	6/7/2023	132	7.68	2.5	67				
WBLSS	6/28/2023	87	< 1.00	1.9	64				
WBLSS	7/12/2023	126	1.48	2.8	68				
WBLSS	7/26/2023	162	3.56	7.3	43				
WBLSS	8/9/2023	109	< 1.00	< 1.0	97				
WBLSS	8/23/2023	154	< 1.00	4.6	122				
WBLSS	9/6/2023	198	1.07	2.6	105				
WBLSS	9/20/2023	131	2.08	2	107				

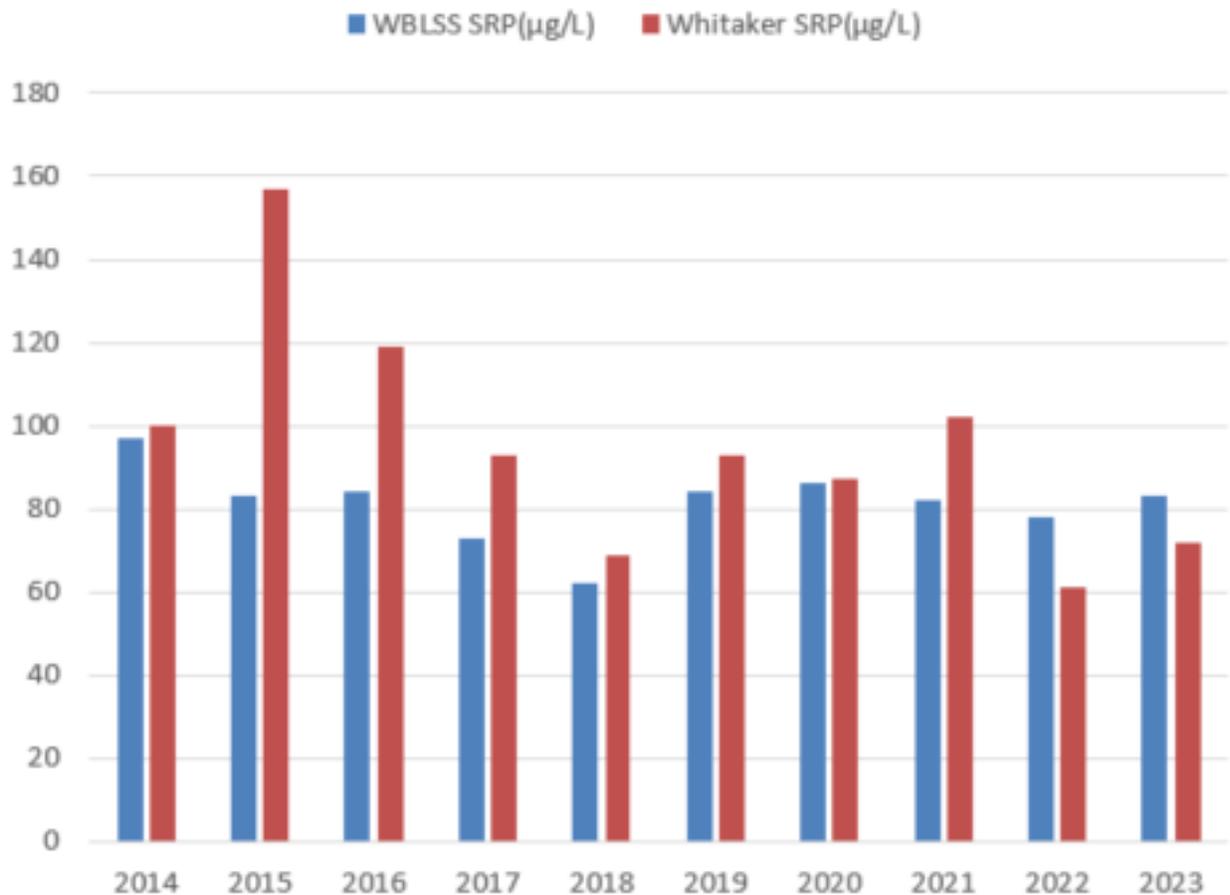
## Lambert Creek - WBLSS 2023 TP, ChlA & TSS



