

MASTER PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Lake Manager's Reports 2015

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Lake Manager's Report – January 2015

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Agenda Item V.E. - January 8th, 2015

1. The SDF was dewatered for the winter. This will help consolidate the sediment already present in Cell # 1; allow the MPOA to make any necessary inspections; and will allow for any minor maintenance that may be required in the spring, before dredging resumes.
2. An inspection of the SDF site was conducted by the IEPA and McHenry-Lake Soil & Water Conservation District on November 24th, 2014 to determine compliance with the IEPA NPDES permit issued to the MPOA. The resulting IEPA report concluded: "The facility appeared to be in compliance with their operating permit and no permit violations were noted."
3. All winter lake user's are again reminded of the presence of the rip-rap island protection around O'Brien Shoals and Wickline Island, as well as the dredging equipment and pipeline in the West Bay, and as always, are urged to use caution in these areas of the lake.
4. 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.ilma-lakes.org.

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1. In cooperation with the Wonder Lake Sportsmans Club (WLSC), the MPOA again applied for a SCALE grant from IEPA to offset the costs of the annual spring lake clean-up conducted by the WLSC. This grant was approved, which will provide \$ 500 in funding to WLSC. As always, volunteer's are always welcome for the lake clean-up. Details on the 2015 clean-up will be provided when a date is determined.

2. The Lake Maintenance Commission met on February 9th to discuss the resumption of dredging in Spring 2015. Topics included having the dredging contractor prepare a plan / schedule on how they propose to conduct dredging to minimize lake user conflicts in the 2015 dredging season; and to identify miscellaneous maintenance activities needed to resume dredging.



3. One of the largest threats to inland lakes is the transport and introduction of invasive species from boat trailers. The MPOA is planning on ordering informational signs (>>) for installation at all subdivision boat ramps this spring.

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6. The 3rd Annual Fox River Summit will be held on Friday, March 20th, 2015 from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm at the Veteran's Terrace, Burlington, WI. I will be giving a presentation on Nippersink stream restoration projects. Registration info at <http://www.sewfrc.org/summit/> 7. The Northeast Illinois Invasive Plant Partnership will be holding a workshop on invasive plants on Tuesday, May 9th from 6 to 9 pm at the McHenry County Conservation District, Lost Valley Visitor Center.

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1. The MPOA has received the “Aquatic Invaders” signs to be posted at all WL boat ramps. The Wonder Lake Sportsman's Club (WLSC) has agreed to the install the signs as part of their Spring 2015 annual lake cleanup. The signs will be installed on “T” posts or existing fences near each boat ramps. If any subdivision does NOT want the sign installed, contact the MPOA office.
2. The WLSC Spring Clean-up will be scheduled for mid-to-late April. A definite date should be available for the next MPOA meeting. Volunteers are always welcome.
3. I have been working with our consultant, Peter Berrini to have the dredging contractor come up with their preliminary schedule for the 2015 dredging season. The primary goals of this plan are to minimize lake user conflicts in the 2015 dredging season, and to allow the contractor to work as efficiently as possible.
4. Depending on ice conditions, the dredging contractor proposes to re-mobilize around the middle of April. They are proposing to first work on Lookout Point and then the White Oaks Bay coves, tentatively completing that work by the first or second week of May.
5. They would then move up the lake to work on O'Brien Shoals and Wickline Island, hopefully completing that work by mid-June.
6. They will then move back into West Bay / Nippersink inlet, so that the main body of the lake will be “pipeline-free” for the majority of the boating season. Upon completing West Bay, they will then work on South Bay until the project is complete, hopefully in late Fall, 2015.
7. Marked “boat crossings” will be created by the contractor in each of these phases, to allow boat traffic to safely cross the dredge pipeline.
8. The “Preliminary Dredging Sequence and Timeline” will be handed out to boat decal purchaser's, and will be posted on the MPOA website. It is fully recognized that the sequence and timeline will likely shift once dredging resumes, based on equipment issues, flood events, and other unforeseen circumstances. As updates become available, information will be posted to the MPOA website.
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Lake Manager's Report – April 2015

