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Lake Manager's Reports 2014

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Lake Manager's Report – January 8th, 2014

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1. The SDF contractor began pouring the foundations for the two SDF water control structures before the weather deteriorated. SDF site work is on hold for the foreseeable future.
2. Soil borings to confirm that the constructed SDF liner is compliant with the IEPA permit requirements have been conducted. Review of the laboratory testing results of the collected soil samples is currently underway.
3. The SDF contractor is still estimating final project completion by April 1st, 2014 (weather permitting), which will allow a 2014 dredging start.
4. It is tentatively planned to advertise for dredging bids in February to allow dredging to begin in 2014.
5. Thanks to the efforts of Mary McCann (County Board Member from District 6), McHenry County is now beginning to contribute to the yearly maintenance cost of the U.S.G.S. stream gaging station at Thompson Road.
6. The Nippersink Watershed Association has secured roughly \$85,000 in re-allocated grant funding from IEPA to allow a stream corridor stabilization project to be implemented on Galt Creek within Phase 1 of the Meadows of West Bay subdivision. As a tributary to the West Bay of Wonder Lake, the proposed Best Management Practices will help reduce sediment and nutrient loading to the lake. While the MPOA has no direct involvement in this project, and no MPOA funds are involved, a portion of the value of the on-going MPOA lake restoration work will be used as the local cost-share requirement of the IEPA grant.
7. I have begun to receive inquiries from lakefront landowners about potentially applying for the next round of IEPA – Section 319 grants to install “lake-friendly” shoreline stabilization practices on their property. The chances for receiving a grant are greatly increased if there are multiple Wonder Lake applicant's, so MPOA Director's are encouraged to spread the word. Have interested parties contact the MPOA office.
8. All winter lake user's are again reminded of the presence of the rip-rap island protection around O'Brien Shoals and Wickline Island, and as always, are urged to use caution in these areas of the lake. Thanks to the Wonder Lake Sportsmans Club for installing warning markers.
9. The next Illinois Lake Management Association conference will be held is April 10-12, 2014, at the Timber Creek Inn and Suites, in Sandwich, Illinois.

Lake Manager's Report — February 12, 2014

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1. The SDF contractor is still estimating final project completion by April 1st, 2014 (weather permitting), which will allow a 2014 dredging start.
2. Requests for dredging bids were sent to eight (8) firms known to have worked on similar sized projects. One of these firms, based on the East Coast, and who had previously expressed interest in our project, has indicated they will not be bidding. Other prospective bidders have submitted a number of questions regarding the project / bids, and two firms have conducted site visits to date.
3. I continue to receive inquiries from lakefront landowners about potentially applying for the next round of IEPA – Section 319 grants to install “lake-friendly” shoreline stabilization practices on their property. The chances for receiving a grant are greatly increased if there are multiple Wonder Lake applicants, so MPOA Directors are encouraged to spread the word. Have interested parties contact the MPOA office.
4. All winter lake users are again reminded of the presence of the rip-rap island protection around O'Brien Shoals and Wickline Island, and as always, are urged to use caution in these areas of the lake. Snowmobiler's are also reminded that the Wonder Lake Dam is strictly off-limits.
5. The next Illinois Lake Management Association conference will be held is April 10-12, 2014, at the Timber Creek Inn and Suites, in Sandwich, Illinois.