# Lambert Creek—WBLSS

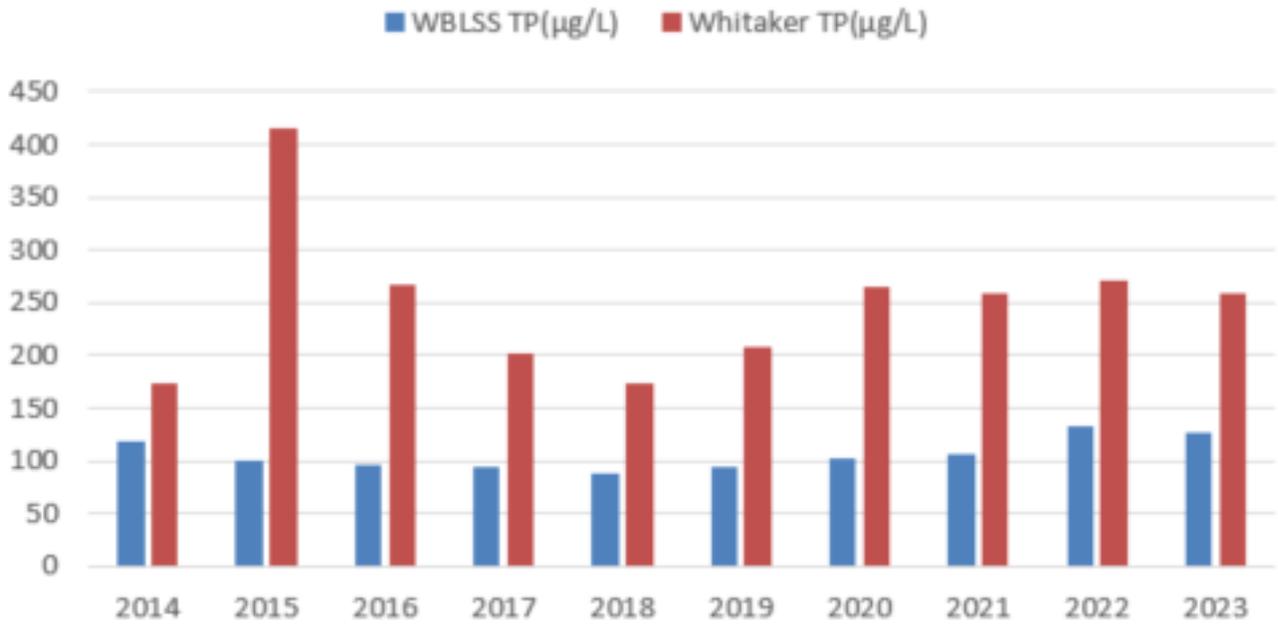
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<b>2009</b>	110	240	<b>2009</b>			<b>2009</b>	5.9	11
<b>2010</b>	180	229	<b>2010</b>	76	91	<b>2010</b>	15.8	19.7
<b>2011</b>	181	157	<b>2011</b>	93	45	<b>2011</b>	7.3	12.7
<b>2012</b>	104	398	<b>2012</b>	66	103	<b>2012</b>	8.3	11.5
<b>2013</b>	106	226	<b>2013</b>	85	71	<b>2013</b>	10	9
<b>2014</b>	119	173	<b>2014</b>	97	100	<b>2014</b>	9.5	14
<b>2015</b>	101	416	<b>2015</b>	83	157	<b>2015</b>	10	16
<b>2016</b>	96	267	<b>2016</b>	84	119	<b>2016</b>	4.7	8
<b>2017</b>	94	202	<b>2017</b>	73	93	<b>2017</b>	5	6
<b>2018</b>	89	173	<b>2018</b>	62	69	<b>2018</b>	11	6
<b>2019</b>	94	209	<b>2019</b>	84	93	<b>2019</b>	11	11
<b>2020</b>	103	264	<b>2020</b>	86	87	<b>2020</b>	7	8
<b>2021</b>	106	258	<b>2021</b>	82	102	<b>2021</b>	5	8
<b>2022</b>	132	271	<b>2022</b>	78	61	<b>2022</b>	5	9
<b>2023</b>	126	259	<b>2023</b>	83	72	<b>2023</b>	3	9

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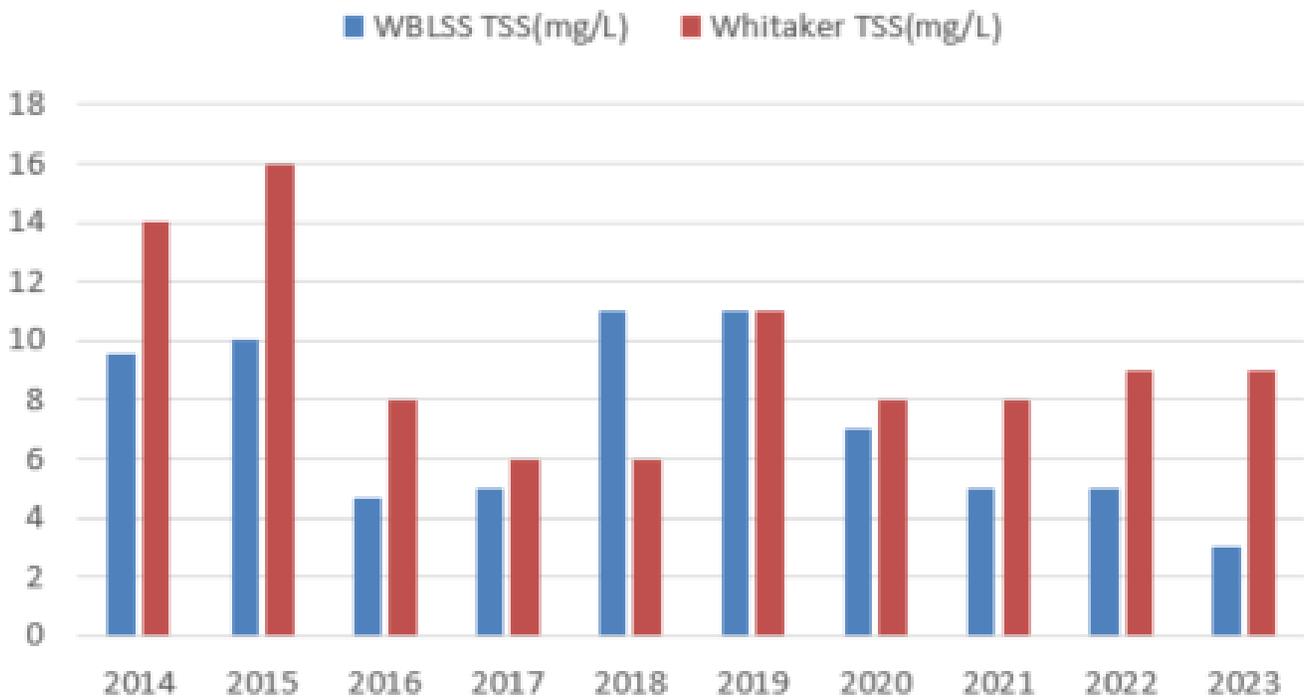


