

October 30, 2018

TO: Lake Shamaineau Property Owners

FROM: Board of the Lake Shamaineau Lake Improvement District

RE: Activities Update

This is to provide an update on our activities since the Annual Meeting on August 25th, as well as our planned work in the coming months. Soon after the Annual Meeting we had a meeting with the DNR, Morrison County and Soil and Water. It has become clear that support for the SW corridor option for the High Water Project will be difficult for permitting. We have always considered the NE corridor an option, and we will now be focused on determining a cost-effective, feasible and timely alternative in the NE corridor and completing preliminary design work. Please also note that since the Annual Meeting we have received County Board approval for our 2019 budget which will allow us to move forward with the High Water Project. Following is more detailed information regarding the LID activities.

Annual Meeting

For those that were unable to attend the annual meeting, we want to make you aware that the three budget items were overwhelmingly approved. You may want to visit the LID website to review the vote tally and the minutes from the Annual Meeting.

Lake Survey

The surveys for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) on the four lakes (Shamaineau, Alexander, Fish Trap and Crookneck) that are funded through the Morrison County Grant have been completed. This survey data can be used to determine AIS treatment plans for future years. Please see the attached chart which shows the occurrence of milfoil in the lake. At the south side of the west end, we have been able to substantially reduce the amount of milfoil with the use of chemical treatments. We will continue to address the areas identified on the chart for treatments in 2019.

Options for High Water Group

All LID members recently received notice from an alternate group, the Options for High Water (OHW). For several weeks before and after the Annual Meeting we made attempts to gain information from members of this group. OHW appeared before the County Board and the Board urged the group to meet and work with the LID. We were able to arrange a meeting between the LID Board and the five members of OHW group and we met on Saturday, October 6th. Both groups agree that the meeting was productive in establishing a springboard to work from.

Order of Establishment

The Order of Establishment for the Lake Improvement District is a document that the County Board approved in 2016 that sets out the terms for the Lake Shamaineau Lake Improvement District. As the LID has evolved, the establishment order requires updating. We have met with the County Board to review changes to the order and we are in the process of finalizing them. We will then work with the County to develop a mailing to go out to LID members and seek general comment. Following that step, we will incorporate feedback and continue with the amendment process which will include scheduling a Public Hearing, prior to approval by the County Board. It is unlikely any changes will be made before the 2019 assessment period.

County Board Approval of Budget

You may recall that at the Annual Meeting, the LID Board presented a budget that the LID members approved which included:

- Non-Project Expenses of \$22,002
- Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) of \$31,000
- High Water Budget of \$360,000

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However, the County Board made a decision to only approve costs associated with the first two steps of the High Water Project which includes determining the alternative route and completion of the preliminary design. With this change the High Water Project budget was approved at \$100,000, and with the anticipated \$65,000 DNR grant the total amount of funding available for the High Water Project in 2019 will be \$165,000. No change was made to the Non-Project and AIS budgets.

The revised 2019 Budget includes an estimated residential per parcel charge rate of \$365. The final rate amount for 2019 will be determined in November and will be based on the approved budget and the number of parcels. Our final budget document is available on the website.

It should also be noted that moving forward after completion of the first two steps of the High Water Project, which includes determining the alternative route and completion of the preliminary design, may require LID member and County Board approval.

Next Steps

Over the next year, the following activities are planned for the LSLID:

- Non-project: water quality testing, public access monitoring and education, floating bog mitigation, brochures, AIS survey, public access signage, and other administrative activities.
- AIS: hand pulling and expanded chemical treatments for Eurasian Watermilfoil and other invasive species.
- The following are the tasks that are planned for the High Water project:
 - Select and hire an experienced Engineering firm.
 - Route Alternative Analysis to include: Determine most feasible, cost-effective and timely route alternative which may include methods of siphoning, gravity or pumping for the NE corridor.
 - Preliminary Design Tasks to include: Preliminary design of route and method, survey of topography, channels, culverts, lakes and wetland outfalls. *Note: these preliminary design tasks are eligible for a DNR matching grant of \$65,000.*

Other

- Please note that you will want to visit the LID Website for up to date information including meeting minutes and other materials. Website address: <https://minnesotawaters.org/lakeshamineau>
- We are working on creating an e-mail list to use for electronic communications.
- You may want to also visit the Morrison County Record website (local news) for more information on the approval of the LSLID 2019 budget.
- Please make sure your mailing address is up to date with the Morrison County Auditor's Office as we use the County property information for our mailings.

