



Lake Shamineau Flooding Disaster Causes Massive Destruction

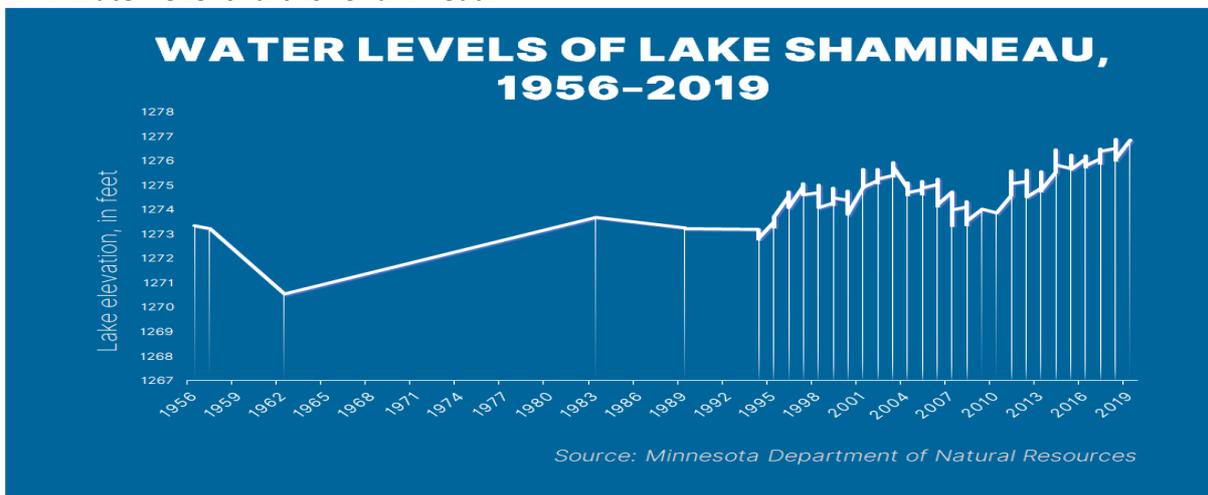
Homes under water; water quality concern; shoreline, trees and wildlife habitat destroyed

- **Lake Shamineau Water Level at Historic High**
 - 6-foot rise in lake level over last 25 years, homes flooded
 - Shamineau is 2.6 feet above the Ordinary High-Water Mark
 - Record precipitation, high ground water
 - Shamineau has no natural outlet, inlets add to the problem
 - Road closures and mail delivery disruption
- **Property Owners Have Spent Several Millions of Dollars**
 - Repairing homes and natural landscapes
 - Protecting shoreline property from erosion
 - Installing thousands of sandbags and tons of riprap
 - Installing and paying for electricity for hundreds of sump pumps
 - Declining property values
 - Making Road repairs and replacements
- **Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District Approved Plan**
 - Construct a water level control outlet
 - Remove excess water by pumping to an environmentally safe infiltration site
 - Pumping would occur at an area on the NE corner of lake, using land owner approved easements
 - Force Main (Piping) will extend approximately 1-mile NE from the lake to infiltration basin site
- **Legislation: Two Bills Support Funding Shamineau LID High Water Outlet Plan**
 - HF 2942, Author, Representative Ron Kresha
 - SF 3285, Author, Senator Paul Gazelka