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1. Jean Wesolek is owed a big round of applause for her efforts in helping to keep the MPOA office running over the last month.
2. Because of changes in MPOA office staffing, and to accommodate the scheduled availability of new workers for the decal sales, the MPOA office hours have been changed. The new Summer hours for the MPOA office will be from Tuesday through Friday from the hours of 10 am to 2 pm. Saturday hours will be from 8 am to 1 pm.
3. As we will be having new office staff handling the decal transactions, in advance we ask for your patience and cooperation, and offer the following suggestions:
 - Whenever you come in, please make sure you have all the required, up-to-date paperwork (Registration, Proof of Insurance, etc.) with you. If your paperwork is not complete when you come into the office, there will be delays in processing your decal(s).
 - If at all possible, please try to avoid the usual Saturday morning crowds, and come into the MPOA office on Tuesday – Friday.
 - If you do need to come in on a Saturday morning, please be patient, as there will be a line of people.
 - If you have all of your registration documents in order, you may mail them to the MPOA office, along with the appropriate fee in the form of a check made out to the MPOA, and your 2015 decal(s) will be mailed back to you.
4. The MPOA is temporarily suspending the sale of IDNR “Paddle Passes” (for kayaks, canoes, etc.) and IDNR fishing licenses. We hope to resume this function soon.
5. The MPOA has received the “Aquatic Invaders” signs to be posted at all WL boat ramps. The Wonder Lake Sportsman's Club (WLSC) has agreed to the install the signs as part of their Spring 2015 annual lake cleanup. The signs will be installed on “T” posts or existing fences near each boat ramps. If any subdivision does NOT want the sign installed, contact the MPOA office.
6. The WLSC Spring Clean-up will be scheduled for Saturday, April 18th. Volunteers are always welcome.
7. An inspection of the SDF was conducted with the dredging consultant on April 1st to identify any required maintenance needs. Some minor grading work will be done on the interior slopes of the SDF to address some minor erosion issues, and to ensure compliance with our regulatory permits.
8. The dredging contractor is still planning to re-mobilize around the middle of April. They are proposing to first work on Lookout Point and then the White Oaks Bay coves, tentatively completing that work by the first or second week of May.
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3. The MPOA will be resuming the sale of IDNR “Paddle Passes” (for kayaks, canoes, etc.) and IDNR fishing licenses shortly. When resumed, all IDNR transactions will be “cash-only”.

4. On January 1, 2015, a new boating regulation was established. Senate Bill 2731 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. The MPOA office will have a limited number of these flags available for sale at \$10 each.

5. The Wonder Lake Sportsman's Club conducted their annual Lake Clean Up on Saturday, April 18th. As part of that activity, they also installed the “Aquatic Invaders” signs at subdivision boat ramps around the lake. Many thanks to the WLSC for their active participation in keeping the lake clean.

6. The “Preliminary Dredging Sequence and Timeline” is being posted / updated on the MPOA website. It is fully recognized that the sequence and timeline will likely shift as dredging continues, based on equipment issues, temperatures, flood events, and other unforeseen circumstances. Those already on the MPOA e-mail mailing list will be notified when dredging updates are posted to the MPOA website. If you are not on the mailing list, contact Lance at the MPOA office to be added at: office@wlmmpoa.org.

7. As previously discussed, the dredging contractor is being paid on the basis of the “volume” of sediment dredged; not on any kind of hourly or daily rate. The volume of sediment dredged is being tracked by GPS, and will be re-verified by a land surveyor to help ensure that all areas targeted for dredging are completed.

8. As spring slowly arrives, the MPOA has been working with our consultant and dredging contractor to update

the plan and schedule for the 2015 dredging season. The primary goals of this plan are to minimize lake-user conflicts in the 2015 dredging season, and to allow the contractor to work as efficiently as possible.

9. The dredging contractor remobilized and resumed dredging in mid-April, 2015, first deepening very shallow areas of West Bay needed to allow the dredge pipeline to float freely.