Lake Manager's Report – March - April, 2014

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1. The SDF contractor is estimating final project completion by around May 1st, 2014 (weather permitting), which will allow a 2014 dredging start. Recent aerial photos of the SDF site, taken by Bob Schell, are posted on the MPOA website.
2. Requests for dredging bids were sent to eight (8) firms known to have worked on similar sized projects. Five firms submitted bids. Discussions are underway with the apparent low bidder to negotiate a final contract, which when completed will be reviewed by the Lake Maintenance Commission before being presented to the MPOA Director's for a vote.
3. As dredging gets underway, the MPOA will be posting information on the MPOA website advising all lake user's of changing lake conditions, related to dredging operations or other urgent situations. A Notice To Lake User's has also been prepared and posted to provide some preliminary information on the dredging.
4. All lake user's are also encouraged to sign up to receive "Important Lake Update" email notices from the MPOA on updates to the website. If you are not already on the email list, send an email to office@wlmmpoa.org asking to be added to the lake notice list.
5. The Illinois EPA has again awarded a Streambank Cleanup And Lakeshore Enhancement (SCALE) grant to the MPOA, which will allow the Wonder Lake Sportsman's Club to receive up to \$4,000 in reimbursement from the IEPA for eligible cleanup / disposal related expenses incurred in 2014. The 2014 cleanup is proposed for a Saturday in mid-to-late April, and will be determined by the Sportsman's Club. Volunteers are always welcome to help the Sportsman's Club in this valuable effort in managing our lake.
6. The McHenry County Department of Health (MCDH) will be making a presentation at the May 7th, 2014 MPOA Director's meeting on swimming beaches, and the associated responsibilities of the beach operator for swimming beaches. Each MPOA subdivision operating a swimming beach should have their beach commissioner attend this presentation, which will be conducted at the beginning of the MPOA meeting at 7:00 p.m.
7. The MPOA is again contracting with the MCDH to collect and analyze water samples at 9 stream locations around Wonder Lake for the summer of 2014, at the same time they collect water samples at the various swimming beaches around the lake.
8. I continue to receive inquiries from lakefront landowners about potentially applying for the next round of IEPA – Section 319 grants in July 2014 to install "lake-friendly" shoreline stabilization practices on their property in 2015, if a grant is awarded. The chances for receiving a 319 grant are greatly increased if there are multiple Wonder Lake applicants, so MPOA Director's are encouraged to spread the word. Have interested parties contact the MPOA office.
9. I will be attending the Illinois Lake Management Association conference this Thursday-Saturday in Sandwich, Illinois.

