Dailyn Wold Exit Summary

My name is Dailyn Wold, and I was the 2026 summer Land and Water (Lake Wissota) Technician with the Chippewa County Land Conservation and Forest Management Department. I graduated from UW-Eau Claire with a degree in environmental biology and a certificate in water resources in May 2026. Before starting this internship, I spent two summers working with Beaver Creek Nature Reserve as the Aquatic Invasive Species Technician. While there I helped complete the 2025 aquatic plant survey on Lake Wissota! After meeting many of the lake association members during the plant survey, I wanted to continue that working relationship and applied for this position. During my time working for the Lake Wissota Stewardship Project, I was able to gain a lot of valuable professional skills, but also general knowledge of the inner workings of a county conservation office.

One project I tackled while here was updating the mailing list for the association. I was able to remove hundreds of names that were no longer living at that address and replace them with current residents. In addition, I formatted the membership tracking sheet to allow a cleaner visualization of those that are supporting the cause. I also updated the stewardship project website with current photos and reports to keep the community up to date on what is being accomplished!

Another focus of mine was the biochar research project. I was the one that went out and collected the 20 biochar and 3 water samples during July-September. I also sent updates to volunteers throughout the project for pick up dates and general information. Outreach in general and about the project at multiple events across the county was another focus of mine. Gratefully, I also got the opportunity to assist in preliminary data analysis and visualization. I enjoyed this aspect of the job most as it allowed me to utilize the scientific skills I developed during my education.

A third large project I worked on was continuing to update and maintain the End of Dock Monitoring program. While the intern before me created the online platform, I was able to expand the survey questions to get more concrete, comparable data. Additionally, I successfully uploaded all the historical data on to the online lake quality data viewer so that all data collected can be viewed by everyone! There is a comprehensive summary report available on the stewardship project website.

Overall, I am proud of the work I was able to accomplish to support the efforts of the Lake Wissota Association and Lake Wissota Stewardship project. All the volunteers involved are highly dedicated individuals and it was a privilege to meet and work with them. Thank you for the opportunity to be your 2026 summer intern.

Sincerely,
Dailyn Wold