





Lake Life

MMLMD

**The Official Newsletter of the
MT. MORRIS LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

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For more detailed District information, or to contact a commissioner directly about an issue, go to our district website at: www.mmlmd.org

**36th Annual Mt. Morris Lakes District Meeting
Mountain View Community Center,
Saturday, July 21, 2012, 9:00 am**

- 8:00 am: Open Breakfast for all District members**
Come meet your lake neighbors over a free breakfast
- 9:00 am: Call to Order**
- Approve Meeting Agenda
 - Introduction of commissioners and membership
 - Minutes from July 16, 2011 Annual Meeting - Joe Slezak
 - Chairman's Report – Tim Dahlstrand
 - Treasurer's Report – Greg Foster
- Presentations**
- Canada Goose Management – Mike Jones, USDA
 - Aquatic Plant and Lake Planning-Rob Adams
 - Wisconsin Lakes Convention Report-Hal Neitzel
- New Business**
- Presentation of 2012-2013 Budget – Greg Foster
 - Election of Commissioner – Nominee is Rob Adams
 - Other topics for discussion as brought up by the floor

**CHEMICAL TREATMENT & HARVESTING:
A Delicate Balancing Act for This Summer**

You may notice a bit more Curley Leaf Pondweed (CLP) vegetation on the water this summer. During the past 5 years, we have chemically treated for CLP, but this year is a suspension year. The reason for that is to survey what impact our chemical treatment strategy has had, and we must leave this year as an “untreated” year to determine that status. However, we have treated for EWM (Eurasian Water Milfoil) to stop the spread of that invasive species, since our spring survey identified increased areas of EWM in certain parts of the lakes.

Our harvesting plan will continue to have a priority to keep piers clear for access to the lake, and channels clear for access between lakes. The balancing act involves following the scientific guidelines set by our consultant partners and the DNR concerning limits set on harvesting volumes, while maintaining a pleasant boating, fishing, and swimming experience. Harvesting can spread CLP and EWM, and we will especially limit any harvesting activity on Morris Lake to prevent its contamination. Normally, CLP stops growing by the end of June and dies off. When you need harvesting services, Call Joe Slezak, 920-787-7111. Our intent is to prevent the spread of CLP throughout the lakes during this survey period, and we ask your patience this year in tolerating some increased growth.

**CANADA GEESE ON OUR LAKES:
36th Annual Meeting Speaker To Present
Ideas for Solutions**

We don't have a Canadian geese problem... however, we do have a Canada geese problem! The featured speaker at our 36th Annual Meeting will be Mike Jones, Wildlife Biologist with the USDA, APHIS, Wildlife Services, who will explain the difference. He will talk about the management of Canada geese on our lakes. While habitat modification, fence barriers and repellants can be considered as a part of the management plan, population management will be presented as well.

Population management can include hunting but other techniques outside of established hunting season can also be used. They include reducing the nesting success by egg oiling. Removal of juvenile and adult geese in mid-June to early July can be conducted when the geese are molting and flightless.

For the MMLMD to consider these Canada geese management options, we need the input and support of the membership. Please plan to attend the annual meeting and learn more about the technique and costs for managing our Canada geese problem.

**MMLMD LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN:
The Four Key Objectives Will Be Accomplished**

The Lake Management Planning Committee is balanced between Board presence and resident presence. The Board members are: Rob Adams and Tim Dahlstrand; the residents are: Hal Neitzel; Deb Jozwowski, Bob Jozwowski, and Tammy Ulbing. Through a series of meetings facilitated by our Onterra LLC consultants, and the data collected from the Lake Survey, they have outlined four plan objectives that will be accomplished from 2012 continuing on to the next 5 years:

1. *Increase MMLMD Board Capacity to Communicate with Lake Stakeholders (form an Education Committee)*
2. *Maintain current water quality conditions*
3. *Control existing AIS Infestations and prevent new ones*
4. *Maintain navigation on open water & near shore areas*

Each objective has specific management actions, each with a defined timeframe, facilitator, and sub-action steps for implementation. Detailed information and Lake Survey Results are contained in a 110 page Lake Management Plan document which can be read at www.mmlmd.org. No computer? Contact a Committee/Board member for a copy.