Lake Manager's Report – May, 2014

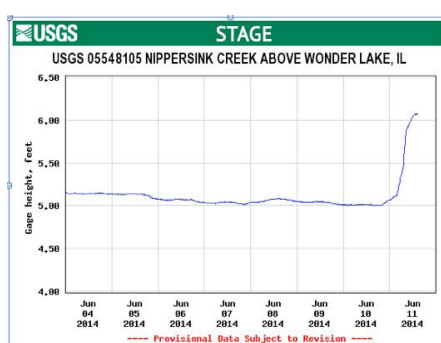
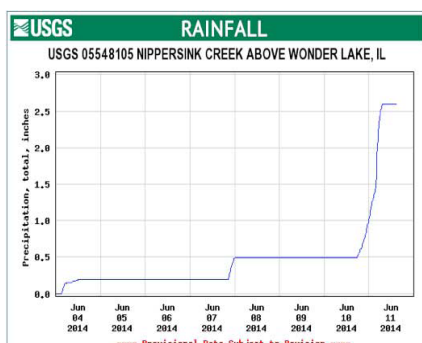
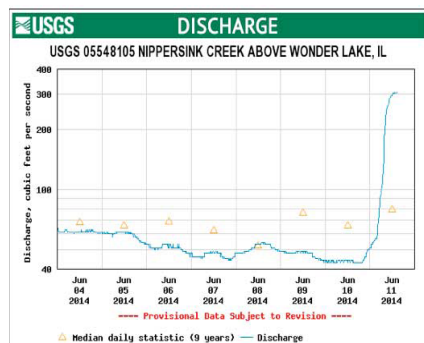
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1. A site walk-through of the SDF site was conducted on May 14, including the HDR project engineer; the MPOA dredging consultant; and the SDF contractor. The SDF is coming along well, with the slopes greening up, and the perimeter fencing work underway. A punchlist is being developed that will identify items the SDF contractor still needs to address to fulfill their contract requirements.
2. A pre-construction meeting with the dredging contractor was also held on May 14th. Peter Berinni, the MPOA dredging consultant, went through a list of the various logistical details involved with the mobilization of the dredging equipment and other contractual requirements.
3. The dredging contractor has indicated that they plan to start moving equipment and pipe into place over the next few weeks, with dredging starting in early-to-mid June, 2014.
4. The contractor has indicated that they plan to start dredging first along the south side of West Bay and the Nippersink Creek inlet, and spend most of the summer of 2014 finishing up West Bay.
5. In fall of 2014, they then plan to work on Wickline Island / O'Brien Shoals, before moving north to dredge the Lookout Point / White Oaks Bay coves.
6. They will then move down to the South Bay and get as far as they can this fall before the onset of winter. Any remaining dredging work in the South Bay would be carried over, if necessary, to the spring of 2015 after ice-out.
7. This schedule means that the only lakefront landowners who may need to temporarily relocate their piers during the 2014 boating season will be the those folks on south side of West Bay and the Nippersink Creek inlet. All other lakefront areas proposed for dredging will likely have already removed their piers for the year by the time the dredge reaches their area.
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9. All lake user's are also encouraged to sign up to receive "Important Lake Update" email notices from the MPOA on updates to the website. If you are not already on the email list, send an email to office@wlmposa.org asking to be added to the lake notice list.
10. All lakefront landowners are reminded that any construction work along their shoreline frontage will likely need to acquire approved permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Village of Wonder Lake.
11. All lake user's are also reminded that they need to have a 2014 MPOA boat decal permanently affixed to their watercraft, or they will be ticketed by the Marine Patrol.
12. I continue to receive inquiries from lakefront landowners about potentially applying for the next round of IEPA – Section 319 grants in July 2014 to install "lake-friendly" shoreline stabilization practices on their property in 2015, if a grant is awarded. The chances for receiving a 319 grant are greatly increased if there are multiple Wonder Lake applicants, so MPOA Director's are encouraged to spread the word. Have interested parties contact the MPOA office.

Lake Manager's Report – June, 2014

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1. The SDF contractor is working on completing the “punch-list” items resulting from the May 14th, 2014 walk-through of the SDF site, which included the HDR project engineer; the MPOA dredging consultant; and the SDF contractor. The SDF contractor is aware that the SDF perimeter safety fencing is their short-term priority, and needs to be fully in place before the dredging can commence. Other SDF punch-list items can continue after dredging has commenced.
2. The dredging contractor has largely completed the assembling (fusing) of the sediment pipeline leading from the lake to the SDF site. Both the floating booster pump and dredge are on the lake; they are currently working on installing / calibrating the GPS system that will guide / document the actual dredging operations. They are hoping to begin dredging within the next week.
3. As indicated last month, the contractor has indicated that they plan to start dredging first along the south side of West Bay and the Nippersink Creek inlet, and spend most of the summer of 2014 finishing up West Bay. In fall of 2014, they then plan to work on Wickline Island / O'Brien Shoals, before moving north to dredge the Lookout Point / White Oaks Bay coves. They will then move down to the South Bay and get as far as they can this fall before the onset of winter. Any remaining dredging work in the South Bay would be carried over, if necessary, to the spring of 2015 after ice-out. This schedule means that the only lakefront landowners who may need to temporarily relocate their piers during the 2014 boating season will be the those folks on south side of West Bay and the Nippersink Creek inlet. All other lakefront areas proposed for dredging will likely have already removed their piers for the year by the time the dredge reaches their area.
4. As indicated last month, once dredging gets underway, the MPOA will be posting information on the MPOA website advising all lake user's of changing lake conditions, related to dredging operations or other urgent situations. A Notice To Lake User's has also been prepared and posted to provide some preliminary information on the dredging. All lake user's are also encouraged to sign up to receive “Important Lake Update” email notices from the MPOA on updates to the website. If you are not already on the email list, send an email to office@wlm-poa.org asking to be added to the lake notice list.
5. The USGS gage at Thompson Road (which can be accessed through a link on the MPOA website) indicates that roughly two (2) inches of rain fell last night. As shown on the opposite side, this rainfall raised the flow rate (discharge) of Nippersink Creek from roughly 40 cubic feet per second (cfs) to almost 300 cfs, and raised the height (stage) of the creek one (1) foot. Lake user's are reminded that these large rainfall events can wash woody debris into the lake, and can also result in swimming beach closures. Appropriate caution should be exercised after large rain events.
6. To date in 2014, there have not been any posted swimming beach closures on Wonder Lake, however, anyone using beaches can access the latest swimming beach status at: <https://www.co.mchenry.il.us/county-government/departments-a-i/health-de...> or at the link on the MPOA website.



