

LOST LAKE RCD – Lake Management



HOW DO WE GET THERE – 2021 REALITY

Thanks again to the residents of the Lost Lake Conservancy Taxing District for approving the Bond Ordinance Referendum to implement the Long-Range Plan for dredging our lake. Since the Board began contemplating a major dredging program, we have focused on addressing and answering three fundamental questions: Where were we; Where did we want to go; and How do we get there? Now that the “How Do We Get There” (\$\$\$) has been resolved through the sale of the Bonds, the construction and

dredging activities can begin later this spring. Our Implementation Plan is based on completing the planned dredging before the years’ end 2021. Very soon, the Board will issue respective Requests for Proposals: one for the construction of the permanent silt basin and the other for lake dredging.

As mentioned in last month's Newsletter, the Board is also exploring opportunities to minimize the amount of silt entering our lake in future years. There are two points of entry: Babbling Brook on the north end and Clear Creek on the south end. Over the years, a considerable amount of work has been performed on the Babbling Creek tributary to minimize silt buildup. Recently, we have received a preliminary Clear Creek Improvements Concept Plan from Olson Ecological Solutions , Inc.

and the Board will review that document in the upcoming weeks. The RCD is pursuing potential partnering opportunities with The Nature Conservancy (Nachusa Grasslands), as well as neighboring streamside landowners to form a Priority Watershed Partnership. We are all interested in promoting water quality projects to improve the conditions within the surrounding watershed.

The Board remains committed to serving the best interests of the community. We always look forward to any input. Please continue to visit our website for project updates.

- *Andy Warcaba, VP, RCD*



Boat Rack Stickers Due June 30!

Starting late spring, the RCD will take an inventory of the boats on the racks to ensure that everyone has current stickers. If you have a boat on the racks or want to put a boat on the racks and need a sticker, contact the RCD office by email at Rebecca.Miller@lostlakercd.org or phone at 815-652-2006.

You can also download a boat sticker application at our website at www.lostlakercd.org. Even if you aren't storing your boat on the RCD racks, you'll need to apply for an ID sticker to use it on the lake (which is free of charge and never expires).

-*Becky Miller, Administrative
Manager, RCD*

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Year-Round Activities at Lost Lake

Many of our residents might think of our lake as just being a summer place for fishing, boating, kayaking, and swimming; however, our beautiful lake is a gem that offers activities and enjoyment for all seasons. Whether you live along the lake or somewhere in the community, our lake is a sight to behold and a place of endless opportunities. Even in the dead of winter, when many tend to hibernate, staying comfortable in their homes and waiting for the longer days of spring and summer, others continue to enjoy the great

outdoors regardless of what the thermometer says.

Whether it is ice fishing, ice skating, cross-country skiing, spotting wildlife, or seeing the beauty of gently falling snow, there are things to do here! Winter fishing might be different than that of the warmer months, with ice augers, sleds, and shelters, and ice skating might involve hockey equipment, or not; however, there are always things to do, or watch. Even if you can't brave the cold yourself, you can take a few moments to visit one of our park areas to watch the kids skating or playing ice hockey, see the fishermen and women

braving the cold to put fresh fish on their dinner plates, or simply watch for the foxes as they play and hunt and the eagles as they wait and watch for something to bring back to their nest.

The RCD board works hard to keep this wonderful lake a place to enjoy the raw beauty of nature and all that it brings to us for all seasons, now and for future generations.

- Hal Warren, Member at Large, RCD

