

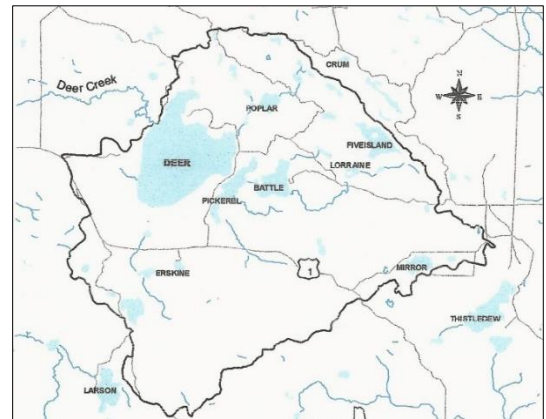
collected and reported. These volunteers are also actively involved in protecting the watershed from the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS).

### **Partners**

The DLWA partners with the regional Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR), the Itasca County Soil and Water Conservation District #3 (SWCD), and the MN Pollution Control Agency (MCPA). It is a member of the Itasca Coalition of Lake Associations (ICOLA) and Minnesota Lakes and Rivers (MLR).

### **Location**

The DLWA is located in northeastern Itasca County, MN. The lakes, creeks and flowages within the watershed area are outlined in the map. All waters flow into Deer Lake and flow out through Deer Creek, finally flowing into the Big Fork River.



### **Events**

The DLWA hosts several annual events including the Highway #1 Cleanup in early May, the July 4th Flotilla & Ice Cream Social, and the Annual Meeting & Potluck the first Saturday in August.

### **Volunteer Activities**

The DLWA offers many opportunities for its members to participate in activities that maintain and further its mission. Volunteers are especially needed to assist in the priority focus areas of the Continuous Outflow and Water Protection Committees, including AIS. Email us or visit the DLWA website for more information.

### **Membership & Website Advertisers**

To become a DLWA Member and/or a Website Business Advertiser, please contact the DLWA at the following:

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### **Who is the DLWA?**

The Deer Lake Watershed Association (DLWA) is a 317A nonprofit organization comprised of members who are active, interested and concerned about the environmental quality of our watershed. A five to seven-member board of directors oversees the association.

### **Mission**

*"TO PROTECT, MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE DEER LAKE WATERSHED FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS."*

### **History**

The DLWA was established in 2002 and has been actively supporting its mission ever since.

### **Goals and Objectives**

- 1) Educate area owners and users about maintaining water quality, fish and wildlife resources, economic factors and recreational qualities of the Deer Lake Watershed (DLW).
- 2) Cooperate and coordinate with local, state and federal public agencies and other groups to help maintain the qualities of the DLW.
- 3) Identify and provide outside resources to explain potential problems affecting the DLW.
- 4) Support issues deemed important to association members and future generations.

### **Priorities**

The primary focus of the DLWA is to maintain clean, clear and flowing water throughout our watershed.

**DLWA Continuous Outflow volunteers** remove overgrown vegetation and obstructions in Deer Creek, monitor beaver activity and bust out beaver dams.

**DLWA Water Protection volunteers** conduct water quality tests for phosphorus and chlorophyll, and take Secchi Disk readings to monitor water transparency (clarity) and turbidity. Water level gauge readings are