Lake Manager's Report – July, 2014

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1. The SDF contractor has completed all of the remaining punch-list items, barring some final site clean-up, and I am working on closing out their contract over the next month or so.
2. Dredging officially started at 1:30 pm on June 25th.
3. The dredging contractor worked well with the 4th of July committee in coordinating access to the West Bay island for the fireworks program, and maintaining lake access for landowners along the Nippersink Creek inlet and south shore of West Bay. However, lake users are strongly advised to avoid the West Bay while the dredge and pipeline are in place. Any watercraft traffic through that area should be at a “no-wake” speed, and should maintain at least a 100’ distance from the dredge and pipeline.
4. As many people noted, Wonder Lake experienced a fish-kill in mid-June that specifically targeted breeder stock Carp. According to the IL Department of Natural Resources - Fisheries Division staff, this naturally occurring condition was most likely caused by the extreme winter; fluctuating water temperatures during carp spawning activities; and the onset of a bacterial infection that negatively impacts on the carp population when this species is in a stressed state. This bacteria is ever-present in lakes and does not impact on other species or humans. On June 20th, I met with a representative of the McHenry County Department of Health (MCDH) to discuss disposal options that could be utilized by lakefront landowners. The MCDH information was then posted to the MPOA website.
5. Sioux Hasten from Wonderwave has done a great job of updating the MPOA website www.wlmpoa.org to a format that will now allow it to be better accessed by a variety of smart-phones, tablets, etc. While the MPOA will continue to periodically send out newsletters in the mail, the MPOA webpage is the quickest way to get information out to its members.
6. It should be noted that the entire Sediment Drying Facility (SDF) property is posted “No Trespassing”, and that the Wonder Lake Police Department and McHenry County Sheriff have been notified of this condition. However, it is recognized that there is interest in the overall dredging process, so I will be working to organize an “open-house” at the SDF site for MPOA Directors and Subdivision President’s for some time in August. Due to liability issues, this event will not be open to the general public, but we are working on providing photos and videos on the MPOA website to keep all the MPOA members up to date.
7. Now that dredging is underway, my attention can now begin to shift to pursuing a resale market of the dried sediment, in the hope of funding future dredging phases. A number of leads are being generated, indicating that there may be strong interest in our dried sediment in the topsoil industry.

Lake Manager's Report – August, 2014

The dredging continues. As expected, while working on the Nippersink Creek inlet, the contractor is encountering a large volume of rock, as this is the first material that settles out and accumulates after being washed into the lake by the Nippersink. While the dredge can pass rocks up to “baseball” size, some odd shaped rocks got past the screen and bent a part on the booster pump, causing about a one-week delay while a replacement part was obtained and installed.

The contractor has completed most of the dredging along the south shore of West Bay. The most accurate way for those landowners to determine when they can put their piers back in is to communicate with the marinas, as Tom and Scott are in regular contact with the dredge operator, and have the most up-to-date information.

