

# LOST LAKE RCD – Lake Management



## Lake Dredging Update

The silt retention basin is almost complete. The contractor, Fischer's Excavating, will be back in the spring to reseed some of the berm areas. This work was anticipated and planned for. At that time, some placement of drain valves and drain pipes will be done as well. When spring weather allows, an RCD sign will be installed to enhance the entrance to the retention basin area. This area will include landscaping with native grasses and some large rocks dug during excavating. The next phase will be the hydrologic dredging of our lake.

The RCD is working with their professional consultant team: Joe Rush, JadEco, and Scott Brown, Wendler Engineering, to prepare a Request for Proposals and advertise for a company with the qualifications and availability to complete the work as planned. The goal is to get this done as early as possible this year.

## Lake Court Center

RCD staff has been busy reorganizing the Office Manager's office at the LCC. In addition to painting, the library has been moved to another room in the LCC. The new library room will be open during office hours with access through the office. If you have any questions about checking out a book, please ask the Office Manager.

## Boat Rack Inventory

The RCD has performed a boat rack inventory this past fall. There were several boats not in compliance. If you have a boat on one of our racks, please verify that you are up to date on your rack sticker.

The RCD will attempt to contact owners of boats that are not properly stickered so that they may remove their boat or pay for a new sticker plus any back fees to continue to store their boat on the rack. If the RCD is unable to contact the owner, then they will auction off the boat at a future date, following proper IDNR protocol, which includes sending a certified letter to the owner and posting notice in a local newspaper. Thank you to those who are up to date or have already contacted us to renew their sticker.

– Becky Miller, RCD

## Lake Activity

I have noticed a lot of activity on our lake so far this winter. Everything from ice fishing to sledding and even a large area by the Park Drive Boat Ramp that someone cleared for ice skating. What a wonderful place we live in! I will ask you as the weather starts to warm up, be careful on the ice. Ice is not considered safe to walk on until it is at least 4" thick. Our lake has several springs in it that will also affect the thickness of the ice. Standing water on top of the ice will affect the amount of weight the ice can bear safely. Enjoy the lake but be careful out there.

– Bill Winebaugh, RCD President



Photo of Lost Lake submitted by Hal Warren