# Lambert Creek—WBLSS

## Historical TP In & Out



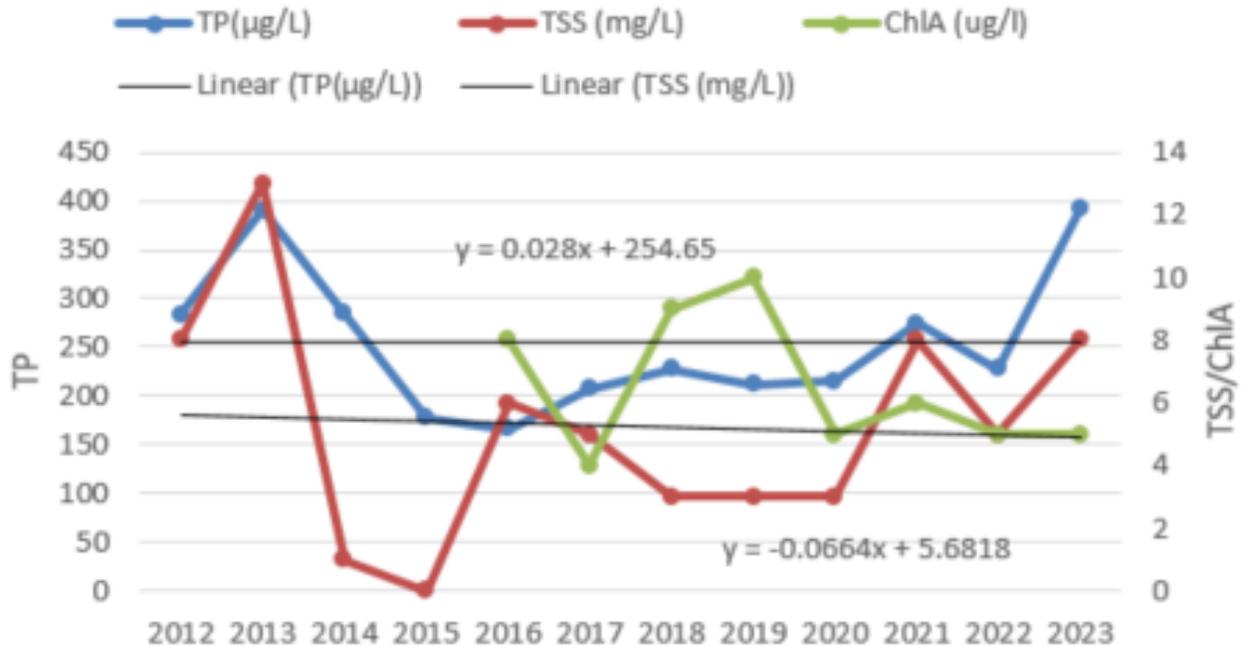
## Historical TSS In & Out



# Lambert Creek—Oakmede

Oakmede				Date	Temp °C	Conductivity (mS/cm)	DO (mg/L)	pH
Year	TP(µg/L)	TSS (mg/L)	ChIA (ug/l)	5/16/2023	20.0	0.761	5.72	7.54
2009	210	6		5/31/2023	24.0	0.759	3.59	7.64
2010	222	4		6/5/2023	21.8	0.765	2.87	7.60
2011	224	5		6/21/2023	18.50	0.758	6.13	7.79
2012	283	8		7/10/2023	23.90	0.755	4.04	7.75
2013	390	13		7/27/2023	22.30	0.759	3.00	7.34
2014	285	1		8/15/2023	23.30	0.763	3.73	7.22
2015	178	0		8/28/2023	23.90	0.761	2.63	7.62
2016	166	6	8	9/7/2023	16.70	0.764	4.36	7.77
2017	207	5	4					
2018	228	3	9					
2019	212	3	10					
2020	215	3	5					
2021	274	8	6					
2022	228	5	5					
2023	392	8	5					

