

Lake Shamineau permanent and seasonal residents, your Legislative Support is Needed!

The Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District (LSLID) Board has applied for a grant from the Minnesota DNR to help fund our high water project. Please contact your legislators in support of the **Lake Shamineau Flood Hazard Mitigation Grant Application** (Dated: 1/12/2018 and Amended on 03/07/2018) **Regardless if you are in support of this project or not, it is in every ones best interest to help keep costs to a minimum should the project be constructed.**

Ask the legislators to contact **Pat Lynch, Flood Damage Reduction Program Manager, DNR**, in support of Lake Shamineau receiving the grant money we have applied for and to support the DNR in increasing the funding for these types of Flood Mitigation projects. (Pat Lynch, DNR Division of Waters, 500 Lafayette Road, Box 32. St. Paul, MN 55155. Phone: 651-259-5691. Fax: 651-296-0445. E-Mail: pat.lynych@state.mn.us)

Permanent lake residents should contact Senator Paul Gazelka and Representative Ron Kresha, who represent their district.

Senator Paul E. Gazelka (R) District 09

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St. Paul, MN 55155-1206
651-296-4875
sen.paul.gazelka@senate.mn

Representative Ron Kresha (R) District 09B

531 State Office Bldg.
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155
651-296-4247
rep.ron.kresha@house.mn

Seasonal lake residents should contact the legislators in their district as well as Senator Paul Gazelka and Representative Ron Kresha.

Below is how you find your legislators where you live:

- To learn who represents you: <http://www.gis.leg.mn/iMaps/districts/>
- Representatives and contact information: <http://www.house.mn/members/hmem.asp>
- Senators and contact information: <http://www.senate.mn/members/index.php>
- To email a representative, follow this format: rep. (first name). (last name)@house.mn
- To email a senator, follow this format: sen. (first name). (last name)@senate.mn

See a sample letter/email/call below (It is sometimes better to use your own words but not necessary):

Dear Senator Paul Gazelka and Representative Ron Kresha,

I am contacting you to ask you to help us save Lake Shamineau (Pronounced Sham-a-no) from its consistently rising lake level. Lake Shamineau has no outlet. It does however have inlets, tributaries and redirected water flowing into Shamineau in addition to rain, snow and rising ground water. Since 1970 the lake level has risen over five and a half feet. It is currently 1.7' above the ordinary high-water level. This has resulted in over \$1.5 million in damages to riparian property owners (shoreline, boat houses, cabins, homes, landscape, septic systems, etc.), loss of loon habitat, loss of trees, soil erosion, unprotected drainage, compromised water quality as well as flooding roads and infrastructure.

We need you to support the Lake Shamineau Flood Hazard Mitigation Grant Application. This grant will provide financial support to move forward with the DNR, environmental engineers, Morrison County and all appropriate jurisdictions to establish a maximum operating level for Lake Shamineau. We need to construct a permanent outlet to pump water from Lake Shamineau along a proposed alignment where the water would historically flow before all the development of homes and roadways. Your help is desperately needed to protect this valuable state resource.

Sincerely your constituent (or Lake resident if not in their district),

John Doe
xxxx Pine View blvd
Motley, Mn 56466