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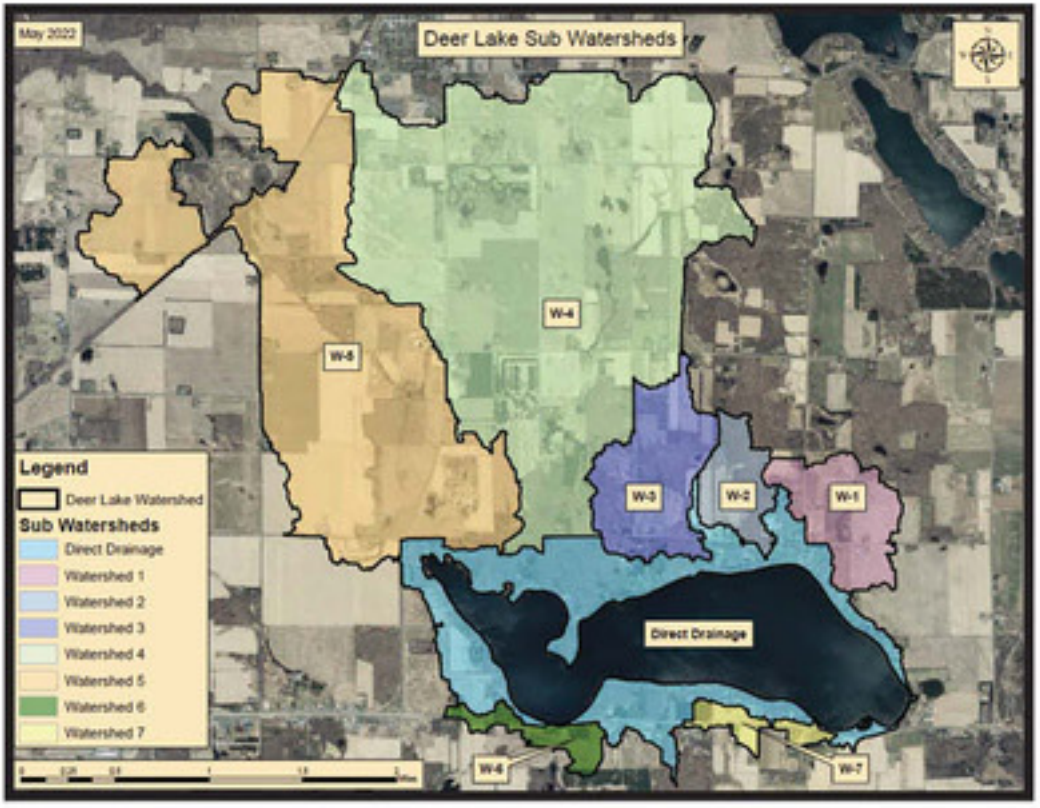
DEER LAKE CONSERVANCY REPORT

Deer Lake Watershed and Water Quality Study Results

The Deer Lake Conservancy initiated two studies in 2022 to track progress toward water quality goals and to set priorities going forward. The first study analyzed the watershed and measured flow, sediment, and phosphorus concentrations from lake tributaries. The second measured phosphorus, chlorophyll, water clarity, and algae in the lake. Studies were conducted by Steve Schieffer of Ecological Integrity Service with input from the Polk County Land and Water Resources Department and the Deer Lake Conservancy. The studies, completed in 2025, were supported by grants from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.



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