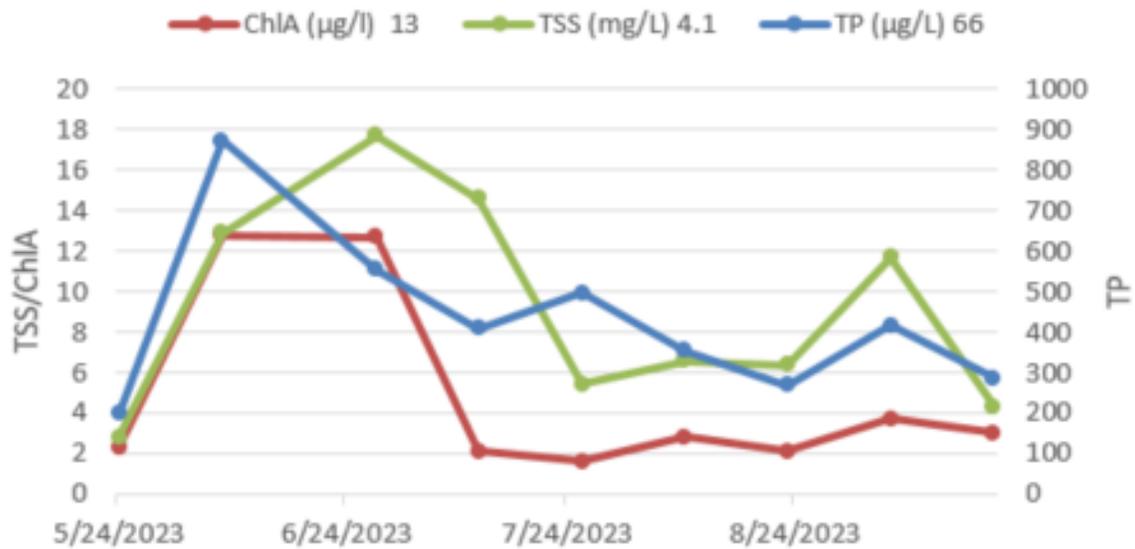
## Oakmede Historical TP, ChIA & TSS



# Lambert Creek—Oakmede

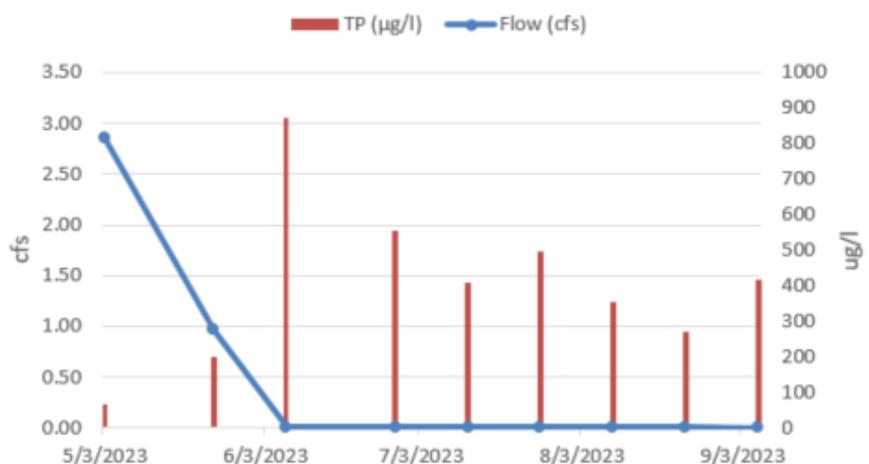
SITE	DATE	TP (µg/L)	ChIA (µg/l)	TSS (mg/L)	TKN (mg/L)	NH3 (mg/L)	NO2+NO3 mg/L	CL (mg/L)
oakmede	5/3/2023	66	13	4.1				122
oakmede	5/24/2023	198	2.34	2.8				
oakmede	6/7/2023	874	12.8	12.9				
oakmede	6/28/2023	555	12.7	17.7				
oakmede	7/12/2023	409	2.14	14.6				
oakmede	7/26/2023	498	1.6	5.4				
oakmede	8/9/2023	354	2.83	6.6				
oakmede	8/23/2023	269	2.14	6.4				
oakmede	9/6/2023	417	3.74	11.7				
oakmede	9/20/2023	286	3	4.3				

### Lambert Creek - Oakmede 2023 TP, ChIA & TSS



Date	Flow (cfs)	TP (µg/l)
5/3/2023	2.86	66
5/24/2023	0.97	198
6/7/2023	0.01	874
6/28/2023	0.01	555
7/12/2023	0.01	409
7/26/2023	0.01	498
8/9/2023	0.01	354
8/23/2023	0.01	269
9/6/2023	0.00	417
9/20/2023	0	286

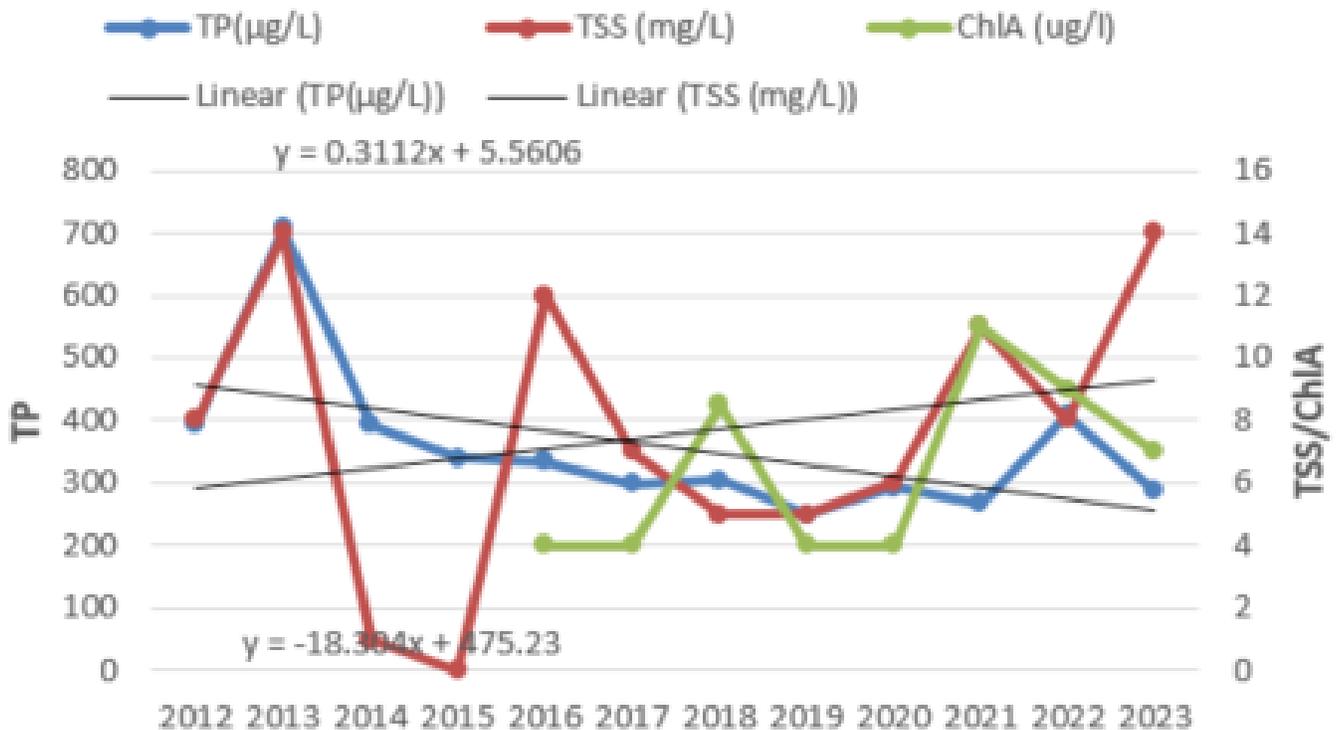
### Oakmede Flow vs. TP



# Lambert Creek—Cty Rd F

County Road F				Date	Temp °C	Conductivity (mS/cm)	DO (mg/L)	pH
Year	TP(µg/L)	TSS (mg/L)	ChIA (ug/l)	5/16/2023	19.4	0.762	7.41	7.48
2009	190	11		5/31/2023	25.9	0.759	5.46	7.54
2010	403	10		6/5/2023	24.2	0.766	4.93	7.52
2011	299	6		6/21/2023	18.3	0.759	5.18	7.42
2012	395	8		7/10/1932	17.6	0.756	3.94	7.37
2013	707	14		7/27/2023	15.8	0.759	4.33	7.30
2014	393	1		8/15/2023	17.90	0.763	4.82	7.26
2015	339	0		8/28/2023	22.00	0.762	3.08	7.37
2016	334	12	4	9/7/2023	14.20	0.764	2.60	7.28
2017	298	7	4					
2018	304	5	8.5					
2019	250	5	4					
2020	292	6	4					
2021	268	11	11					
2022	408	8	9					
2023	287	14	7					

