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North Lake Management District Newsletter

Dredging project vote: NLMD Special Meeting May 19th

How much sediment will we remove? Your financial commitments will determine

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Dear North Lake Neighbors,

Thirty years after the removal of Funk's dam there is a tremendous opportunity to help restore the lake to its previous clarity and beauty.

We have expanded the scope of the dredging project to include Schneider Bay where Mason Creek enters the lake. The project was put out to bid to dredging contractors and the winning bid was submitted by Michels Corp. Tim Michels is an owner of Michels Corporation and a North Lake resident. Tim personally pledged a significantly large dollar contribution to the effort last summer long before the request for bids went out. Tim has stated he will be intimately overseeing the dredging to ensure Michels does the absolute best job possible.

The project looks like it will come in around \$2 million including all associated costs. To date, we have financial commitments totaling over \$1,184,500 including \$300,000 from NLMD cash reserves. WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

Please consider joining your neighbors in this historic effort. Old timers often talk about how clear North Lake was before all the sediment washed down after the dam removal. Through your support we can accomplish this task and have our properties and lifestyle benefit for generations to come.

We recently presented the project details at the NLYC on two different dates. For those that could not attend, you have another chance. I'm hopeful that you are able to attend the **presentation on dredging North Lake in person at the Town Hall Library in North Lake at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday April 27th**. If you are unable to attend, the presentation is available on the North Lake Management District website: nlmd.org

WE WILL BE VOTING ON THE DREDGING PROJECT AT THE MAY 19th SPECIAL MEETING! Please be sure you are informed about the details of the project before the vote occurs on MAY 19th.

Here the key points to take away in case your time is limited.

- 1) Lake clarity and water quality have declined since Funks Dam was removed by the DNR in 1992.
- 2) Nutrient rich sediment is as deep as 10 feet in Ice House Bay and slowly making its way south. This sediment entered through the Oconomowoc River and will continue to move to a shoreline near you with normal wave action, river action and rain events.
- 3) Phosphorus levels exceed the level of impairment as set by the State of Wisconsin for our lake. Phosphorus encourages weed and algae growth and eutrophic conditions.

4) Removal of sediment removes phosphorus from the lake. Less phosphorus = less weeds and less algae.

5) The intent is to dredge approx. 125,000 yards of sediment from Ice House and Schneider bays. This is equivalent to 5550 quad axle dump truck loads of sediment.

Attached is the Financial Support letter for the dredging project. If you have already pledged support, THANK YOU! If you haven't, any help you can provide to support the project is appreciated. Please return by May 4th.