

ROUND LAKE BEACH: Wetland Management Plan

WETLANDS & RLB

The EPA defines wetlands as areas of land where the water covers the soil or is near the surface of the soil, all or almost all of the year. Round Lake Beach offers a unique landscape rich in these unique natural features.

The **Round Lake Beach Wetland Management Plan** outlines effective measures to restore the 31 Village-owned wetlands. Steps for restoration are included for the next twenty years

MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Many aspects must be considered to create an effective plan for wetland restoration. Some important topics are: implementation, funding, and current challenges. Acknowledging these topics is fundamental in the initial phases of successful restorative planning.

GOALS & IMPORTANCE

The Village's wetlands have degraded over the years largely due to increased presence of invasive species. Species removal and several other short and long term goals have been identified as to help restore wetlands to their native state.

Restoring and maintaining these wetlands have many benefits including: flood hazard reduction, nonpoint source pollution reduction, and increasing community relationships.

TIPS

Residents can assist the Village in maintaining the health of wetlands. Listed below are simple ways to reduce the degradation of wetlands:

- **Leave** a buffer of taller vegetation along shorelines to allow deeper roots to establish and decrease erosion.
- **Use** lawn clippings as fertilizer, mulch, or compost. Lawn clippings disposed of in water bodies lead to decreased water quality.

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