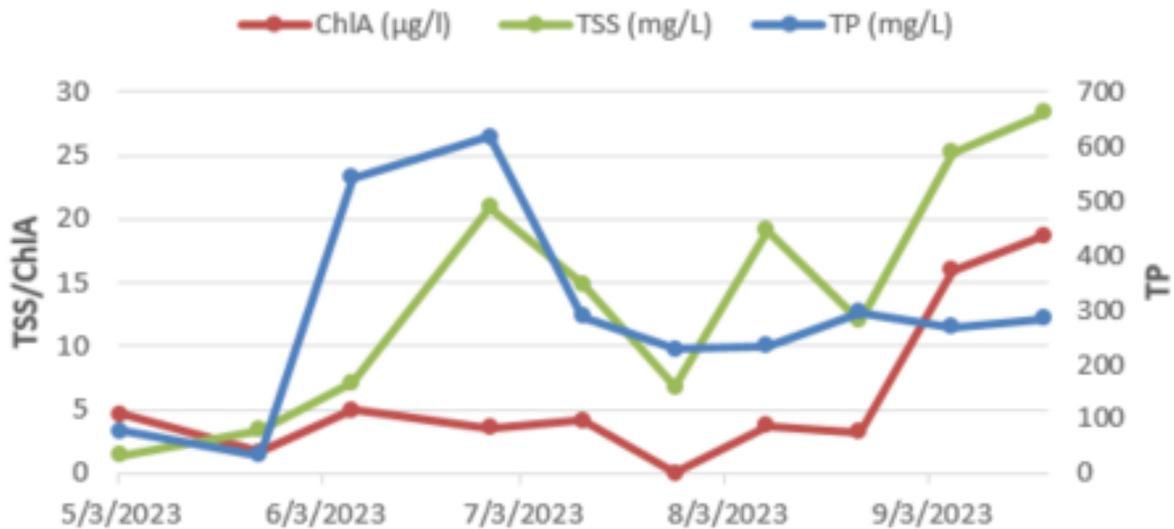
## County Rd F Historical TP, ChIA & TSS



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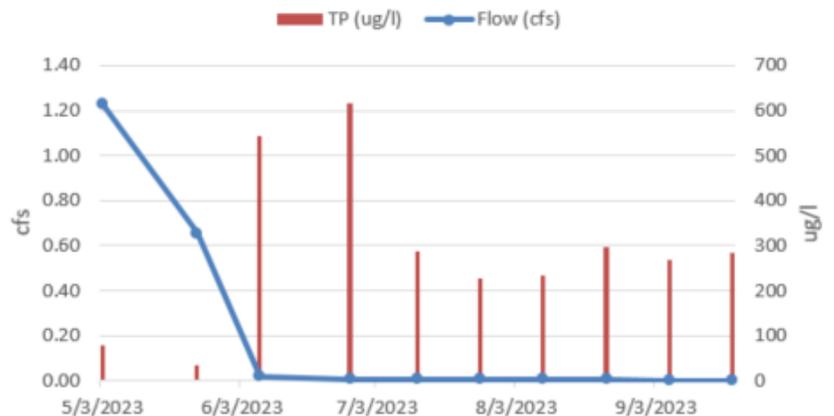
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cty rd F	5/3/2023	78	4.67	1.4				133
cty rd F	5/24/2023	33	1.67	3.4				
cty rd F	6/7/2023	543	5.01	7.1				
cty rd F	6/28/2023	617	3.56	20.9				
cty rd F	7/12/2023	287	4.15	14.9				
cty rd F	7/26/2023	228	< 1.00	6.8				
cty rd F	8/9/2023	234	3.74	19.1				
cty rd F	8/23/2023	296	3.2	12				
cty rd F	9/6/2023	269	16	25.2				
cty rd F	9/20/2023	284	18.7	28.4				

## Lambert Creek - Cty Rd F 2023 TP, ChlA & TSS



Date	Flow (cfs)	TP (ug/l)
5/3/2023	1.23	78
5/24/2023	0.65	33
6/7/2023	0.02	543
6/27/2023	0.01	617
7/12/2023	0.01	287
7/26/2023	0.01	228
8/9/2023	0.01	234
8/23/2023	0.01	296
9/6/2023	0.00	269
9/20/2023	0.00	284

