

Turtle Lake Lakeshore and Watershed Management Study Project Overview

What Is This Project About?

Turtle Lake is a valued place for recreation, nature, and community life. To protect the lake's health and guide responsible development, a **new Lakeshore and Watershed Management Study** is being conducted. This study is led by a team of professional planners and scientists, and is being overseen by the **Turtle Lake Study Committee**, which includes local community contributors.

This study will provide up-to-date information about:

- Land use and development patterns;
- Water quality and lake health;
- Shoreline and watershed conditions;
- Recreational use and lake access; and
- Community priorities and concerns.

The goal is to create a **science-based, community-informed report** that supports sustainable use and long-term stewardship of the lake and surrounding area.

Why Is This Study Important?

The last full study of Turtle Lake was done in 2016. Since then, development, climate patterns, and community needs have evolved. This new study will:

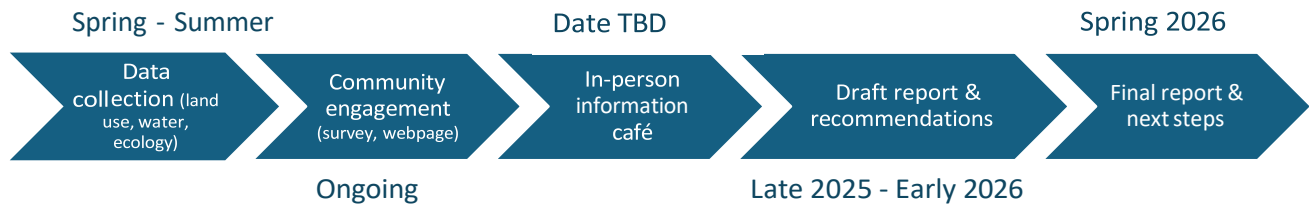
- **Monitor the health of Turtle Lake** using advanced scientific testing.
- **Gather knowledge from local people** – both permanent and seasonal residents.
- **Provide clear guidance** for future development and environmental protection.
- **Support municipalities and other partners** in updating policies and bylaws.

Turtle Lake Basin



What's Happening and When?

The study is being carried out over a **12 - 16 month period**, starting in early 2025. Here's a summary of the key phases:



You may notice field teams on the lake or around the community this summer. They're gathering important information that will inform the study.

How Can You Get Involved?

We want to hear from you. Your local knowledge, observations, and concerns are essential to this study.

Here's how you can participate:

- **Visit the Project Webpage** (*launching May long weekend*)
 - Watch a video explaining the project.
 - Ask questions and share your thoughts.
 - Complete an online survey (*available by July long weekend*).
 - Join an online discussion board with other lake users.
- **Attend an In-Person Information Café** (Date TBD)
 - Meet the project team, ask questions, and provide feedback on draft recommendations.
- **Look out for updates** via social media, newsletters, and email
 - Stay informed about the study and upcoming engagement opportunities.

Who Is Leading This Work?

The study is being led by a team of professionals with deep experience in lake communities:

- **Crosby Hanna & Associates** (planning and mapping)
- **Wallace Insights** (public engagement and policy)
- **Canada North Environmental Services (CanNorth)** (scientific fieldwork and water testing)

These firms have worked on similar studies for Turtle Lake and other lakes in Saskatchewan, and they bring a strong understanding of both technical and community needs.

Questions?

Have a question or want to share an idea? You'll be able to do this directly through the **project website**, or reach out to planning@wallaceinsights.com.