10. However, the recent spell of cold weather has prevented them from moving to White Oaks Bay and Lookout Point, as the dredge pipeline, with one inch thick sidewalls, has less flexibility when water temperatures are below 55 degrees. Any attempt to re-locate the pipeline while water temperatures are below 55 degrees increases the chances of cracks developing.

11. As a result, for the present, the dredging contractor will continue to work in the portions of West Bay under contract to be dredged until water temperatures rise.

12. They are then proposing to first work on Lookout Point and then White Oaks Bay Coves, tentatively completing that work by the second week of June.

13. The contractor would then move up the lake to work on O'Brien Shoals and Wickline Island, hopefully completing that work by mid-July.

14. The contractor will then move back into West Bay / Nippersink inlet, so that the main body of the lake will be "pipeline-free" for the remainder of the boating season.

15. Upon completing West Bay, they will then work on South Bay until the project is complete, hopefully by late Fall, 2015.

16. Marked "boat crossings" will be created by the contractor in each of these dredging phases, to allow boat traffic to safely cross the dredge pipeline.

17. In all areas proposed for dredging (with the exception of the Nippersink Creek inlet), the proposed dredging will come no closer than within twenty (20) feet of the shoreline. If your pier is shorter than 20 feet in length, you will likely NOT have to move your pier to allow dredging to occur. In the narrower portions of the Nippersink Creek inlet, the dredging will come no closer than ten (10) feet of the shoreline. Where possible, lakefront landowners / subdivisions in areas to be dredged should avoid installing their piers until after dredging in their area is completed, particularly if they are more than 20 feet long. Any piers extending into areas slated to be dredged will need to be removed before dredging starts, or the amount of dredging conducted in those areas will be reduced. Information on when piers would need to be temporarily removed in those areas will be provided to affected landowners as the dredging timeline is updated.

18. It is fully recognized that the sequence and timeline will likely shift as dredging resumes, based on equipment issues, flood events, and other unforeseen circumstances. As updates become available, information will be posted to the MPOA website. www.wlmpoa.org

19. No matter how the contractor proposes to schedule the work, there will be those who feel they are being inconvenienced. All we can do is ask for folks to look at the big picture (a cleaner, deeper lake), and be patient.

Lake Manager's Report – June 2015

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1. The “Preliminary Dredging Sequence and Timeline” is being posted / updated on the MPOA website as we get new info. This sequence and timeline will likely shift as dredging continues, based on equipment issues, temperatures, flood events, and other unforeseen circumstances. Those already on the MPOA e-mail mailing list will be notified when updates are posted to the MPOA website. If you are not on the mailing list, contact Lance at the MPOA office at: office@wlmpoa.org.
2. The dredging contractor is currently finishing up portions of West Bay before moving up to White Oaks Bay next week. They are focusing on doing portions of the Nippersink Creek inlet to improve lake access for those landowners. This is also where the amount of rock and gravel being dredged is hardest on certain parts of the dredge pump equipment. As they have those replacement parts ready to install, they want to get as much use out of those parts to be replaced as possible. They are planning to replace those parts early next week before moving up to WOB, which they still hope to have completed by the 4th of July.
3. Under this plan, any remaining unfinished areas of West Bay / Nippersink Creek inlet will be completed later in the summer.
4. The dredging contractor plans to temporarily move the dredge and pipeline back into West Bay for the 4th of July to facilitate holiday boating.
5. With the upcoming 4th of July holiday, if you have not yet purchased your MPOA boat decals, please try to do so before the inevitable crowd forms on July 3rd.
6. As a follow-up to April 1st maintenance inspection of the SDF, some grading work was done in May on the interior slopes of the SDF to address some minor erosion issues, and to ensure compliance with our regulatory permits.
7. On January 1, 2015, a new boating regulation was established. Senate Bill 2731 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. Under the law, flying the flag for purposes other than towing is prohibited, so be sure to only display the flag when towing. The MPOA office will have a limited number of these flags available for sale at \$10 each.
8. As previously discussed, the dredging contractor is being paid on the basis of the “volume” of sediment dredged; not on any kind of hourly or daily rate. As such, it is up to the dredge contractor (not the MPOA) to determine the most productive means / route of dredging.
9. The volume of sediment dredged is being tracked by GPS, and will be re-verified by a land surveyor to help ensure that all areas targeted for dredging are completed. An example of the GPS tracking showing all of the West Bay areas that had been dredged through May 19th, 2015 is shown below.
10. While it is impossible to specify an exact date and time when the dredging will be done at a particular location on the lake, the MPOA is working closely with the dredging contractor to try to minimize inconvenience to shoreline landowners and lake users to the extent possible. Lakefront landowners whose access to the lake may be temporarily blocked by the dredge / pipeline may wish to temporarily find other boat mooring locations

