



## Delavan Lake Improvement Association Fall Newsletter 2019



Farm Field @ W3966 MacLean Road, Elkhorn

Last spring after a very wet season the DLIA came to our members to request emergency money for cover crop to help farmers whose season was rained out. Many of these farmers lost the opportunity to reap a harvest this year and risked leaving their fields uncovered. But thanks to the DLIA members, Walworth County Conservation Department & Adam Lasch we were able to secure cover for three farmers in our watershed. The photo above is a 105-acre field on Maclean Road in Elkhorn which was basically dirt until late July when Adam created this custom cover plan for the farmer. This diverse field consists of the following crops: Sunflower, Buckwheat, Clover, Cow Peas, Forage Pea, Sorghum, Flax, Barley, and Flax

Each of these crops contribute to a unique mixture of nutrients which supports increased soil health. Soil health is the new buzzword when educating farmers in the use of cover crop. With increased rain in our watershed keeping dirt in place while at the same time contributing to soil health by adding nutrients will be something farmers may want to strongly consider. Plan on hearing more from us on soil health education.

### **PHOSPHOROUS**

Leaf blowing season is coming quickly. Please do not blow or rake your leaves into the lake. Although it is easy, it does contribute to phosphorous levels in the water. Keep an eye on your neighbors and remind them not to put leaves into the lake.

### **LAKE FLOODING**

Although it is end of boating season, please pay attention to NO WAKE postings. During the past two weeks there have been two NO WAKE notices for Delavan Lake due to flooding from excessive rain. Keep an eye on the Town of Delavan website or the DLIA Facebook page if it has rained and the lake water level is high.

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

The Delavan Lake Improvement Association is holding its **Annual Meeting on October 12<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m.** We have been fortunate to have the use of The Delavan Club Condo Clubhouse for recent events and will hold our meeting at that location once again. Thanks to Sue Heffron we get to use this venue free of charge. Coffee and donuts will be served, so come early and get a good seat!