QUICK OUTAKES FROM THE LAKE SURVEY

- 39% visit their properties on weekends throughout the year.
- 30% own a seasonal (summer) residence on the lake.
- 27% live on the lake year-round
- 62% have owned their property for over 15 years
- 40% have owned their property for over 25 years
- Most dominant recreational watercraft use: Paddleboats, canoes, kayaks, and pontoon boats.
- Regarding perception of water quality, 74% selected “Good” or “Excellent”
- 40% stated they thought the quality remained the same level
- Repeated concerns at having a negative impact on the lakes:
 - Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)
 - Excessive Aquatic Plant Growth
 - Water quality degradation
 - Silt/sediment accumulation & algae blooms

Are you considering installing a pier, a raft, or a pier across wetlands, or any home or shoreline modifications or improvements? Check with the WI DNR for information on these projects (Pier Planner Guide) and also consult with Town Zoning to review the project for proper authorizations and permits.

Mt. Morris Lakes Endowment Fund

The MMLMD has long term financial commitments related to management and control of invasive species and maintenance and operation of the dam. Historically grants have been used to partially fund these activities but there is no guarantee that grants will be available in the future or that MMLMD will be successful in the grant process.

Based on the MMLMD responsibilities, long term financial commitments and to provide lake preservation opportunities to property owners, funding alternatives for lake protection and rehabilitation (besides the MMLMD annual levy) should be investigated.

Since MMLMD is a special purpose unit of government established under NR 33 to protect and rehabilitate the lakes and dam, we have the option to create an endowment fund either through the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin or on our own. Contributions can be made by MMLMD, by individuals or by their estates. The contributions may be tax deductible.

Proposed Action: Endowment Fund Volunteer Study Committee

It is proposed that a volunteer committee be established to investigate on the advisability and feasibility of establishing a Mt. Morris Lakes Endowment Fund. The committee shall report back to the MMLMD commissioners at their quarterly meeting in December 2012 with recommendations.

**MT. MORRIS LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
2012 – 2013 PROPOSED BUDGET**

ACCOUNT	BUDGET 2011-2012	ACTUAL YTD SPEND 2011-2012	PROPOSED 2012-2013
AIS Control	\$ 29,980.00	\$ 18,287.00	\$ 65,512.00
PHASE 1 STUDY	\$ 5,014.00	\$ 3,275.00	\$ 4,569.00
PHASE 2 STUDY	\$ 3,731.00	\$ 1,783.00	\$ 3,731.00
PHASE 3 STUDY	\$ 4,673.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,673.00
AP Harvesting			
Contract Labor	\$ 3,450.00	\$ 4,644.00	\$ 9,890.00
Parts/Equipment	250.00	169.00	200.00
Fuel & Oil	300.00	362.00	100.00
Storage/License	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,575.00
Insurance	2,530.00	2,675.00	2,177.00
Commissioner's Compensation	1,000.00	840.00	1,000.00
Lake Convention Fees	300.00	200.00	300.00
Lake Improvement	-----	-----	-----
Newsletter/Website Newspaper Notices	500.00	506.00	1,100.00
Dam Operation & Maintenance	4,275.00	4,646.00	2,085.00
Affiliation Dues	414.00	415.00	425.00
General Operating Expenses	500.00	399.00	1,100.00
Annual Meeting	650.00	596.00	650.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$59,367.00	\$43,597.00	\$89,730.00
FUNDING SOURCES			
DNR GRANT – AIS	\$ -----	\$ 11,281.00	\$ -----
LAKE STUDY GRANTS	5,190.00	-----	5,190.00
OPERATING FUNDS	23,777.00	1,832.00	54,440.00
LEVY & LATE FEES	30,000.00	30,384.00	30,000.00
INTEREST & MISC.	400.00	100.00	100.00
TOTAL	\$ 59,367.00	\$ 43,597.00	\$ 89,730.00

TOTAL PROPOSED 2012-2013 LEVY: \$ 30,000

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

SATURDAY, JULY 21, 2012 - Annual District Meeting

- The MMLMD website needs a webmaster to maintain the site. If interested, contact Joe Slezak (920)-787-7111. This is a good way for you to help us achieve Lake Management Objective #1!
- MMLMD will donate \$100 to the “We Really Care” Fishing Club in recognition of their fish stocking efforts on Mt. Morris Lakes.
- One commissioner position on the Board, Rob Adams, is open for re-election at Annual Meeting. Contact a Board member if you want to run for this position or get nominated at the meeting.
- Pontoon Boat Parade: Last Saturday in July (July 28, 2012). Last year's parade was a blowout... Really! Find out why!