beyond the immediate dredging work area.

11. No matter how the contractor proposes to schedule the work, there will be those who feel they are being unduly inconvenienced. All we can do is ask for folks to look at the big picture (a clearer, deeper lake), and be patient.

Lake Manager's Report – July 2015

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2. As of today, the dredging contractor is still finishing up portions of West Bay before moving up to White Oaks Bay. Under this plan, any remaining unfinished areas of West Bay / Nippersink Creek inlet will be completed later in the summer.

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5. The P.E. who previously performed our annual dam inspection is no longer with HDR. I am preparing a Request for Proposal to distribute to firms qualified to do this work, so one can be retained by the MPOA to perform the inspection of the Wonder Lake Dam and SDF this fall.

6. The sixth groundwater monitoring event was conducted at the SDF in late June. Each event involves collecting water samples at each of the four (4) groundwater wells in the vicinity of the SDF (as specified by the IEPA), and submitting those water quality samples submitted to a state certified lab for analysis. The lab results are then forwarded to IEPA for their review.

7. This event fulfilled the first IEPA permitting requirement to conduct six (6) monitoring events in the first year of operation. Groundwater monitoring will continue under the next IEPA permit requirement, which calls for bi-monthly sampling while dredging is underway.

8. The IEPA permit identifies 26 specific water quality parameters which must be analyzed. 19 of those parameters have specific numeric “permit standards” established by IEPA in our permit. In the last sampling event at Well B-8, which is directly adjacent to the SDF, 14 of the 26 parameters were analyzed by the lab as “ND”, which means the parameter was “Not Detected”. Of the remaining 12 parameters, each was determined to be well below the IEPA permit standard. These results are typical of all the other monitoring wells, on each of the six monitoring events.

9. Water quality samples are also gathered from the location where flow from Cell # 2 of the SDF enters Galt Creek, before returning to the lake. The only “permit standard” imposed by IEPA on this flow was a maximum of

15 mg/l for Total Suspended Solids (TSS), which is close to bottled water in appearance. The average TSS value for the last 5 sampling events was 3.5 mg/l. It is safe to say that the return flow from the SDF is far cleaner / clearer than what flows into Wonder Lake from its tributary creeks or from local storm sewer systems after rain events.

Lake Manager's Report – August 2015

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As of today, the dredging contractor is conducting some repairs to the dredge, and when complete, will finish up White Oaks Bay before moving over to Lookout Point. At that point, we will be bumping up against the Labor Day weekend, so the dredging plan will be adapted to minimize lake use conflict, where feasible.

While it is impossible to specify an exact date and time when the dredging will be done at a particular location on the lake, the MPOA is working closely with the dredging contractor to try to minimize inconvenience to shoreline landowners and lake users to the extent possible. Lakefront landowners whose access to the lake may be temporarily blocked by the dredge / pipeline may wish to temporarily find other boat mooring locations beyond the immediate dredging work area. No matter how the contractor proposes to schedule the work, there will be those who feel they are being unduly inconvenienced. All we can do is ask for folks to look at the big picture (a clearer, deeper lake), and be patient.

On Saturday, July 18th, the area experienced significant rainfall, which forced a short-term closure of the lake to boat traffic. Lake closures are only done when there is a significant concern for safety, or when lake use during high water events would potentially cause shoreline property damage.