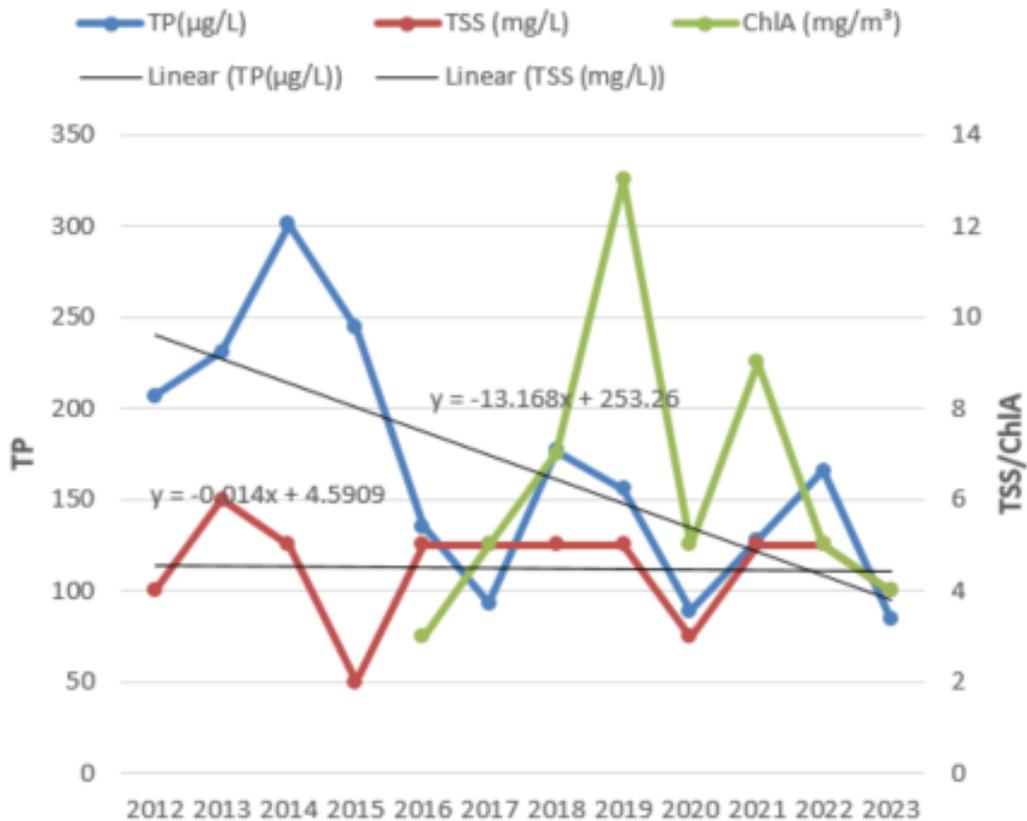
## County Rd F Flow vs. TP



# Lambert Creek—Koehler

Koehler				Date	Temp °C	Conductivity (mS/cm)	DO (mg/L)	pH
Year	TP(µg/L)	TSS (mg/L)	ChIA (mg/					
				5/16/2023	17.3	0.762	10.42	7.51
2009	120	9		5/31/2023	22.3	0.759	4.50	7.38
2010	194	10		6/5/2023	20.4	0.766	4.56	7.50
2011	229	8		6/21/2023	18.3	0.759	0.63	7.61
2012	207	4		7/10/2023	22.1	0.756	7.21	7.71
2013	231	6		7/27/2023	27.7	0.760	4.75	7.70
2014	301	5		8/15/2023	19.40	0.763	6.58	7.66
2015	244	2		8/28/2023	22.50	0.762	3.77	7.60
2016	135	5	3	9/7/2023	16.30	0.764	7.89	7.83
2017	93	5	5					
2018	177	5	7					
2019	156	5	13					
2020	89	3	5					
2021	128	5	9					
2022	166	5	5					
2023	85	4	4					

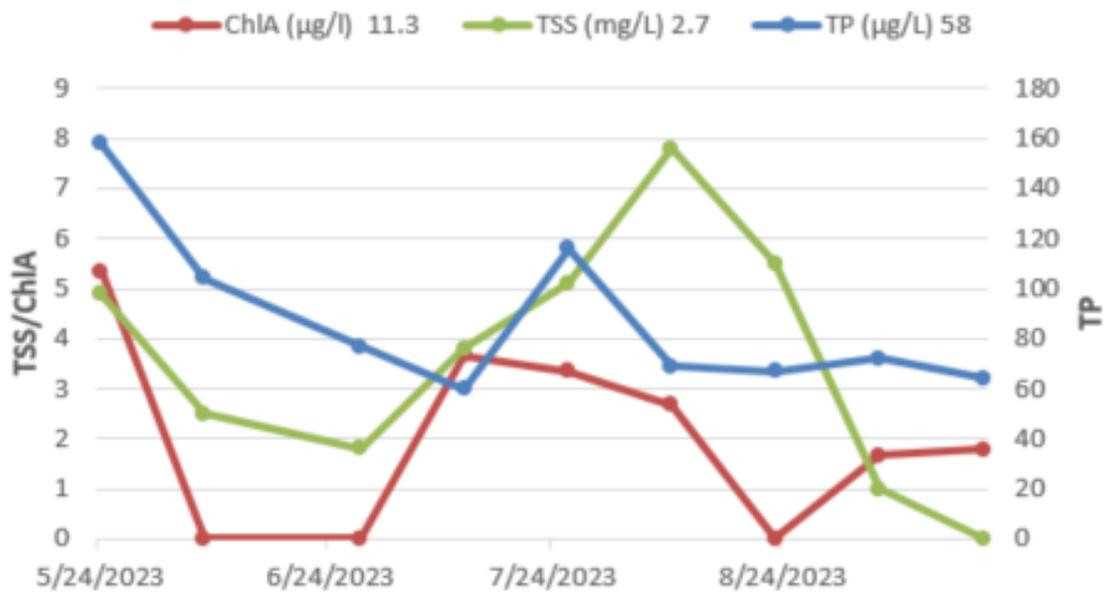
Koehler Historical TP, ChIA & TSS



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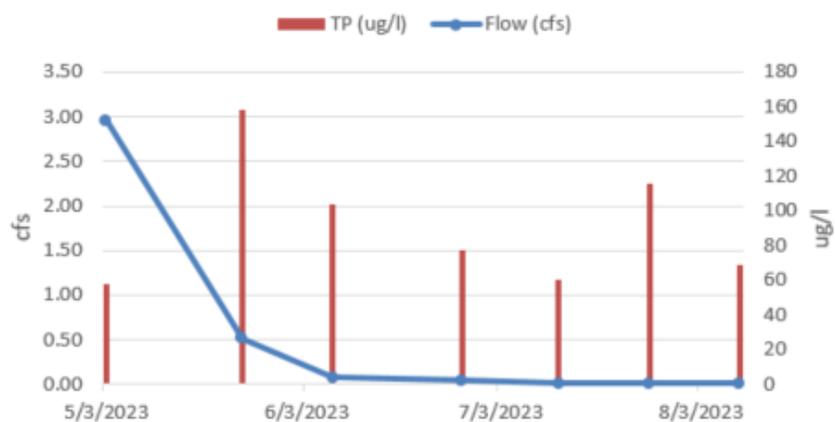
SITE	DATE	TP (µg/L)	ChlA (µg/l)	TSS (mg/L)	TKN (mg/L)	NH3 (mg/L)	NO2+NO3 mg/L	CL (mg/L)
koehler	5/3/2023	58	11.3	2.7				144
koehler	5/24/2023	158	5.34	4.9				
koehler	6/7/2023	104	< 1.00	2.5				
koehler	6/28/2023	77	< 1.00	1.8				
koehler	7/12/2023	60	3.67	3.8				
koehler	7/26/2023	116	3.34	5.1				
koehler	8/9/2023	69	2.67	7.8				
koehler	8/23/2023	67	< 1.00	5.5				
koehler	9/6/2023	72	1.67	1				
koehler	9/20/2023	64	1.78	< 1.0				

