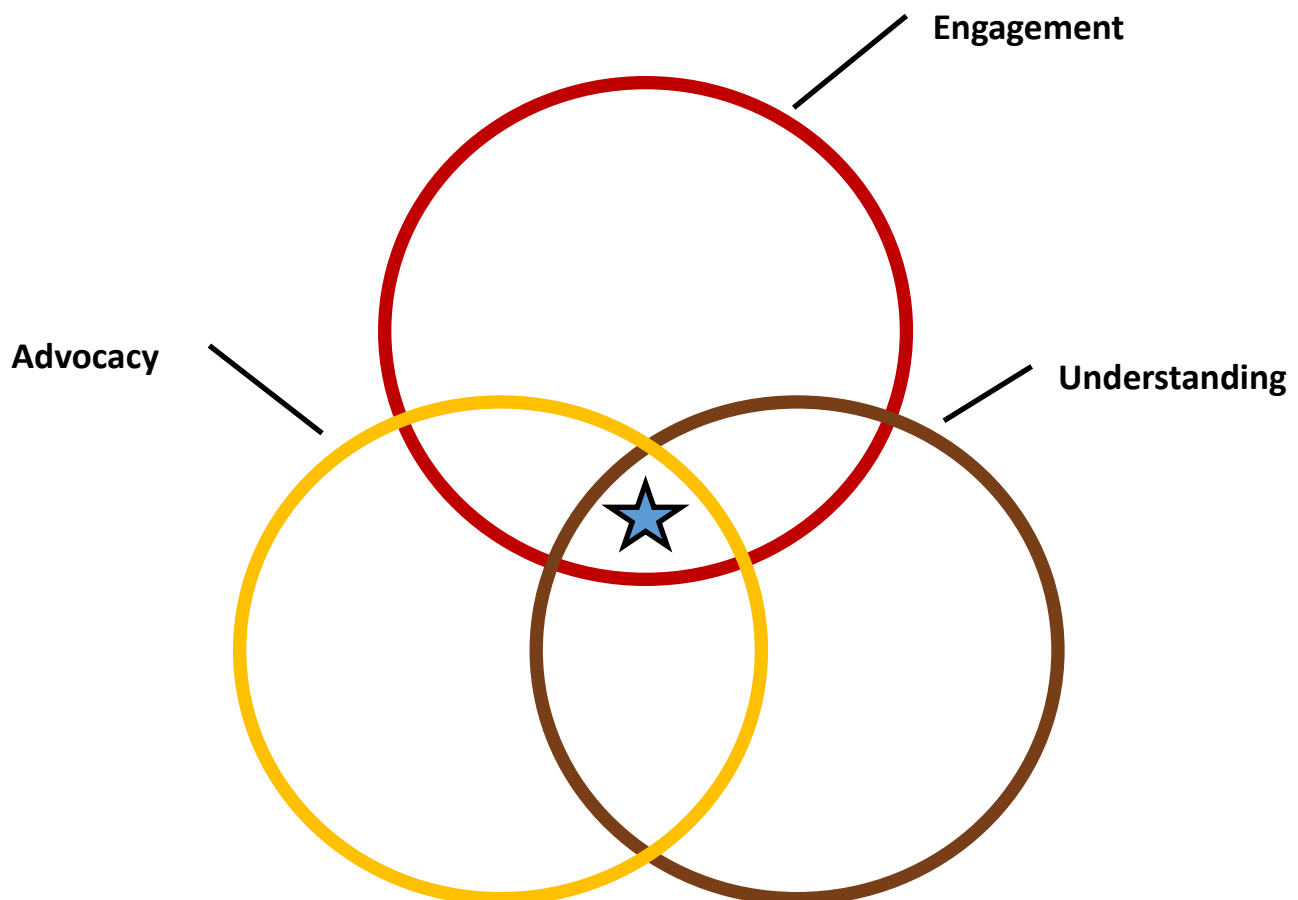


Lake Preservation

That's quite a bold topic so I would like to frame that idea as I interpret it.

Lake preservation is the process by which a community maximizes the actions they take to extend their lakes lifespan. All lakes age over time and communities can accelerate that process by increasing runoff which carries nutrients and sediment into our lakes. Lake preservation is most effective when communities engage each other around our lakes, share their understanding of lakes, and advocate for our lakes. Together these steps provide a community with the framework to undertake the actions that preserve our resources for the most generations possible.



To maximize your effectiveness combine elements of all three goals whenever possible. A boat parade might include a map with a few historical items identified, a lake wildlife 'scavenger hunt' for kids on the back, and a reminder that our actions today preserve our lake for future generations. I found all of the Hubbard County newsletters delightful and inspiring. I especially noted Potato Lake's advocating for additional conservation efforts, recognition of individuals for excellence, and Neighborhood Captains program to connect with all residents.

Engagement Ideas

Meet the Neighbors Walk on Over	Form a Lake Association	Engage Residents in Monitoring
Youth Activity	Community Activity	Host a Speaker
Boat Parade - Boat in Picnic	Newsletter	Lake Directory
History Project		

Knowledge Ideas

Monitor Water Clarity	Monitor Lake Chemistry	Monitor Lake Wildlife
Monitor Aquatic Plants	Monitor Oxygen Levels	Monitor Sediment Nutrients
Host an Educational Event	Distribute a Stewardship Handbook	Develop and Share a Lake Plan
Attend Water Quality Events		

Advocacy Ideas

Outreach defining watershed protection	Outreach defining runoff and nutrient reduction.	Increase watershed protection.
Decrease runoff.	Develop a Community Foundation.	Set a community goal for watershed protection level.
Set a community goal for runoff reduction projects.	Community commitment to MN DNR's reduction goal.	Community commitment to MN DNR's watershed goal.
Join State and local Boards and Committees	?	?