



**Town of Three Lakes
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The Town of Three Lakes has announced the schedule for the long-anticipated Townline Boat Landing reconstruction project.

The landing will be closed to the public on May 15, 2012 and providing there are no unexpected delays in construction due to weather or other factors the facility is scheduled to re-open on June 29, 2012. Signs will be posted at the corner of U.S. Highway 45 and Maple Lake Dam Road, north of town, advising boaters and anglers that the landing facility is closed for construction. At various times during the reconstruction it is also anticipated that Turtle Run, the dead-end road to the landing, will be barricaded with only local traffic allowed beyond the landing to the homes located at the end of the road.

The reconstruction project is a joint effort between the Town of Three Lakes, Wisconsin Waterways Commission, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Three Lakes Fish & Wildlife Improvement Association, and the Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company all of whom are providing funding and/or manpower to the project.

Construction was originally scheduled for the 2011 season, after the Town was awarded a DNR Recreational Boating Fund grant in late 2010 which provided major funding. However, the project was put on hold by the Three Lakes Town Board of Supervisors in the spring of 2011 after it was learned that the town was also eligible to pursue additional significant grant funding through the Wisconsin Waterways Commission Sport Fish Restoration program. Understanding the award would not be announced until it was too late to begin construction in 2011, the Board judged a year's delay in the project worth taking should the Town be successful in its grant application. On September 2, 2011 the Town received word that it had been awarded nearly \$78,000 in additional funding for the project. Combined with the funds already committed by the other project partners no local taxpayer dollars at all may be needed to pay for the nearly \$140,000 project.

Reconstruction includes grading at the existing boat landing site to construct a new concrete launch ramp with rip-rap protection, a rebuilt dock with twin bays for boat mooring, a sidewalk, an asphalt parking lot with expanded parking (including handicap), restroom improvements, and landscaping between the parking lot and the homes on Turtle Run. MSA Professional Services of Rhinelander is providing the project engineering and construction oversight management.

In approving the construction schedule at its April 3 regular meeting, the Board of Supervisors noted it was very much aware that the landing on Townline Lake is the most used launch facility in the town. However, MSA stated that due to the extent of the reconstruction being done it was not possible to accomplish the project without affecting one of the three main holidays during the 2012 boating season. The Board decided to keep the landing accessible for the sport fishing opener on May 5 and then be closed on May 15 and through the Memorial Day weekend, reopening by June 29. This would place the facility in operation for the entire months of July, August and September of the summer season – including the 4th of July holiday – a reasonable compromise to being closed for half of May and all of June.

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