- **Support for the Project**

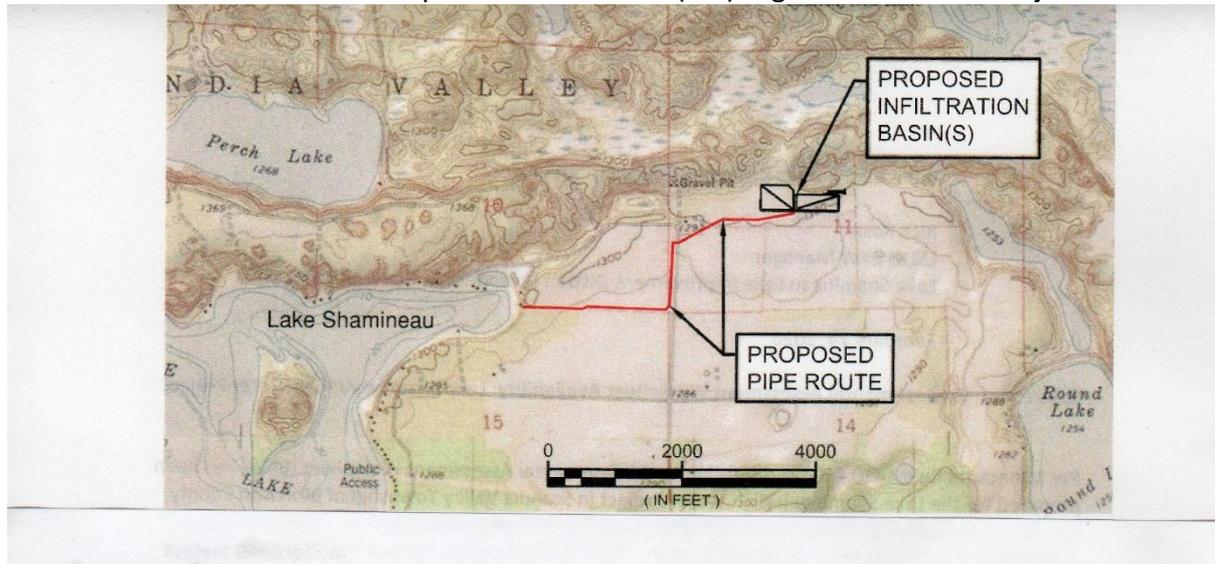
- Property owners overwhelmingly voted in favor of \$156,034 pre-construction cost
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- Support from Scandia Valley Township –
Scandia Valley Township Chairman, Terry Sandstrom expressed in their letter of support: “On behalf of the Scandia Valley Township board I am submitting this letter of support for the Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District within Morrison County. Many township roads around Lake Shamineau have caused special concerns for Scandia Valley Township. In the last five years we have spent over \$167,000 to maintain access to the homes and cabins around this lake alone. We would appreciate your attention on this bill, HF2942 and respectfully request you support the bill. The people of Scandia Valley need your assistance in passing this HF2942 to aid in your backing of lowering the lake level to better serve all the people that have come to our lake to enjoy and explore the great Minnesota outdoors.”
- Support from Morrison County –
Morrison County Commissioner Mike LeMeiur, expressed support: “The (LID) district has been looking for a solution to the high-water problem for several years and is deeply concerned with the integrity of Lake Shamineau. The rising water has not only affected the shoreline, trees, native vegetation, wildlife habitat, but structures and septic systems as well...Lake Shamineau needs funding to assist in facilitating a long-term solution. We respectfully request and strongly encourage you to support the Bill HF 2942.”
- The DNR has shown support for the project by providing a \$65,000 Flood Damage Reduction Grant to assist with project design
- **We ask for YOUR support of HF2942 and SF3285 and the DNR flood mitigation bonding bill.**

DNR water level chart for Shamineau:



THE PROJECT PLAN

Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District (LID) High Water Outlet Project



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- LSLID proposes to construct a water level control outlet to remove excess water
- Project is on the NE end of Shamineau, extending one mile to infiltration basins
- Includes intake structure in the lake, a pumping station and force main to basins
- Pumping water to infiltration basins NE of the lake, on approved easements
- There will be two 3.5-acre infiltration basins with a control structure at basins
- Project area is mainly agriculture land, with forested area on the northern edge
- There are no wetlands within the project corridor

Media Reports

Brainerd Dispatch, Newspaper: "As high water floods homes on Lake Shamineau residents hopeful for solution. "

WCCO, TV: Oct. 22, 2019, 6 pm: "Lake Shamineau residents have reason to fear more rainfall"

KSTP, TV: Oct. 23, 2019, 6 pm: "Lake Shamineau flooding creates flooding problems for Morrison County residents."

KMSP, TV: Oct. 24, 2019, 5 pm: "Continued flooding on Lake Shamineau, near Motley, Minnesota is starting to drive owners of cabins and homes away."

MPR News: June 13, 2019, Kristi Marohn: "Homes on Lake Shamineau near Motley are threatened by rising lake waters"

Morrison County Record: Nov. 2, 2019, Sheila McCoy: "Lake Shamineau's rising water levels a living nightmare for homeowners."

For more Information about Lake Shamineau: <https://lakeshamineauflooding.org>