

May 2, 2007

Town of Rome
Attn: Board of Supervisors
1156 Alpine Drive
Nekoosa, WI 54457

Gentlemen:

Many of the recreational opportunities offered by the Town of Rome center around our four lakes. Good water quality is essential to our future and our ability to continue to attract residents and vacationers.

The Tri-Lakes Management District has made many efforts to improve water quality including weed harvesting, distribution of barley straw and monitoring the older septic systems not covered by Adams County. Another effort that would benefit everyone in the community is the banning of fertilizer containing phosphorus.

Phosphorus is the nutrient that drives the eutrophication process in lakes by promoting excessive algae growth. Limiting the amount of phosphorus “run off” into our lakes will help to reduce the algae bloom. Because phosphorus-free fertilizer can be part of the solution to lake water clarity, the Tri-Lakes Management District supports your efforts to ban this substance in fertilizers applied within the Town limits.

Sincerely,

Barb Herreid for TLM Board of Directors:

Don Fornasiere, Chairman and Camelot Representative
Dick Anderson, Treasurer and Arrowhead Representative
Ron Fischer, Secretary and Sherwood Representative
Cindy Loken, County Representative
Steve Scarbury, Town Representative