

LOST LAKE RCD – Lake Management



DREDGING - WHERE, WHERE & HOW - GETTING CLOSER BY THE MONTH!

An update on the status of the Long-Range Dredging Plan (Plan). A quick recap might be in order. When the RCD began developing the Plan, they recognized that dredging needed to be performed soon to improve the quality of the lake. In addition, a program needed to be developed so that future RCD Board Members would be able to maintain the progress well into the future.

The board employed a strategic planning process to develop the Plan.

This approach required that three basic but fundamental questions needed to be asked and answered, namely:

1. Where are we today?
2. Where do we want to go?
3. How do we get there?

So far, the Board and its team of consultants have tackled questions 1 & 2. Briefly, we have a lot of silt, it needs to be removed, and we have a place to send it. We recently engaged the services of Wendler Engineering to design a permanent silt basin on the 22 acres of land owned by the RCD located west of the Lost Lake Community Church on the northwest corner of Lowden and Flagg Road. As part of the design process, this will determine the amount of silt that can be removed and stored at this location. The third question or How do we get there is currently under discussion.

This is where the “Rubber meets the road” or the “Mud meets the dredger”. We know that we have more mud than money, but that cannot deter our Plan or planning to reach our objective of maintaining a healthy lake.

The Board wants to bring the results of the Plan to your attention at a community meeting that will be scheduled for a time in February or March of next year (2020).

Each property owner within the Lost Lake community as well as all property owners within the River Conservancy Taxing District will be invited. We will have the Board and its consultants and financial experts on hand to make their presentations, offer their expertise, and answer attendee’s questions.

- **Andy Warcaba, RCD Vice-President**

Ice Fishing Safety Tips

Credit: www.onthewater.com/ice-fishing-safety-tips

- Leave information about your plans with someone — where you intend to fish and when you expect to return.
- Wear a personal flotation device and don’t fish alone.
- Ice varies in thickness and condition. Always carry an ice spud or chisel to check ice as you proceed.
- Be extremely cautious crossing ice near river mouths, points of land, bridges, islands, and over reefs and springs. Current almost always causes ice to be thinner over these areas.
- Avoid going onto the ice if it has melted away from the shore. This indicates melting is underway, and ice can shift position as wind direction changes.

- Waves from open water can quickly break up large areas of ice. If you can see open water in the lake and the wind picks up, get off!
- Bring your fully-charged cell phone with you.
- Carry a set of hand spikes to help you work your way out onto the surface of the ice if you go through. Holding one in each hand, you can alternately punch them into the ice and pull yourself up and out. You can make these at home, using large nails, or you can purchase them at stores that sell fishing supplies.
- Carry a safety line that can be thrown to someone who has gone through the ice.
- Heated fishing shanties must have good ventilation to prevent deadly carbon monoxide poisoning. Open a window or the door part way to allow in fresh air.

- **Becky Miller**

Courtesy Reminder:

1. Please be respectful and do not enter on to the lake to ice fish from private property without the home owner’s / land owner’s permission. Otherwise, you may access the lake to ice fish from RCD / POA property only.
2. Be sure to know and follow the creel limits and do not dispose of unwanted fish onto the ice. Creel limits are listed on our website at www.lostlakercd.org.

- **Bill Winebaugh**



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