On Monday, July 20th, there was a spill of pavement sealer into the lake, which originated at a private residence, off the lake, operating a driveway sealing business. The Wonder Lake Fire Department responded quickly, placing booms to prevent the sealant from spreading further in the lake. The Village of Wonder Lake also responded by calling in an environmental remediation firm, which cleaned up the remaining sealant, and removed barrels of contaminated soils. The Village will be pursuing the landowner for the cost of the clean-up effort. Events like this emphasize the need for MPOA members to realize that activities they conduct on their property can have an impact on the lake, even if they don't live on the lake.

On Saturday, August 8th, the Wonder Lake Sportsman's Club again pitched in to do some needed clean-up work, removing some large fallen trees below the dam. If you see a Sportsman's Club member, thank them for all the good work they do for the lake.

I am still awaiting proposals from engineering firms to perform our annual dam inspection. I have received one so far, and am hoping for at least one more.

The Nippersink Watershed Association (NWA) applied for almost \$ 900,000 in Section 319 grant funding from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, which if funded would help fund \$ 1.7 million in various water quality projects upstream of Wonder Lake, and on Wonder Lake. The NWA submitted six (6) or 13% of the total forty-five (45) grant applications submitted in the entire State. An indication of our success won't be known until early next year.

Lake Manager's Report – October 2015

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1. The MPOA dredging contractor has completed the dredging of White Oaks Bay, and has re-positioned the dredge and pipeline to allow them to begin dredging near O'Brien Shoals. This means that the pipeline is now extended across the middle of Wonder Lake, roughly between West Bay and Wonder Center Beach. While the dredging contractor has installed pipeline markers and pipeline crossings, all lake user's must exercise extreme caution when operating in the mid-section of the lake. As always, no-wake boating is required at all times within close proximity of the dredge, dredge pipeline, and other dredging related equipment. They anticipate 4 to 6 weeks to complete O'Brien Shoals, subject to when weather / temperatures force a winter shut-down.
2. The dredging contractor determined that with the pipeline and equipment currently on the lake, they would not be able to move from White Oaks Bay to Lookout Point, as was originally planned. As a result, the dredging of Lookout Point, which is estimated to take one week, is planned to occur early in the Spring of 2016.
3. All other areas of the lake slated for dredging under the existing contract will be dredged, including any remaining sections of West Bay / Nippersink Creek inlet; Wickline Island; and South Bay. It is hoped to have any dredging near shoreline areas completed before the start of the 2016 boating season, to prevent any delays in piers being installed.
4. As the dredging contract payout is based solely on the verified volume of sediment removed, that verification of the volume of sediment removed to date has begun with a land surveyor, which will be compared against the measurements being taken by the GPS system found on the dredge.
5. In sending out the most recent "dredging update" by email, it was determined that an internet issue may have prevented all intended recipients from receiving this, and possibly prior, MPOA update emails. Among the many other MPOA office procedures that Lance is diligently working on stream-lining (with great success), he will continue to work on making future MPOA email communications as seamless as possible.
6. On September 20th, I met with the Sportsman's Club to discuss the development of a multi-year plan to stabilize and enhance the WL islands
7. The annual inspection of the Wonder Lake Dam and the Wonder Lake SDF was conducted on October 5th. Due to a change in employment of the P.E. who had formerly conducted the inspections for the MPOA, a new engineering firm was retained. The new firm echoed earlier dam inspection reports that both of these structures are very well maintained, with no deficiencies noted. Those reports will be submitted to IDNR-OWR.
8. The MPOA has now secured a commitment from McHenry County for them to contribute \$ 5,000 annually to the cost of maintaining the USGS stream gage at Thompson Road. This gage provides valuable real-time information that benefits both Wonder Lake and the County.

Lake Manager's Report – November 2015

The MPOA dredging contractor continues to work on the O'Brien Shoals area. The following exhibit shows the approximate extent of the dredging conducted to date in that area.

