

RECREATIONAL AND FISHING
ASSOCIATION (RAFA)
OF LAKE RAMSEY

MISSION:

To form a cohesive, informed, organized group of like minded residents who sincerely care about the Lake, and purposefully set forth to manage the valuable resource that is Lake Ramsey. Working together over time, we will determine and carry out the best actions available to protect the Lake and all its beauty for residents and future generations.

Goals:

- a. Develop and sustain a **Lake Management Association (RAFA)** to research and set appropriate Lake Management Standards that will remain stable over time, and facilitate the ongoing management of Lake Ramsey through future transitions of LRHOA Board leadership, the Boards management of the Lake and the **LMP**.
- b. Develop a **Lake Management Plan (LMP)** to effectively manage Lake Ramsey into the future
- c. Consult with experts in the field of Lake Management to help guide the process. (www.nalms.org) .(RECENT SURVEY)
- d. Create cost effective ways to measure important aspects of the lake (Fish Population, pH, clarity, alkalinity), to assist experts in short and long term planning. (www.nalms.org)
- e. Develop **“Under Dock Habitat Program”** to assist breeding and foraging for species such as Brim and Crappie. This will include pea gravel for bedding and spawning in 2 to 4 feet of water, and structure in 4 to 7 feet.
- f. Develop **“Lake Ramsey Island Preservation Project”** to save the island from total erosion by adding fish habitat to south side of island to slow wave action and hold fish. Pilings would delineate the submerged structure for boaters and fishermen to see. **NAME THE ISLAND!**
- g. Join **“North American Lake Management Society”**
www.nalms.org/

ESTABLISH INITIAL COMMITTEES

(NEED SECRETARY NOW)

1. Association Formation Committee -to set up Association

VOTE TO FORM ASSOCIATION-Voted yea-

Dimy Cossich, Tim Kelly, Steve Babin, Bob Panek

Create the Group

Develop Bylaws of the Association:

Article 1: NAME

Article 2: PURPOSE

Article 3: MEMBERSHIP

Article 4: DUES

Article 5: OFFICERS

Article 6: MEETINGS

Article 7: ADDRESS

Article 8: VOTING AND QUORUM

Article 9: PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Article 10: SUSPENSION OF THE BYLAWS

Article 11: AMMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

2. Lake Management Committee-Prepare info for LMP

A) **DEVELOP PLAN TO MAINTAIN OVERALL HEALTH OF LAKE**

B) Determine specific user groups on Lake Ramsey:

1) Boaters

2) Recreational-

Swimming

Paddle Boards

Wake Boarding and Skiing

Kayaks

3) Fishermen- Trophy Bass (serious)

Grandpa Crappie (serious fun)

4) Sightseers

5) Other-

C) Develop plan to address the needs of those user groups.

D) **Lake Management Plan to include:**

1. Frequency of fish surveys- Yearly
 2. Habitat formation-***Under Dock Program and Island Preservation Project***
 3. Carp removal
 4. Aquatic Plant management
 5. Fish stocking protocols
 6. Ideal Lake Level management
 7. Evaluate feasibility of Aeration in deeper portions of lake.
 8. OTHER
- E) UPDATE EXISTING LAKE RAMSEY REGULATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS TO REFLECT PRESENT STATUS OF LAKE.

3. Manmade Habitat Formation Committee

A. Under Dock Habitat Program

1. Pea gravel in shallow areas in 3 to 5 feet to enhance spawning.
2. Structure in 4 to 7 feet of water under docks for habitat.
3. Designate these areas "Crappie Spawning Beds"
4. Designate "Limited Fishing Area" during spawn.
5. Create team to help residents place gravel and structure.
6. If residents do not want to spend the money but want habitat, the Association can help with structures, if funding is available

B. Other Manmade Habitat-Artificial structures

4. Lake Ramsey History Committee

5. Lake Ramsey Island Preservation Committee

- A. Take soundings to determine depth of area around island that used to be island before erosion destroyed it. (DONE)
- B. Develop complete plan to utilize the Island: (options)
 - i. Repair dock for access
 - ii. Build small fishing pier to south for protection.
 - iii. Protect habitat on Island for Goose breeding
 - iv. Put 2 or 3 picnic tables

Develop plan to utilize the area immediately around the island for fish habitat and protection from wave action