



Lake Minnetonka Conservation District (LMCD)

To preserve and enhance the "Lake Minnetonka experience"

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Presented by Bill Cook, LMCD Board Member

Lake Minnetonka

A Great Natural Resource



- Physical characteristics
 - More than 14,043 surface acres
 - 125 miles shoreline
 - Up to 113 ft deep, mean 30 ft, 39% < 15 ft
 - 42 bays/areas
 - Vast and varied ecosystem
 - Plants
 - Animals
 - 10 public access ramps

- Extraordinary amenity
 - Home living
 - Health and wellness
 - Exercise
 - Social
 - Economics and business

Protecting Lake Minnetonka

Managing Its Use



- Lake Minnetonka Conservation District (LMCD)
 - Regulatory agency established by legislation in 1967
 - First addressed sewage, red algae
 - Coordinated approach for consistent, effective standards
 - Represents all stakeholders
 - Contracts/Agreements with Hennepin County Water Patrol, Three Rivers Park District, MCWD, MN DNR, Others
- Regional agency representing fourteen member cities
 - Board member appointed from each city
 - 3.5 staff positions
 - Funded by cities, licenses/permits, grants, contributors

Member Cities & Representatives

Lake Minnetonka

Board Director	Cities
Chris Jewett (Treasurer)	Deephaven
Gregg Prest	Excelsior
Bill Cook	Greenwood
Sue Shuff	Minnetonka
Dennis Klohs	Minnetonka Beach
Vacant	Minnetrista
Jay Green (Chair)	Mound
Vacant	Orono
Deborah Zorn	Shorewood
Gary Hughes	Spring Park
Gregg Thomas (Vice Chair)	Tonka Bay
Ann Hoelscher (Secretary)	Victoria
Dan Baasen	Wayzata
James Doak	Woodland



Partners in Protecting the Lake

- **Public Agencies**

- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR)
- Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD)
- Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Water Patrol
- Three Rivers Park District
- Hennepin County Environment & Energy
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
- 14 Member Cities
- Legislators
- LMCD
- Others

- **Residents**

- Individuals
- Homeowner associations
- Lake Minnetonka Association (LMA)

- **Businesses**

- Licensees- dock owners, charter boats
- Area and other businesses
- Lake service providers

- **Special Interest Groups**

- Recreationalists
- Boating clubs
- Garden clubs
- More

- **Others**

LMCD Strategy



Mission

To preserve and enhance the “Lake Minnetonka experience” ... by providing leadership in protecting, improving, and managing lake use.

Vision

Lake Minnetonka is a highly valued year-round asset with vibrant aesthetic, recreational, commercial, and natural qualities. These qualities and values will be protected and preserved for present and future generations.

Strategic Priorities

Operational Effectiveness

Clear and Timely Communications

Effective Governance

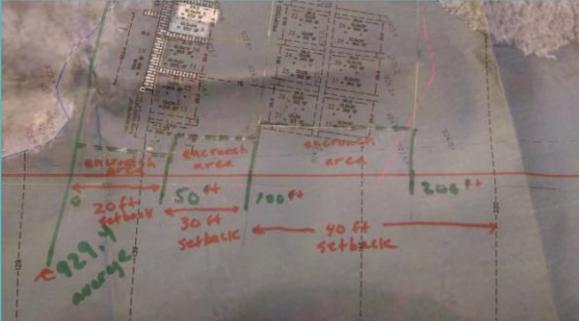
Lake Protection and Regulatory Compliance

LMCD Services & Activities



- Manage all season activities on the Lake
 - Environment
 - Safety
 - Nuisance
- Technical expertise, service, referrals
 - Residents/prospective residents
 - Realtors/developers
 - Business owners
 - Architects/engineers
 - City representatives
 - Various agencies
 - Others

Services & Activities cont...



- Docks and structures
 - Private
 - Multiple docks, commercial marinas, mooring areas
 - Municipal
- Watercraft density
- Watercraft for Hire/Liquor
- Deicing operations

Services & Activities cont...

- Environment, safety, & nuisances
 - Quiet water areas
 - High water declaration
 - Low water considerations
 - Speed limits- watercraft, snowmobiles
 - Noise
 - Lighting
 - Alcoholic beverages and influence
 - Litter
 - Abandoned watercraft, structures
 - Pollution
 - Etc.



Services & Activities cont...

- Special events
- Temporary structures
 - Ice rinks
 - Boat tournaments
 - Maintenance projects
 - Other
- Special projects
- Referrals to appropriate agency



Services & Activities cont...

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)

- Prevention and management
 - Lake use sources
 - Lakeside sources
- AIS Taskforce
 - Information and collaboration
 - Eurasian Milfoil
 - Zebra mussels
 - Others
- Milfoil and nuisance plant harvesting
- Watercraft inspections
 - [Video](#) (by Wildlife Forever and Wired2Fish)



Services & Activities cont...

Save the Lake Fund

- Contributions fund certain activities
 - Education
 - Safety
 - Environment
 - Ex. Solar lights, Boater Safety Course, additional Water Patrol, environmental and safety grants





LMCD 2017 Initiatives



Recodification

- Update standards to today's needs and technology
- Provide user-friendly format



Communications

- Increase public education
 - Materials
 - Online Presence
 - Website, Social media
 - Events, fairs
- Increase engagement



Collaborations

- Focused resources
- Sharing information
 - Electric shock drowning
 - AIS LSP pilot
 - Carbon Monoxide
 - Others

Questions?

Thank You

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