The dredging contractor has also opened up a channel to the Nippersink Creek inlet, so that once they reposition the dredge to begin working on other parts of the West Bay, it will open up passage for to the Nippersink Creek folks for the rest of the boating season.

As the dredging of the Nippersink inlet is the slowest and most challenging part of the overall dredging project, as well as being hardest on the equipment, the dredging contractor will complete the rest of the Nippersink Creek inlet work before they shut down for the winter.

The MPOA realizes that the dredging operations are causing some short-term inconveniences for lake users in the West Bay, and thank them for their on-going cooperation. Again, lake users are strongly advised to avoid the West Bay while the dredge and pipeline are in place. Any watercraft traffic through that area should be at a “no-wake” speed, and should maintain at least a 100’ distance from the dredge and pipeline.

Based upon input from the community, it is now planned to open the proposed “open house” at the Sediment Drying facility to MPOA members and adjoining neighbors. I am looking at a tentative date in mid-to-late September on a Saturday morning.

On August 8th, 2014, a number of MPOA representatives attended a tour of the Fox Waterway Agency dredging and soil resale operation. The FWA handles the processing and sale of their dried sediment in-house, using agency staff and equipment. Last year the FWA sold approximately 17,000 cubic yards of dried sediment, by semi-truck loads.

Another round of Section 319 grant applications were submitted to the IEPA by the Nippersink Watershed Association. If selected for funding, a number of shoreline stabilization practices will be installed on Wonder Lake and on a portion of one of the smaller Wonder Lake stream tributaries (Troy Creek), as well as on an upstream segment of Nippersink Creek near Route 47. All of these projects will continue to help preserve and enhance the water quality of Wonder Lake, at no cost to the MPOA.

Lake Manager's Report – September, 2014

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1. The dredging continues. As expected, while working on the Nippersink Creek inlet, the contractor was encountering a large volume of rock, as this is the first material that settles out and accumulates after being washed into the lake by the Nippersink. While the dredge can pass rocks up to “baseball” size, some odd shaped rocks got past the screen and bent a part on the booster pump, causing some delays while replacement parts were obtained and installed. The contractor has also installed an additional screen to further block rocks from entering the dredge pipe.
2. The dredging contractor has also opened up a channel to the Nippersink Creek inlet, so that once they reposition the dredge to begin working on other parts of the West Bay, it will open up passage for to the Nippersink Creek folks for the rest of the boating season.
3. As the dredging of the Nippersink inlet is the slowest and most challenging part of the overall dredging project, as well as being hardest on the equipment, the dredging contractor will complete the rest of the Nippersink Creek inlet work before they shut down for the winter.
4. The MPOA realizes that the dredging operations are causing some short-term inconveniences for lake users in the West Bay, and thank them for their on-going cooperation. Again, lake users are strongly advised to avoid the West Bay while the dredge and pipeline are in place. Any watercraft traffic through that area should be at a “no-wake” speed, and should maintain at least a 100’ distance from the dredge and pipeline.
5. There will be an “Open House” at the Wonder Lake Sediment Drying Facility (SDF) site on Greenwood Road, on Saturday, October 11th, 2014 from 9 am until noon.
6. With folks looking at taking out their piers for the winter, subdivision and lakefront landowners are again reminded that any contractor doing work on the lake must first have a current Certificate of Insurance on file in the MPOA office, naming the MPOA as an additional insured.
7. The State of Illinois has enacted new regulations that affect boating activities, as detailed below.
New Laws will Improve Safety and Education in Illinois' Waterways

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 5, 2014 - Governor Pat Quinn today signed legislation to help improve safety on Illinois' waterways. The three new laws expand boating safety education, improve safety and awareness of water skiers and tubers and increase penalties for those who operate watercraft under the influence. Today's bill signings, which took place at Chicago's 31st Street Harbor, are part of Governor Quinn's agenda to make outdoor recreation safe and enjoyable for everyone.

