

# Lake district facts

**Proposed district name:** Rock-Koshkonong Lake Improvement District.

**Proposed boundaries:** The Rock River at the Jefferson city limits to the Indianford Dam.

**Estimated voting members:** 2,200

**Purpose:** To maintain, protect and improve the quality of Lake Koshkonong and its watershed.

**Formation rules:** At least 51 percent of the owners in the proposed district, or owners of 51 percent of the land, must petition the county with the largest portion of equalized assessed valuation.

**Operation:** Five to seven commissioners run day-to-day affairs. Two are appointed. District members elect the others. Commissioners meet quarterly, but all commissioners' powers are subject to decisions by the members at the annual meeting.

**Powers:** Make contracts, buy and sell land, disburse money, take out loans, accept grants, sue and be sued, develop surveys and studies, manage aquatic plants, control erosion, dredge, control dams.

**Financing:** Fees may be established and voted on at the annual meeting. The fees can be in the form of a tax levy, special assessment or user charge. A tax levy can be no more than \$2.50 per \$1,000 of equalized valuation. Loans or grants also can be used.

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