

## Land Acquisition on Marsh Lake: The Trieloff Property

Jefferson County and Groundswell Conservancy are working to acquire 42 acres on Marsh Lake, off County A and adjacent to the Lake Mills Wildlife Area. Members might know this property as the Trieloff property. Marsh Lake is critical to the health of Rock Lake because it acts as a buffer to the incoming excess nutrients (phosphorus) flowing from Mud Lake and Rock Creek. Mud Lake and Rock Creek are both considered impaired for phosphorus by the WDNR. These excess nutrients can fuel excess algal growth and lead to lower oxygen levels within Rock Lake. Preserving this section of shoreline along Marsh Lake is an excellent opportunity to help protect Rock Lake. After purchasing the property, the County will need to develop a recreational plan for the property. Currently, they are strongly considering a paddle sport launching area which would also include an accessible kayak launch.

The County is about \$45,000 short of the \$185,000 needed to acquire the Trieloff property. Our board has sent a letter of support to the County as well as a \$5,000 donation. In addition, the County has received funding from: Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program Grants, the Wisconsin Conservation Club, the Lake Mills Community Foundation, Delta Waterfowl Foundation and raffle proceeds from the popular Brew With A View 2022 season.

If members would like to contribute to this project, donations can be accepted by check to the Jefferson County Parks Department sent or delivered to the address below. Please make sure the check notes the purpose of the donations as "Trieloff Acquisition" to ensure they are collected to the appropriate location. All donations for this project are 100% tax deductible.

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