

Lake Sherwood Firewise Program Plan

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Lake Sherwood is located in the Town of Rome, Wisconsin, a town of approximately 2600 people. Over 650 properties surround 246 acre Lake Sherwood and are organized into twenty-six Lake Sherwood subdivision additions. Each addition elects a representative to serve on the Lake Sherwood Property Owners Association (LSPOA) Board of Directors.

Lake Sherwood Property Owners Association is an organization formed to represent property owners in the subdivisions of Lake Sherwood. The purposes of the business and undertakings of the association are to preserve, maintain and improve amenities of the Association, the value of Lake Sherwood property, the water quality of Lake Sherwood and the ability of Members to enjoy their property.

The LSPOA Board of Directors voted in October, 2009 to pursue Firewise Community designation. A Hazard Mitigation grant was obtained in January, 2010 to assist in funding the initial projects which include three community work projects, chipping on both private and public parcels, and Firewise education and outreach.

The LSPOA Conservation Committee serves as the Firewise Committee and officially took on Firewise oversight beginning on March 6, 2010. Committee members serving for 2010 are David Trudeau (Chairman), Tom Gabriel, Patti Ebbe, Stewart Peterson, Ron Fischer, and Norm Ablor.

The goals for the Lake Sherwood Firewise Program are to:

- Reduce hazard fuels on private parcels

Strategies: Provide information on the Town of Rome "Restrictions on Dead Timber and Brush" ordinance which will be implemented beginning in January, 2011. Gather and distribute contact information on local firewood cutters and commercial tree removal services who can provide assistance to Lake Sherwood residents, serving as a clearing house to link property owners with needed services. Offer chipping services when grant funding is available.

- Address fuel loadings on community owned and multi-ownership properties

Strategies: Work with Town of Rome and Adams County to reduce fuel loadings on Sherwood Forest public property through a combination of commercial harvests, firewood cutting, and Firewise work projects to remove dead standing and down timber and slash, focusing on oak wilt infested areas. Inventory 17 beach clubs, which are jointly owned lakefront access areas deeded to multiple off-shore parcel ownerships, for concentrations of dead timber or brush. Inform

and request that owners address any problem areas and offer Firewise work project assistance when needed.

- Promote Firewise education and practices

Strategies: Distribute educational information to Lake Sherwood property owners through the LSPOA website, annual dues mailings, local newspapers, the television announcement cable channel(s) serving Lake Sherwood residents, flyers, announcements at bi-annual LSPOA General Membership meetings, and personal contacts.

- Promote Home Ignition Zone Assessments and mitigation practices

Strategies: Distribute information pertaining to Home Ignition Zones. Promote execution of Home Ignition Zone assessments, making referrals to local WUI Specialist or other trained and qualified individuals.

This plan will be reviewed and revised annually to keep information updated and current.