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## **Tainter/Menomin Lake Improvement Association wins a 2014 Wisconsin Lake Stewardship Award:**

**One of five winners receiving awards presented by the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership**

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Tainter/Menomin Lake Improvement Association is a 2014 Wisconsin Lake Stewardship Award recipient in the Group (Single Lake) Category. Ron Verdon, current president and Dick Lamers, past president, accepted the award on the group’s behalf, presented by the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership at the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership Convention in Stevens Point on April 25.

“The Tainter/Menomin Lake Improvement Association is a leader in working to improve the health of the lakes and streams in the Red Cedar Watershed,” said Michael Engleson, Wisconsin Lakes Executive Director. Working collaboratively with area farmers, the association has helped spur agricultural management projects in the watershed that help reduce runoff, and continue to foster local, regional, statewide, and even national awareness of the issue through the annual Red Cedar Watershed Conference. The group has also worked on numerous projects, including to help pass a county shoreland zoning ordinance in Dunn County.

The Wisconsin Lake Stewardship Awards are presented each year in celebration of the extraordinary volunteer and professional efforts made to protect and improve lakes in Wisconsin, and represent the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership’s best collective effort to honor and celebrate all the incredible work that goes into ensuring the future of our state’s lakes and waters. “The year’s winners, like all the past years’ winners, are an inspiration to us all,” said Engleson. “Our lakes are that much better because of the hard work put in by the winners and nominees of this award.”

This year’s other winners include Washburn County Lakes & Rivers Association, Carol LeBreck, the Center for Watershed Science and Education at UW-Stevens Point, and Girl Scout Troop #2789.

The Wisconsin Lakes Partnership has brought science, education and citizens together to empower people to work together to care for our lakes since the early 1970’s. The partners include Wisconsin Lakes, University of Wisconsin-Extension Lakes Program and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

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