“Over this Fourth of July weekend, it's important that all residents stay safe while celebrating, especially out on Illinois' waterways,” Governor Quinn said. “While boating is a great way to enjoy the outdoors, everyone has to take precautions and follow the rules to keep drivers and passengers out of harm's way. These new laws will help make Illinois' lakes and rivers safer and more enjoyable for all.”

State Senator Julie Morrison (D-Deerfield) and State Representative Kelly Burke (D-Evergreen Park) sponsored all three pieces of legislation. All three news laws are effective Jan. 1, 2015.

Senate Bill 3434 allows for the seizure of a watercraft used in the commission of certain offenses related to operating under the influence. The new rules bring penalties for boating under the influence more in line with those for operating a motor vehicle while impaired by drugs or alcohol.

“When people continue to drink and drive after they’ve been convicted of crimes relating to DUIs, sheriffs can seize their cars,” Senator Morrison said. “Boats are every bit as dangerous as cars, and boat operators should be held to the same standard as drivers.”

Senate Bill 3433 requires all persons born after Jan. 1, 1998 to take and pass a boating safety course validated by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and hold a valid boating safety certificate before they can operate a motorboat with an engine over 10 horsepower.

“I have learned of many tragic losses of life due to boating accidents which could have been avoided with better education for our boaters,” Representative Burke said. “Boating is a great recreational activity which I hope more people will participate in, but there are risks to everyone involved, novice and experts alike. This new law will ensure all boaters have as much experience and education as possible when enjoying themselves on our state’s waterways.”

Governor Quinn also signed Senate Bill 2731, which mandates that the operator of any watercraft that is towing a person, such as a water skier or tuber, must display a bright orange flag measuring not less than 12 inches per side. The flag must be displayed from the time the person to be towed leaves the boat until that person returns to the boat at the conclusion of the activity.

So far in 2014, there have been 16 reported boating fatalities on Illinois waterways. Increased boating safety education and responsible boating practices may have prevented many of these fatalities.

Governor Quinn has long been a supporter of the safe enjoyment of the Illinois outdoors. Last year he signed legislation strengthening the state’s Boat Registration and Safety Act to increase boating safety. Further, he signed legislation cracking down on those who boat while under the influence of alcohol by requiring a chemical test for drugs or alcohol where an injury is involved and imposing stiffer penalties.

Lake Manager's Report – October 2014

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The dredging continues. As the dredging of the Nippersink inlet is the slowest and most challenging part of the overall dredging project, as well as being hardest on the equipment, the dredging contractor is still indicating that they hope to complete the rest of the Nippersink Creek inlet work before they shut down for the winter.

There is no set “schedule” for the dredging; at this time of year the weather will be the biggest factor in determining how far they will get this year, and how soon they can resume work in the spring. As the Dredging Contractor is being paid on a “volume” basis, it is in their best interest to be as productive as possible.

The Dredging Contractor has indicated that there were some lake users who were apparently competing for the local Darwin awards, by boating right up to the dredge or by kayaking over the cutter-head. Once again, lake users are strongly advised to avoid the West Bay while the dredge and pipeline are in place. Any watercraft traffic through that area should be at a “no-wake” speed, and should maintain at least a 100’ distance from the dredge and pipeline.

There will be an “Open House” at the Wonder Lake Sediment Drying Facility (SDF) site on Greenwood Road, on Saturday, October 11th, 2014 from 9 am until noon. Thanks to those of you who have volunteered to help out, but we can still use more volunteers.

The annual dam inspection of the Wonder Lake Dam is scheduled for this Friday. In addition, as part of the regulatory permit requirements, the SDF earthen embankment will also be subject to a dam inspection. Both inspections will result in reports generated by the P.E. doing the inspection, who then forwards them to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources – Office of Water Resources.

Additional warning signs are being installed near the Wonder Lake Dam. Two “Danger – Dam – Keep Away” signs and three “Restricted Area – Danger” signs will be posted at the spillway, and six “No Trespassing – Violators Will Be Prosecuted” signs will be posted on the chain link fence below the dam.