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The dredging contractor has indicated that they intend to work as long as temperatures allow this fall. Typically, this may be up to the end of November.

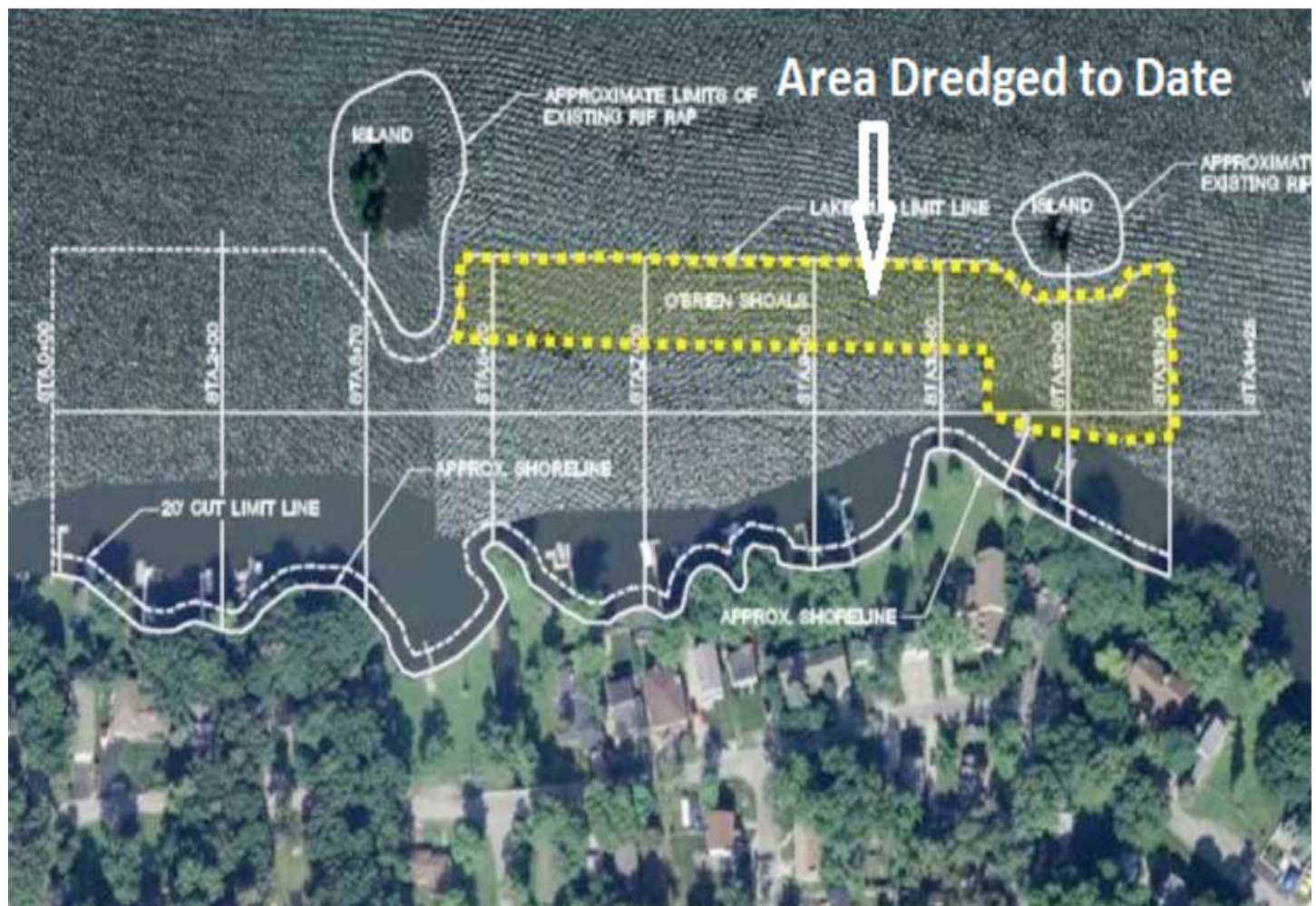
Depending on how far the dredging contractor gets this fall, the plan is to have them resume work as soon as possible in Spring 2016 to allow them to complete any remaining areas at O'Brien Shoals; Wickline Island, and Lookout Point before the start of the boating season. It is hoped to have any dredging near shoreline areas completed before the start of the 2016 boating season, to prevent any delays in piers being installed.

