

Policy Options to Clean Up Our Beaches

Improve our beaches by reducing the nutrients and sediments flowing into our lakes. This will reduce

lake weeds, algae and cloudy water ^{B1}

Continue to collect standard data at each beach. Perform annual sanitary surveys to identify potential issues ^{B2}

Develop and conduct intensive beach-specific monitoring plans to locate the sources of bacteria that contaminate

each beach ^{B3}

Study the effectiveness of algae interceptor/diverter structures in a pilot project ^{B4}

Improve storm sewers in the vicinity of beaches so that they partially clean up the stormwater

before it goes into the lake, or deliver stormwater further away from the beach ^{B6}

Educate the public about actions they can take for cleaner beaches ^{B5}

Reduce and manage geese populations ^{B11}

Stop feeding; Modify habitat; Chemical repellent; Egg oiling; Contraceptives; Capture and relocate; Capture and harvest

Change beach alignment/configuration to encourage water circulation and prevent beach “coves”

from becoming stagnant ^{B10}

Control beach house roof drainage – add gutters/rain gardens ^{B9}

Control soil erosion at or near the beach ^{B8}

Direct rainwater runoff so it does not flow through the beach area ^{B7}

Reduce raccoons in storm sewers ^{B12}

Grate to limit access; Relocation of raccoons; Chemical repellents; Reproductive controls; Harvesting of raccoons

Change the beach sand to large grain sand to reduce bacterial colonization ^{B13a}

Re-grade the sand to avoid shallow pools ^{B13b}

Regularly deep till or rake the sand ^{B13c}

Provide adequate trash receptacles at each beach ^{B14}

Every day, whether the beach is open or closed, remove plant matter, dead fish etc. that has accumulated

on shore and in the water at the beach ^{B15}

Provide convenient toilet facilities at each beach ^{B16}

Periodically remove live carp from Lake Wingra ^{B18}

Permanently close beaches that are too difficult to keep clean and are not used ^{B18}