### Lambert Creek - Koehler 2023 TP, ChlA & TSS



Date	Flow (cfs)	TP (ug/l)
5/3/2023	2.96	58
5/24/2023	0.52	158
6/7/2023	0.08	104
6/27/2023	0.04	77
7/12/2023	0.01	60
7/26/2023	0.01	116
8/9/2023	0.01	69
8/23/2023	0.01	67
9/6/2023	0.00	72
9/20/2023	0.00	64

### Koehler Flow vs TP

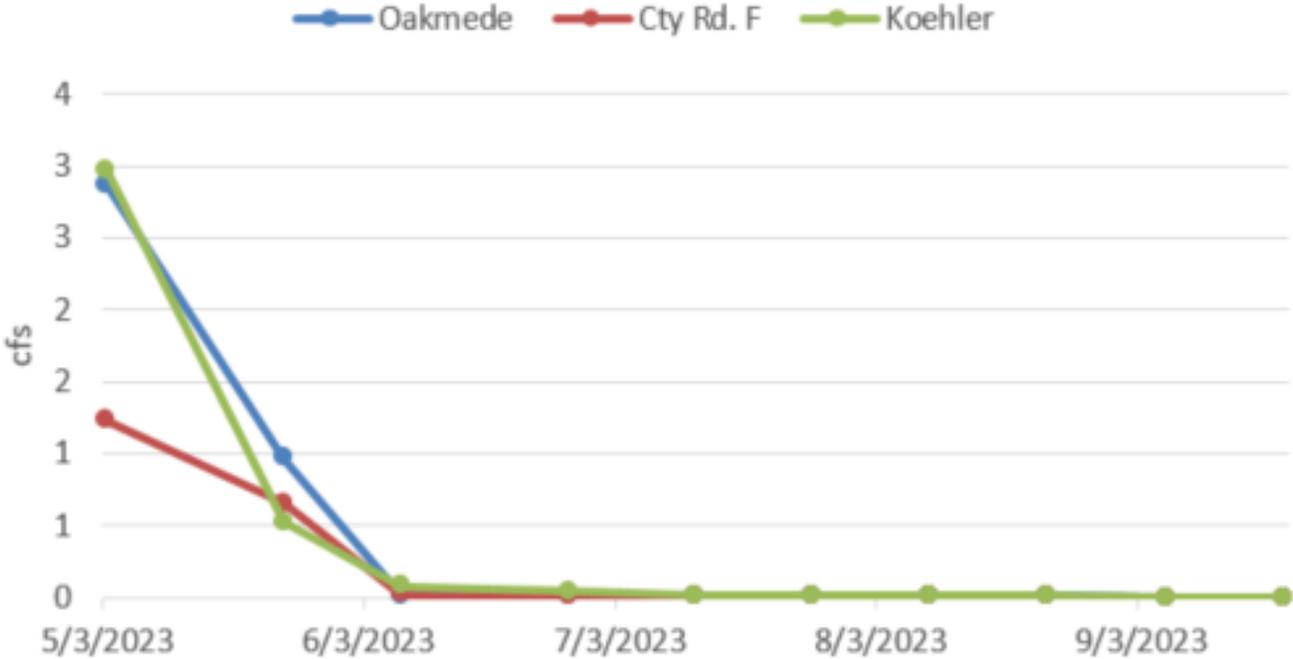


# Lambert Creek Flow

Creek Flow 2023			
Date	Oakmede	Cty Rd. F	Koehler
5/3/2023	2.86	1.23	2.96
5/24/2023	0.97	0.65	0.52
6/7/2023	0.01	0.02	0.08
6/27/2023	0.01	0.01	0.04
7/12/2023	0.01	0.01	0.01
7/26/2023	0.01	0.01	0.01
8/9/2023	0.01	0.01	0.01
8/23/2023	0.01	0.01	0.01
9/6/2023	0.00	0.00	0.00
9/20/2023	0.00	0.00	0.00



