

# Waseca Lakes Association

# NEWSLETTER

Web Site: [wasecalakes.org](http://wasecalakes.org)



## Summer 2011 Edition

### Upcoming Events

**Monday August 29<sup>th</sup>:** 7pm meeting at the county highway building. The MSU Water Resource Center was hired by the Waseca city council in May to continue lake water quality improvement efforts. Joe Pallardy of the MSU Water Resource Center will discuss the current watershed assessment project he began this summer. This assessment will lead to lake management plans for Clear and Loon Lakes. Management plans may include a number of ways to improve water quality such as reduction in curly-leaf pondweed in Clear Lake, shoreline restoration, and reducing nutrient loading from storm water inflow. See more information on page 2

### 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Lakefest Freedom Run Held July 4<sup>th</sup>

Thanks to all who volunteered or participated in the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Freedom Run. This WLA event was sponsored with help from First National Bank, Mayo Health System, Waseca Community Ed and Kwik Trip. A complete report of the finishing times for all 201 participants can be found at [wasecalakes.org](http://wasecalakes.org). This event helps to showcase Clear Lake to both Waseca residents and non-residents during Lakefest. It also raises money to help pay for lake improvement projects.

Two of over 100 volunteers



Swimmers hitting the lake



The 3rd Annual Waseca Triathlon was held on Sunday, July 31st at Clear Lake Park with 333 total participants. Thanks to the 100+ volunteers for their help to make this years event another success. Special thanks to volunteer coordinator Dale Schons who spent endless hours to make sure we had all the volunteers needed. Final Stretch has again donated \$1000 to the WLA which will help fund some of the projects described in this newsletter. This is a great community event that brings people into town and highlights our lakes. See volunteer list at WLA website.

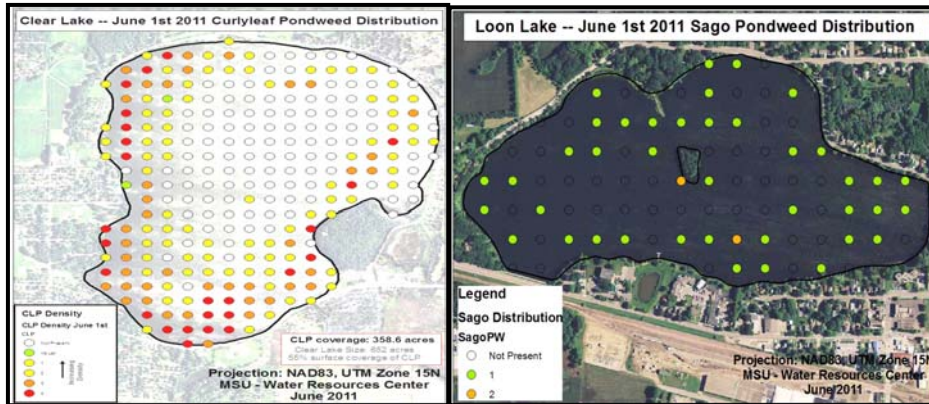
# Water Quality Improvement

## Goals of the MSU Water Resource Project

1. Develop a lake management plan for Clear Lake and Loon Lake.
2. Use data collected on water quality and aquatic plant surveys to guide future implementation efforts.

Joe Pallardy has mapped weed infestations in Clear and Loon Lake this past summer. This information will be used to develop weed management programs that will reduce phosphorus recycling. Reduction of curly-leaf pond weed via physical removal in 2012 will be discussed at the August 29<sup>th</sup> meeting at the county hwy bldg.

A shot of Joe Pallardy in front of one of three water monitoring boxes at key inlets installed on Clear Lake this summer.



## Clear Lake Water Clarity Report for 2011

The WLA has participated in the Citizen Lake Monitoring program run by the MPCA since 2005 by taking secchi disk readings in Clear and Loon Lake throughout the summer. Below is a graph showing the 2011 data YTD (black line) compared to previous years.