On October 27th, 2015, I made a presentation at the Illinois River Conference in Peoria about water quality projects being implemented by the Nippersink Watershed Association with IEPA funding. These IEPA projects help protect the water quality of Nippersink Creek and Wonder Lake.

On November 4th, 2015, I conducted the final IEPA required groundwater monitoring event for 2015 at the Wonder Lake SDF site. Results will be forwarded to IEPA when received. Sampling will be resumed in Spring 2016.

The Illinois Lake Management Association will be holding its annual conference in Springfield on February 29 – March 2, 2016. Information can be found at <http://www.ilma-lakes.org/ilma-annual-conference>

To keep things consistent with how the process for applying for an MPOA boat decal works, the MPOA is updating the requirements for snowmobiles and ATV's. Additional information will be provided by the MPOA Office.



Lake Manager's Report – December 2015

1. The MPOA dredging contractor is continuing to de-mobilize for the winter. All dredging equipment / pipeline that will remain in the lake over the winter has been relocated to West Bay, as shown below. Assuming the lake will eventually ice over, winter lake users will need to exercise caution when in West Bay.
2. The Illinois Lake Management Association will be holding its annual conference in Springfield on February 29 – March 2, 2016. Information can be found at <http://www.ilma-lakes.org/ilma-annual-conference>
3. For the 5th year in a row, the MPOA has provided funds necessary to meet its commitment to minimize the cost impact of SSA #9 that makes our Lake Restoration possible. This is done through a rebate offer available to lower income households, handled through the McHenry Township office. In the October 2015 application period, there were 44 residents who met the criteria necessary for them to receive either a 40% or 60% rebate of the amount that they paid towards our lake restoration as part of their 2014 property tax bill. A special thank you goes to Mr. Craig Adams, McHenry Township Supervisor, who was the administrator of the MPOA rebate program.
4. The MPOA has been working to streamline and standardize office procedures, particularly regarding the annual sale of MPOA summer / winter decals, and guest passes. As a result, the following changes are now in place:
 - o To be consistent with how MPOA boat decal sales are currently handled (where the applicant is required to submit a current copy of their Illinois Department of Natural Resources boat registration with their application); starting with the winter 2015 / 2016 winter decal, snowmobile owners are now required to provide the MPOA with a copy of their current IDNR snowmobile registration, as part of applying for a winter decal.
 - o To continue to protect the privacy of Wonder Lake, the MPOA will be requiring more information / documentation before issuing MPOA recreational decals to anyone renting property within MPOA subdivisions having deeded lake rights. Renters will be required to provide an authorized form letter from the property owner. This form letter will be provided by the MPOA, and will have to be signed and notarized by the property owner. Notary services will be available during scheduled MPOA office hours.
 - o MPOA lake access 72-hour guest passes are no longer available through MPOA subdivisions; they will only be available for purchase from the MPOA office during scheduled MPOA business hours.
 - o Renters will not be eligible to purchase MPOA 72-hour guest passes. Guest passes for rental properties can only be purchased by the owner of the rental property. Both the property owner and renter will need to come into the MPOA office together to purchase a guest pass, as an MPOA provided form will have to be signed and notarized by the property owner.
 - o For watercraft / snowmobiles requiring IDNR registration, if the MPOA decal applicant is not listed on the current IDNR registration as the owner or co-owner, that applicant will only be eligible for an MPOA 72-hour guest pass.

Winter Location of Dredge Barge & Floating Pipeline

Note: Reflective tape and orange ball type marker buoys are attached along the pipeline at approx. 200' spacing; and the Barge has reflective tape and orange ball markers around perimeter along with reflective tape on sides. Pipe is secured to bank of peninsula

