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This is a special-edition email to our newsletter subscribers to notify you that *Emergency Action* is needed to assist with the legislative efforts for financial assistance for the high-water project.

We understand that the legislature will be taking up action to approve the bonding bill during the special session next Monday. If DNR Flood Hazard Mitigation Grant Funds are fully funded in the bonding bill, the Lake Shamineau High-Water Project could be funded for up to 50%. Please note that unless the Flood Hazard Mitigation Grant funds are fully funded at \$20 million, we risk not being able to receive needed funds.

Please contact your home area legislators (who represent you where you live) and inform them of the dire need for this project. Let them know that Flood Hazard Mitigation Funds need to be fully funded in the bonding bill and ask them to support Lake Shamineau. You can find your MN House Representative and MN Senator contact information at: <https://www.gis.leg.mn/iMaps/districts>.

You may want to remind your legislator that several dozen homes and properties have been destroyed and hundreds are in danger of further destruction with wet basements, flooded roads and shoreline erosion. We are also concerned with the destruction of the shoreline, trees, native vegetation and wildlife habitat. This lake is not just utilized by people that live on the lake, but thousands of Minnesota residents. We need to be working hard with the legislature and the DNR to assist us in saving and preserving this beautiful natural resource with funding for our project.

Thank you for your help in contacting legislators.

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