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Figure 6. Existing and Permitted Quarry Lakes in the Lake Belt Area.

The mining industry has already created 8.4 square miles (5,400 acres) of quarry lakes. An additional 9.1 square miles (5,900 acres) of quarry lakes are fully permitted for mining in the Lake Belt Area. Existing and permitted lakes comprise 17.5 square miles (11,300 acres) or 20 percent of the total 89.1 square miles (57,000 acres) in the Lake Belt Area.