We want you to know that we heard many of your comments and advice at the Annual Meeting. We are committed to keep the LID members up to date with information. In 2019, we will be mailing out nomination information in a timely manner for you to nominate candidates for election. As we schedule LID Board meetings, we will post the meeting date/time and agenda on the website in advance of the meeting.

We will be sending out periodic mailings to continue to keep you up to date on activities of the LID.

Respectively,

Bob Koll, Rick Rosar, Cindy Kevern, Fred Comb, Don Ogilvie

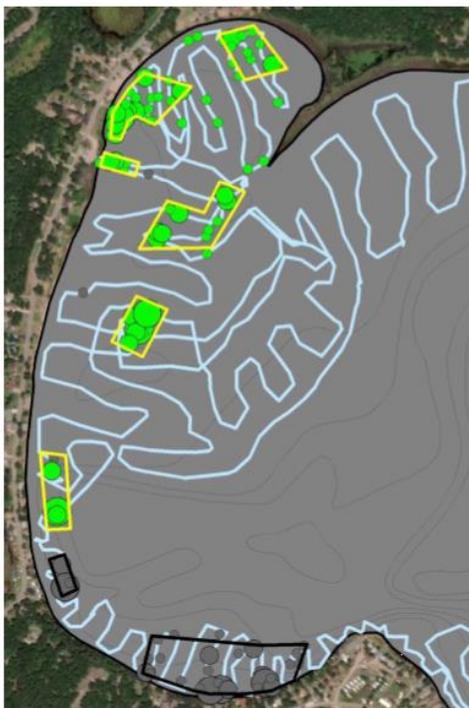
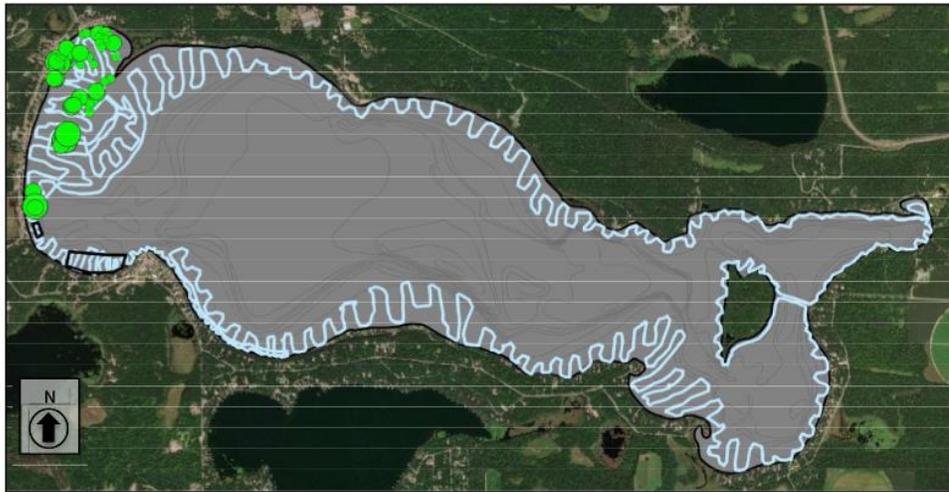
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Lake Shamineau (#49-0127-00)
2018 Late-Summer Eurasian Watermifoil Delineation Survey



— Surveyed Path

▭ Areas Treated in 2018

▭ Proposed Control Plots

EWM Density Rating (0-3)

• 1] Sept 2018
• 2	
• 3	
• 1] June 2018
• 2	
• 3	

Surveyed: June 4 & Sept 18, 2018
Method: Visual, Rake, Sonar
Surveyor: JA Johnson



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