

CITIZEN MONITORING PROGRAM IN THE WORKS

The Adams County Land & Water Conservation Department is working with the lake districts and lake associations in Adams County to set up citizen monitoring programs on the 20 inland lakes in the county with public access. Citizens will be trained for water quality monitoring, aquatic invasive species monitoring, and for the WDNR Clean Boats, Clean Waters program.

From 2004-2006, the Adams County LWCD gathered up-to-date information on water quality, aquatic plants, and presence of invasive species (as well as other information) on the Tri-Lakes to assess the current situation on all four lakes. Now the LWCD would like to work through the lake organizations with citizens to establish groups on each lake to continue monitoring the lakes.

There will be “classroom” and “in-lake” training for the volunteers in all three areas. Times & dates currently set are: **Saturday, May 19, 2007**, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Boondocks Restaurant on County G; **Friday, May 25, 2007**, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lake Camelot Lodge; **Saturday, June 16, 2007**, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Arrowhead Lake Lodge; and **Saturday, June 30, 2007**, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Boondocks Restaurant. Other dates will be scheduled for July.

These trainings are open to the public. No pre-registration is required. There will be no out-of-pocket costs for the testing—we just need citizen interest and time. Standard testing costs will be paid through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and equipment will be provided by the WDNR or the Adams County LWCD. Reesa Evans, County Lake Specialist, will train and guide the monitors to get them started.

If you need further information, please contact Reesa Evans at the Adams County Land & Water Conservation Department, P.O. Box 287, Friendship, WI 53934; phone 608-339-4268; email: revans@co.adams.wi.us.