Lambert Creek Flow (cfs) 2023

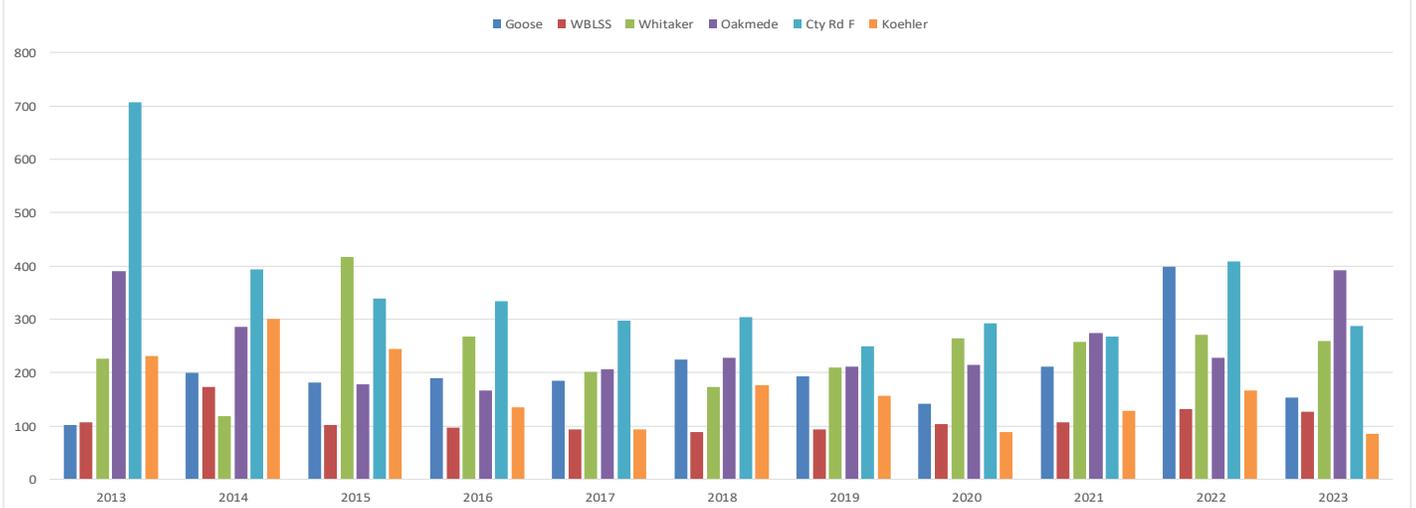


# Lambert Creek Comparison

Lambert Creek Average Yearly Tp (µg/L) 2013-2023

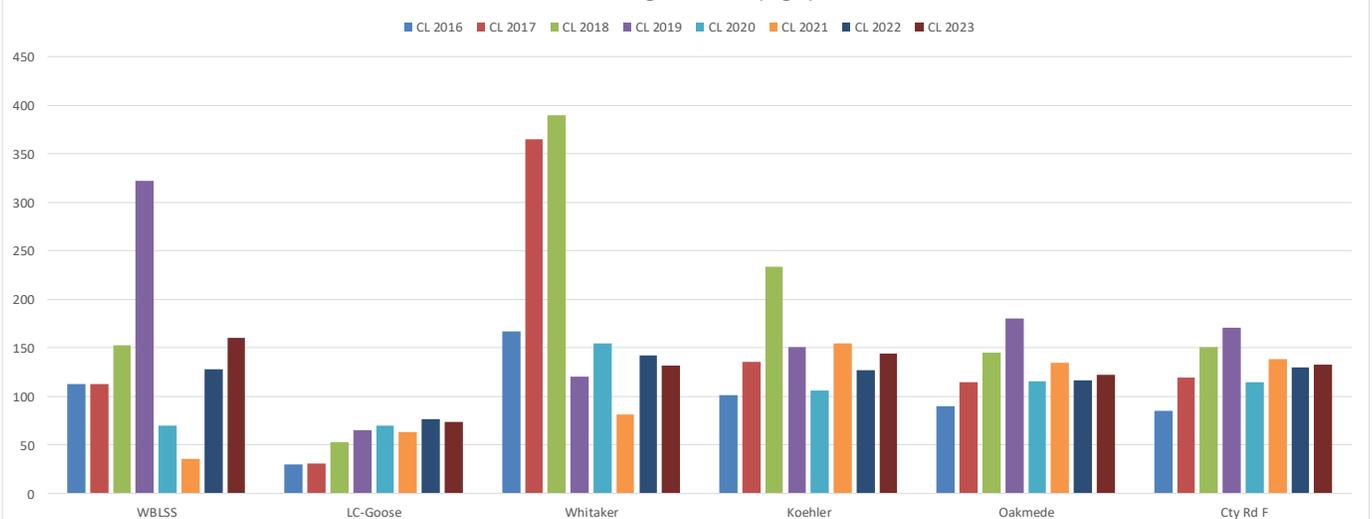
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Goose	102	199	181	189	185	224	193	141	212	399	153
WBLSS	106	173	101	96	94	89	94	103	106	132	126
Whitaker	226	119	416	267	202	173	209	264	258	271	259
Oakmede	390	285	178	166	207	228	212	215	274	228	392
Cty Rd F	707	393	339	334	298	304	250	292	268	408	287
Koehler	231	301	244	135	93	177	156	89	128	166	85

Lambert Creek Historical TP (µg/L) 2013 - 2023



SITE	CL 2016	CL 2017	CL 2018	CL 2019	CL 2020	CL 2021	CL 2022	CL 2023
WBLSS	113	113	153	322	70	36	128	160
LC-Goose	30	31	53	65	70	63	76.1	73.9
Whitaker	167	365	390	120	155	81	142	132
Koehler	101	136	234	151	106	155	127	144
Oakmede	90	115	145	180	116	135	117	122
Cty Rd F	85	119	151	171	115	138	130	133

Lambert Creek Average Chloride (mg/l) 2016-2023



# 2023 Monitoring Highlights

- **Pleasant Lake:** Roughly 384 carp were removed from Pleasant Lake in 2023. Monitoring in 2024 will show whether or not this had an effect on water quality.
- **Remote Monitoring Devices:** 2023 was the fourth full year of automated creek flow monitoring. Live information can be found here for the 4 sites monitored on the creek.  
<http://monitormywatershed.org/>
- **Wilkinson Deep Water Wetland:** This water quality improvement project will help with nutrient and TSS reduction to Wilkinson lake. Project was completed in 2023 and monitoring will begin in 2024.
- **Lambert Creek:** Creek flow was extremely low in 2023. Rainfall was 7.10 inches below average for the season. Multiple monitoring sites were dry for portions of the monitoring season.
- **Oak Knoll Spent Lime Study:** A spent lime study was done on Oak Knoll pond in White Bear Lake to investigate the feasibility of spent lime as a potential tool for reducing TP levels. Seven applications were applied in 2023. Monitoring was done throughout the season. More applications will be applied in 2024 along with continued monitoring to track the effectiveness of the spent lime treatment.
- **Use of Monitoring Data:** The VLAWMO monitoring data was used for multiple sub-shed studies and grant applications in 2023 to aid in possible water quality projects moving forward in 2024.
- **Chloride (Road Salt):** VLAWMO has been sampling lake chloride for 14 years and while slight rises are documented, there have been no major changes within the lakes. Black Lake has the lowest levels. Birch Lake and East Goose are the highest, which coincides with their proximity to major roads and storm drainage. All of the lakes are below the current State standard of 230 mg/L.