With the approaching Fall season comes yard work and leaf raking. The Wonder Lake community is investing more than \$6 million in Lake Restoration. If yard waste ends up in the lake, the result will be additional accumulations of organic material and nutrients; both which degrade water clarity. Whether you do your own yard work or hire landscape services, please be aware that raking yard waste and leaf litter into the lake is not an acceptable practice. Similarly, those folks who have property which contains a tributary stream to Wonder Lake should also avoid raking yard waste and leaf litter into their stream, as it will eventually end up in the lake.

The application period for the Lake Restoration SSA# 9 Financial Assistance Program ends on October 10, 2014. Rebate Applications Are By Appointment Only. Contact Donna Schaeffer, McHenry Township Office, 37045 N. Richmond Rd., Johnsburg (815) 385-5605

Lake Manager's Report – November 2014

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1. Dredging for the 2014 construction season ended on November 11, 2014. The early on-set of sub-freezing weather was beginning to impact mechanical parts on the dredge and booster pump, resulting in the need to shut down operations. They will be spending next week doing a partial demobilization of the equipment, all of which will remain on-site over the winter, so they can resume work as soon as weather / lake conditions allow in Spring 2015.
2. While the dredge will be moved onto shore for the winter, the booster pump and dredge pipeline will remain in-lake in West Bay over the winter. While any portions of the pipeline that will remain above the water level will be flagged by the contractor, winter lake users are strongly advised to avoid these areas in West Bay.
3. Overall the dredge made good progress this year, considering the shallow water depths and rocky material they were encountering in West Bay. While their movements may have at times seemed somewhat erratic, much of the work done was simply to create sufficient depth to allow the dredge to operate, and for the dredge pipeline to be moved without dragging it across the lake bottom.
4. The dredging operations / volumes are being documented by GPS equipment on the dredge, as well as by land surveyors, to ensure that all of the areas slated for dredging under the current contract will be satisfactorily completed.
5. It is recognized that the dredging next year will likely take much of the 2015 construction season. The MPOA will be working with the dredging contractor to develop a plan for 2015 dredging operations, so that inconveniences to lake users are kept to a minimum.
6. The annual dam inspection of the Wonder Lake Dam and the SDF site was successfully completed on October 10, 2014. In addition to the MPOA Professional Engineer (P.E.), two P.E.'s from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources – Office of Water Resources participated.
7. The Open House at the Wonder Lake Sediment Drying Facility (SDF) site on October 11, 2014 had a turnout of over 100 visitors, including both MPOA members and neighbors of the SDF. Thanks to Dick Hilton, Dennis Gallo, Kelly Nelson, Kathy Blum, Mark Nichols, Bob Schell, and others for volunteering their time.
8. The Illinois Lake Management Association annual conference will be held February 19 - 21, 2015 at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb. MPOA Directors and Members are strongly encouraged to attend, as a wide variety of lake topics are covered. Information can be found at www.ilm-lakes.org.

Note: Elevated reflective drive-way type markers are attached along the pipeline at approx. 200' spacing; and the Barge has reflective markers around perimeter along with reflective tape on sides.



Lake Manager's Report - December 2014

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1. The dredging contractor has completed their winter shut down.
2. Winter lake users are cautioned that the sediment pipeline used in the dredging project will remain in place in teh West Bay over the winter. While much of the pipeline will be submerged below or barely protrude above the ice surface, the dredging contractor has marked the pipeline alignment.
3. The dredging contractor has provided an exhibit (below) showing the approximate location of the equipment left in West Bay for the winter.
4. Lake users are also cautioned that the dredging that has been conducted to date in the West Bay, creating deeper water depths, may also affect how ice forms in those areas.
5. All of the groundwater and surface water quality sampling events mandated by our IEPA permit conducted to date have documented that all the required standards have been easily met.
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